



Minutes of the Eton Community Association AGM held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at the Eton Town Council Office

Attendees: Ros Rivaz (chair), Jade Hunter-Hybert, Leonie Bryant, Barbara France, Barbara Hunt, Derek Ledger, Shahan Ledger, Ieva Poriete, Gail Hunter, Bruns, Peter Eaton, Shirley Young, Katherine Russell, Leueen Killingbeck, Audrey Williams, Claire Taylor, Andrew Pearn-Rowe, La Stacey, Christine Barber, Anthony Cove, Roger Marrett, Sylvia Ellis, Karen Waller, Cllr Samantha Rayner (part)

Apologies: Dan Reed, Lisa Neathem, Jane Reed, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Katie Leach, Maggie Waller, Malcolm Leach, Polli Phippen, Ron Lewandowski, Stephen Gosnell, Stewart Rogers

1. Welcome

Welcome to all especially to people new to this meeting. Ron Lewandowski has taken on the role of Mayor of Eton – this is one of three standing positions on the ECA committee, the other two being Windsor and Eton town manager Paul Roach and a slot for one of our three councillors – today this will be Samantha Rayner for part of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters arising from minutes

- i. We have approval for a salt container near the bridge, but this won't be in place until closer to winter.
- ii. Claire and Jade have organised another defibrillator training session.

4. Chair's annual report

- i. Update from the Eton Action List (on behalf of Peter, Ros and Bob Austen)
 - there has been a lot of work improving the pavements and lights
 - need better pedestrian access from Meadow Lane car park – drawings of proposal awaited
 - no success yet with the black bin bags problem, but recognition that it must be addressed
 - please report new items if you find any for the action list either directly or through the team members

- the dropped pavements covers at the entrance to THC will be fixed in the next 3 months
- ii. Still trying to get WIFI on the High Street, which is desperately urgent now. Cllr Rayner is sorting this and getting it back on track working with RBWM's Andy Jeffs.
Cllr Rayner
- iii. Planning to sort out untidy electrics, which is a long project
- iv. £7,500 from the High Street fund will be used to clean gum off our High Street in end June and September this year

5. Eton Information Centre

- i. Barbara Hunt along with Douglas Hill and Sue will be running the Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre, along with help from volunteers. Ieva has been helping set this up, based on her previous experience setting up a pop-up shop in 2016
- ii. Funding so far has been the College providing free loan of the building, £50,000 from RBWM to refurbish and set this up and £16,000+ from the recent dinner and auctions towards running costs
- iii. Barbara is talking to the Eton Wick local history society and to some of the residents who have lived in Eton Wick and in Eton for more than 30 years

6. Social Events

Jade reported on this on behalf of Katie

- i. Date of "New Faces" and "Death and the Doctor" event might change but expected to be 20th June.
- ii. To book on the David Bullock talk please email secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk. Cost £5 per head to include a glass of wine
- iii. La Stacey: there will be an afternoon tea at the church on 23rd July – no need to book
- iv. La Stacey: on 13th October 3:30 pm there will be a concert to raise funds for the heritage stained glass window; buy tickets through Katie Leach or email secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- v. Might hold a social gathering at Barnes Pool in July or August to celebrate its restoration
- vi. Ros reports on High Street changes:
 - Makena were to become an artisan baker but would need an interior door added
 - The information centre will have another coat of paint (as the dark blue wasn't correct)
 - 138 by Baldwins Bridge is now a plastic surgeon
 - The new cosmetic shop (not yet open, previously Turner & Tom then Knowles) will provide non-surgical treatment
 - The new interior design shop is open if we want to use their services
 - The fudge shop is now a dog grooming parlour, working well with A Dog's Life
 - 53 (previously Age Concern) was sold at auction on 30th May, but don't know whether they will develop or sell on
 - Cockpitt needs funding before it can progress

- Lily Chic might soon rejoin the high street retail as a tenant may have been secured
- Venture Photography have moved to Coutts, with their previous site (109) planned to become an Indian restaurant, we hear
- 93 Mostly Boxes is closed, there is a planning application which greatly reduces the retail space which is inconsistent with the Neighbourhood Plan

7. RBWM Councillor Matters Samantha Raynor

- i. Councillor Rayner summarised the recent changes to the council structure
- ii. RBWM have a policy to repair potholes within 24 hours if they meet size criteria, to be implemented from September
- iii. Problems reported through the RBWM website “report it” facility now go straight to the contractors
- iv. Library has structural improvements completed and the books’ stock has been refreshed
- v. The front and window of the library will be completed and is in RBWM’s budget
- vi. £50,000 has been transferred to the town council for the information centre
- vii. Questions and Answers
 - Only one 20 mph sign as you enter Eton signs only needed if the speed limit changes
Action: pass info to Councillor Rayner about the speed monitoring device for Councillor Rayner to investigate when it will be moved to Eton RR
 - Black bins problems continue maybe put bins out in morning rather than evening

6. AOB

- i. Christmas event this year will be on 14th November. Funding (including some from last Christmas) to be used for flagpole/mini Christmas tree holder electrification
- ii. Please use the pharmacy now that it has re-opened. We want it to continue.
Action: talk to Olivier about name change from C.J. Reid to Eton Pharmacy RR
- iii. Congratulations to the Porny school for two very good recent inspections – OFSTED and SIAMS
- iv. Eton Porny have asked for funding which the committee will review Committee
- v. **Thanks to Jade for her work as secretary. Leonie is taking this on until Jade returns from her maternity**

8. 8. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 17th July at 6.30pm in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street.

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