



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 26th July 2023 at The Hop House, The George Inn

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, John Rowland, Wendy Rowland, Roger Prior, Mike Brown, Peter Eaton, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, René Townsend, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Hugo Snell, Amanda Snell, Katie Leach, Malcolm Leach, Christine Barber, Cllr Devon Davies, Chris Reeve, Dawn Lee, Roger Marrett, Roger Line, Paull Newsome, Sylvia Ellis.

Apologies: Barbara France, Ben Willcox, Karen Waller, Katherine Russell, Derek Ledger, Shahan Ledger, Shirley Young, Stewart Rogers, Katherine Rogers, Cllr Julian Tisi, Cllr Mark Wilson, Alan Lawrance.

1. Councillor Devon Davies

- RBWM and Eton College have dealt with the rubbish collection issue on the Brocas through negotiation.
- Cockpit – ongoing issues.
- Planning especially replacing windows in listed buildings.
- Council is to buy dog poo bags.
- Council is looking into grass not being cut in areas where it is overgrown.

2. Chris Reeve, Buildings & Facilities Director, Eton College

Eton College has planning permission to build a new Sports Centre. The approved design isn't entirely suitable for modern needs so the College will be submitting an amended design as a new planning application. The new design will look similar from the outside, and will no longer include a basement.

Questions from the audience

- ML asked for an update on the School Hall - completed apart from some internal finishing touches.
- How long will the planned work take? - ideally 18 months, but 2 years is more likely.
- How will the roof compare to the current roof - roof is currently felt on wood, new roof will be slate.
- Will the Sports Hall be available to local people - no, the Hall will be fully used by the boys at the College.
- What about the old swimming pool – this is currently empty and will be removed to be replaced

by the Sports Hall.

3. Matters Arising

Accounts

ML in process of handing accounts over to new Treasurer, Stewart Rogers. Accounts to be audited Friday, 28th July; to be adopted at the next ECA meeting. SR is being added as accounts signatory.

La Stacey

La is leaving on 31st July. She will be much missed.

Traffic on the pedestrian bridge

The bridge is part of the National Cycle Route so we can't force people to dismount. Mopeds are not allowed to drive over the bridge. TVP monitor this occasionally.

4. Chair's Report

The pub quiz last night was very well received.

The police are aware of the beggar on the bridge, this is being monitored by locals and TVP.

Unlicensed busker is not currently performing on the bridge.

Grass cutting and Tivoli.

Action:

Cllr DD

Disappointed that council won't grout down all wobbly paving down.

Councillors are aware that black bin bags still haven't been delivered to eligible residents, except where people have specifically asked for the bags.

Action List

- Number 53 is nearly complete
- Still no response to the second stage lighting project. Still needed for the Atherton Court gap and lights in the alleyway between 92 and 93 High Street.
- Cycling arrow on the road from the bridge is still not in place but is being chased for completion.
- Inadequate hedge in Meadow Lane Car Park has been replaced by a tall fence.

High Street Premises

- Independent kitchen design shop is up and running at 17.
- The new gym is not allowed to put table and chairs on the pavement.
- The Cockpit; Planning application is in with decision due by 7th August. The conservation officer has some comments which have not yet been fed back to the developer. RR expressed the community gratitude to the developer for the work being done.
- Former Lily Chic is being converted to offices but are allowing their frontage to be used for other shops to display.
- Box Sash Window Company shop is almost ready to open.

- The new pharmacy sign was discussed. The pharmacy owner hadn't realised that this would need planning permission, which is unlikely to be granted. Ideally the pharmacy owner will agree to remove the sign.

Action: Talk to pharmacy owner when he returns

ML

The roadworks/barriers outside the Christopher Hotel should have been removed by 17th July. RR has e-mailed RBWM.

5. Treasurer's Report

Covered in Matters Arising.

6. TVP Update

Inspector Dan Bennett was unable to attend on this occasion.

7. RBWM Councillor Matters

The Probation Service are looking for projects for community payback. Our application for a "gang" to work on the hedges has been approved but needs to also be approved by Janet Walker from Eton College. They are also looking for other community projects.

Making the Eton Council meeting room and the Eton Wick Sports Hall available to rent. Local people can get a 50% discount.

Parts of the path in the recreation ground from South Meadow Lane through towards the Eton Allotments are in very poor condition but quotes to fix this are too expensive. Also obtaining quotes to improve and maintain the playground.

Questions

- Where should we look to rent the council meeting room and/or the Eton Wick Sports Hall?
<https://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Eton-Town-Council> (subsequent to meeting).
- Is renting it as hot desk an option? - meeting room isn't always available.

8. Events

- Tuesday, 25th July - pub quiz was well attended by some 40 people at the Crown & Cushion.
- Sunday, 24th September - next pub walk, to the Pineapple in Dorney.
- Next litter pick: October - date depends on Eton College boys' schedules. The Brocas Fair leaves on 6th August and they will be responsible at clearing up once they have vacated the Brocas.
Action: Talk to College about suitable dates **RR**
- Potential curry evening depends on whether people are interested.
- Christmas Lights switch on being planned. Local businesses to have first choice of stalls before being offered to other businesses.
- Windsor, Eton and Ascot partnership had not included Eton re baskets. RR has arranged for a few baskets to be added.

- "Eton Matters" has been distributed. If you didn't receive a copy, then contact either secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk or chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk

9. AOB

Eton College concerts and exhibitions are now ticket only. How do you book tickets?

Eventbrite

Action: Improve the process to local people in order to book tickets

JG

Action: In Shout Out, explain how to book tickets

RR

10. Next Meeting Date & AGM

Next meeting Wednesday, 20th September at 6.30pm.

Please e-mail AOB to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk prior to the next meeting.