



## **Minutes of the Eton Community Association AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Virtual**

**Virtual Contributors:** All committee members, plus Katheryn Rogers and Barbara France - signed voting/seconding forms – see later.

### **1. Welcome**

In the video from the Chair, posted online on the ECA website and “signposted” through the newsletter (Shout Out), all those who listened to the video-style AGM were welcomed.

In accordance with the constitution, agendas were posted at least 2 weeks in advance in at least four locations, these were posted:

- on the outside of the Library
- in the South Meadow doctors’ surgery
- in Budgens (The Post Office)
- on the external Eton Town Council notice board
- in Premier Stores.

In addition, the agenda was posted online via the newsletter (Shout Out) on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> June i.e. more than 2 weeks in advance of the video-based AGM.

### **2. Constitution Amendments**

The proposed change which was discussed at the ECA meetings on 19th February and 4th April and minuted accordingly, following no proposed further changes at the 2 meetings or subsequent to these meetings, the revision has now been adopted. For ease of reference and in essence, this change requests committee members to consider spending proposals versus available funds rather than versus budget.

### **3. Committee membership**

The Committee wish to thank Stewart Rodgers, who decided to stand down from the Committee as a result of other commitments limiting his ability to join meetings on a regular basis. Huge thanks go to Stewart, he has made significant contributions in his time on the Committee most notably in the areas of finance and governance. His drafting of the reserves policy is particularly noteworthy and his contribution to the most recent street party. Stewart continues to be very much prepared to help ECA whenever time allows.

The Committee also wish to thank Ieva Poriete, who also expressed her desire to stand down from the Committee as a result of other commitments pulling on her time. Again, Ieva is

always happy to help, thank you. Ieva, has made significant contributions in her time on the Committee. Her retail knowledge and experience and her sound thinking often helped us reach better decisions and ones that appropriately supported the Committee's aims to support those who "work in" as well as "live in" Eton. Her role in the inaugural dinner for the Eton Information Centre was exceptional.

We are pleased to confirm the following Committee make up. The voting and seconding process was carried out through conversations, followed by "wet" signatures being attained for all of these appointments. If readers of the minutes would like to see these, please email [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk)

- Chair – re-elected - Ros Rivaz
- Treasurer – re-elected - Malcolm Leach
- Secretary – elected - Leonie Bryant
- Members – re-elected – Christine Barber, Stephen Gosnell, Katie Leach, Kathryn Russell, Jane Reed, La Stacey, Karen Waller
- Member (on maternity leave) – re-elected - Jade Hunter-Hybert
- New members elected – Marion Mackenzie, David Treder
- Members standing down – Stewart Rodgers, Ieva Poriete.

Several members had not attained the required constitutional meeting attendance, which therefore requires the Committee to consider this with a view to deciding whether continuing committee membership is appropriate. Discussions with each of the members who did not comply was followed by a recommendation to the Committee. This has resulted in all of those who wish to continue doing so. Going forward, the Committee has agreed that the Secretary will write to members who have not attended 3 meetings to remind them that if they plan to miss a fourth meeting, no automatic continuation on the Committee is assured. It was confirmed that the reasons, such as lengthy holidays caused this.

The associate members continue unchanged: Peter Eaton – Editor of Eton Matters, Russell Lloyd – Editor of the newsletter (Shout Out) and Sylvia Ellis – Minutes Secretary.

For completeness, the following members are ex-officio: The Windsor, Eton & Ascot Town Manager; the Eton Town Council Mayor or their deputy. Finally, the RBWM Cllr whose ward includes Eton is in attendance.

#### **4. Chairs Report**

The report is available online and in summary:

- I. Every aspect of the coronavirus period support is acknowledged, from the wonderful 170 volunteers, to those in frontline services to those who have suffered personally.
- II. A good selection and number of activities and events had taken place this year.
- III. The work to enhance our Town has continued, from working with RBWM to fix paving slabs and lights to working with Eton Town Council, College and Baldwin's Bridge Trust on greenery and our environment.

- IV. Thanks were given to those who have contributed, which includes all of the committee members, the Associate members, the ex-officio members, the RBWM Cllrs and a number of RBWM officers, Eton College and many others besides.
- V. There are a number of postponed events and ideas for additional events. The current semi-lockdown position renders planning for these difficult at present. As always, the website and newsletter (Shout Out) will be the constant way of communicating with those who live, work in or visit Eton.

## **5. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer commented on the fact that ECA will be 10 years old in October 2021 and that the three inaugural members who are still on the committee are he, Katie Leach and Ros Rivaz. He recalled the first Treasurer being Mike Turner of J&M, a popular store in the High Street, for those who are newer to our Town.

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- I. The overall financial status of the ECA is sound. The ring-fenced funds, (which are significant and most notably for Barnes Pool; Christmas, including required lights and mini tree upgrades) are clearly noted.
- II. Important outgoings in the year included the Heathrow objection actions and the donation to the Eton Information Centre.
- III. Looking forward, ECA gave a payment holiday to our advertisers for the July 2020 issue of Eton Matters as a way of supporting the Eton businesses through this difficult time.
- IV. The planning for Christmas and the continuous attention to maintaining and replacing various components of the lights, mini-Christmas trees etc is a costly and a continuous need which will be an outgoing in the coming months.
- V. The Treasurer thanked Richard Cox for auditing the ECA accounts, which was completed successfully in June 2020.

## **6. AOB**

There being no AOB, the meeting was closed. However, if any member of the public or committee wished to ask any questions, or raise anything at all pertaining to the AGM, please email [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk)

## **7. Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on a future date to be agreed, usual timings and location of 6.30pm (Wednesday) in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street are expected to apply.

Please e-mail AOB to [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) prior to the meeting.