



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at the Eton Town Council Office

Present: Ros Rivaz (chair), Jade Hunter, Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Barbara France, Andrew Pearn-Rowe, Claire Taylor, Derek Ledger, David Somner, George Torpey (Alexander Devine), John & Wendy Rowland, Ieva Poriete, Marion & Brian Voakes, Peter Eaton, Roger Prior, Cathy McKenna, Misha Mehta, Malcolm Alexander, Christine Barber, Roger Marrett, Wendy Hermon, Anthony Cove, Karen Waller, Sylvia Ellis (minutes), Leonie Bryant

Apologies: Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Jane Reed, Malcolm and Katie Leach, Polli Phippen, Sam Gur, Sarah Hulme-Webb, Stewart Rogers, Stephen Gosnell

1. Welcome

Welcome to all especially to new attendees.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

- i. **Keates Lane roadworks and traffic lights:** lots of communications between RBWM, and Eton Town Council; the new traffic lights will be very configurable so can be altered if necessary
Action: feedback concerns about lights changing to red too quickly **RR/MA**
- ii. **JH to give copy of minutes to Sally Adams:** done
- iii. **White painted cycle turn left on cobbles by Windsor bridge hadn't been repainted:** has now been repainted

4. RBWM Councillor Matters incl. current traffic works

- i. **Elections on 2nd May:** Windsor has low council tax compared to other parts of the UK outside of London; there has been criticism of the new banners
- ii. **Keates Lane traffic lights:** work should finish by end February, comms with Chris Wheeler included bus provision.

- iii. **Eton College Sports facilities planning application:** RBWM planning have approved this and the college are currently working on a legal agreement with RBWM
- iv. **Eton Information Centre:** Written confirmation from RBWM to access £50,000 through a Community Interest Company
- v. **Residents car parking spaces:** have been painted blue to easily differentiate from the others
- vi. **Car parking machines:** trial of new machines has started in River Street car park; two problems being worked on
 - 1. Doesn't work with Advantage cards which are older than 2 years
 - 2. Doesn't work with Advantage cards that haven't been used within the last few months

Action: apply for new Advantage card if you want to use the new machines and your card is more than two years old All
- vii. **RR is in dialogue with Chris Wheeler RBWM re Eton Action List:**
- viii. **Thames Water pavement repair after work outside Porny School:** paving has been replaced by gradually sinking tarmac, the road crossing lady has reported this
- ix. **Anthony spontaneously thanked Councillor MA on behalf of ECA for all that he has achieved for this ward:** he will be standing next for the ward in which he lives

5. Alexander Devine

- i. KW introduced George Torpey from the Alexander Devine charity.
- ii. GT shared pictures showing how funds are spent, and summarised ECA contributions from Christmas lights switch ons. He thanked us for these contributions. ECA has also fed in contributions from other events such as the Magna Carta fête.
- iii. The hospice currently supports 116 children from Berkshire and surrounding areas, 182 since the hospice opened. There are 630 children in Berkshire who could benefit. 84% of donations are spent on care.
- iv. More funds are needed. The hospice has 6 bedrooms but each needs 6 nurses to be used 24x7. The hospice is expanding and advertising for staff but needs to raise much more money to run the bedrooms.
- v. Need to spread the word that the hospice still needs funds. GT happy to speak to appropriate organisations. MA will tell the Inner Wheel. GT will contact our local MP.

- vi. The Alexander Devine charity contact details are <https://www.alexanderdevine.org/contact.html>. George can be contacted via georget@alexanderdevine.org, 07783-143076 and 01628-822777.

6. Chairman's Report

- i. **Shoutout and the Eton Community Website will be more clear about dates and will include Eton Wick events:** Russell Lloyd does this very well.
- ii. **Eton Action List:** thanks to Cllr Malcolm A for getting the residents parking spaces clearly marked; there are more bicycle hoops just over the bridge which can be used in addition to those in Eton
- iii. **Information centre:** RR explained where we are with funding for this; the Christopher Wren have offered 100 dining places for dinner (excluding wine) on 3rd May – ECA will sell tickets and run an auction – proceeds to go towards funding the information centre; the Information Centre will soon appear as a Green Redeem option <https://www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwm>; investigating Community Interest Company – maybe using the Windsor & District CIC; CIC is route to the £50k funding which Cllrs have helped to secure, including Cllr Samantha Rayner. Cllr MA wants done by 5th April; we are working with Julia White to coordinate with tourist activities and similar organisations
- iv. **May elections:** AC asked for more information; MA will be standing for Clewer & Dedworth West; there will be 3 councillors for Eton & Castle including Eton Wick; RR thanked MA for all that he has achieved for Eton
- v. **Volunteers wanted:** for schools for example to replace sheds
- vi. **Street Clean 24th March:** starts 11:00 with 12:30 bacon butties and pastries
- vii. **Wifi:** plan is to attach bounce points to bulkhead lights, council will fund a pull test to check that these are sufficiently strong
- viii. **Flagpole review and slipway:** nothing discussed
- ix. **High Street retailers:**
Fresh n Fine going well
Venture Photography will move into Coutts, vacating their current site
Cosmetic shop still planned for ex-Turner & Tom site
Makena has closed – might become an artisan bread shop
Craft shop is in touch with JAM

Plastic surgeon at 138 due to start around now
Giovanni has taken over Tastes from Karen

- x. **Cockpitt:** delayed by change of tenant next door who needed to agree access, this has now been sorted
- xi. **Election:** Ros will have postal vote forms if you need one; we each get 3 votes now that there are 3 councillors
- xii. **Swans:** continues to be important to feed swans; Budgens will give waste if someone collects it at the right time – needs a waste licence; WH gave leaflets on what to feed swans; maybe have a laminated A3 poster on mooring gate in Windsor by Mamma Mia café; NEVER feed swans out of the water (dog attacks, swan excrement; bread is ok; https://twitter.com/swan_support/status/1093970053614264321)
- xiii. **Finding the Brook:** March 19th 13:30 official unveiling of the plaque at Baldwins Bridge following lots of work by Peter Eaton and team, and funding from RBWM

7. Financial Update

- i. **Summary:** apology for absence from ML; funds are in a good place

8. Events

Please book in advance for the ECA events
<https://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/events>

- i. **Watercolour exhibition and Kessler collection:** 13th Feb 18:00-19:00, book through katiebroadly110@btinternet.com or secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- ii. **Fisher brothers talk and tour of College Library:** 14th March 19:00, book through katiebroadly110@btinternet.com or secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk by 4th March

9. AOB

- iii. **New community warden:** Jake will attend an ECA meeting, his scope means that he spends much of his time in Eton Wick
- iv. **Windsor Great Park:** will give a talk hopefully at the June ECA meeting, thanks to an introduction by Salamandra.
- v. **Hostile vehicle mitigation barriers:** photos of what is proposed is on the RBWM website and was mentioned in a recent Shoutout

- vi. **Thames Valley PCSO:** have been fining people for cycle riding the wrong way through the one way system and for having wrong safety kit and lights
- vii. **Rotary (Christopher Davis):** would like another defibrillator session
Action: organise another defibrillator session JH
- viii. **Windsor Bridge is very slippery:** why isn't the Eton side of the bridge gritted?
Action: e-mail council Highways to ask for pedestrian Eton side of Windsor bridge to be gritted MA
- ix. **Misha M role is to work with college boys on outreach projects:** includes identifying elderly who need help
Action: e-mail to JH or RR item to put into Shoutout MM

10. Next meeting

Next meeting 13th March at **Eton Porny School** at 6.30 pm.

Note change of location for this one ECA meeting.

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