



## **Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Eton Town Council Offices**

**Attendees:** Ros Rivaz (chair), Katherine Russell, Marion Mackenzie, Leonie Bryant, Shirley Young, Jane Reed, Roger Prior, Audrey Williams, Derek Bishop, Barbara France, Hardip Virdee, Elizabeth McMahon, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Peter Eaton, Ron Lewandowski, George Fussey, Anthony Allison, Christine Barber, Roger Marrett, Haroon Shirwani, Councillor Samantha Rayner, Simon Weston, Sylvia Ellis, Anthony Cove, Karen Waller, Katie Leach, Malcolm Leach.

**Apologies:** Barbara Hanson, Polli Phippen, La Stacey, Stewart Rogers, Katherine Rogers, Barbara Hunt, Ieva Poriete.

### **1. Welcome**

Reminder given that Richer Sounds are hosting an Open Shop after this meeting.

### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- i. Beggars on the bridge: a 'tap and donate' system is now preferred to signs on the bridge.

### **3. RBWM Councillor Matters**

- i. Keates Lane partially closed for emergency works. Expected to complete then re-open on 17<sup>th</sup> October.
- ii. The one way part of the High Street will be closed on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> October for sewer cover replacement.
- iii. Road access to Dorney will be closed at the Dorney cattle grid from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November while the grid is replaced.
- iv. There will be a crossing installed in Eton Wick.
- v. RBWM are continuing the drug and alcohol service due to good results.
- vi. Dry recycling (paper, cans) is continuing.
- vii. Andrew Johnson is now the leader of the RBWM council, with Councillor Samantha Rayner as deputy.
- viii. Question to Councillor Samantha Raynor about the problems caused when Keates Lane is closed, as South Meadow Lane and Meadow Lane are not suitable for two-way lorry traffic.

**Action:** meet with Highways to discuss this to plan for future occurrences. SR

- ix. Library has been refurbished inside but not outside. Issue likely to be because of the windows in a conservation area.

**Action:** find out what is delaying refurbishment of the library exterior. SR

- x. Damaged bus stop outside Budgens not yet replaced. Could the replacement sign be on the building rather than a separate pole?

**Action:** forward correspondence to Councillor SR. RR

**Action:** matter for Eton Town Council. ML, RL

**Action:** matter for Eton Town Council, remind Bob Austen. RR

#### 4. Chair's report

- i. Sunday's Autumn 'Spring Clean' was very successful with around 45 people attending. Thanks to the many people and organisations that supported this, especially to Leonie who took the lead.
- ii. 'Gardens in Bloom' winner is resident in Somerville Road, with Peter Eaton (who also organises the Barnes Pool garden) as runner up.
- iii. Pub Quiz was fantastic; thanks to Crown & Cushion.
- iv. Thanks to Malcolm Leach for work being done on street furniture.
- v. RBWM may move crossing away from the dipped pavement by the George Inn.  
**Action:** RR to e-mail SR for SR to action dropped surface as well. RR, SR
- vi. Wi-Fi campaign currently stopped due to funding issues. We have a petition for it to continue so that Eton businesses will have the same benefit as businesses in Windsor and Maidenhead.
- vii. Working to get a 'tap and donate' system which should deter career beggars; reducing money that people spend on drugs and also deter drug dealers.
- viii. Heathrow Consultation has acknowledged receipt of our feedback which will feed into the next stage of the process. Special thanks to Shirley Young, Roger Marrett, Katherine Rogers and Paul Edwards for their support and working with Malcolm Leach.
- ix. Remaining flagpole holders are now connected to electricity for the Christmas trees.
- x. Barnes Pool - thanks to Peter Eaton for his continued gardening work. Rotary have donated 200 crocus bulbs and we have bought 200 more (at below market prices). We have applied for 800 daffodil bulbs.
- xi. We have ordered 50 giant poppies for Remembrance Day. We expect, that with a little care, they should be re-usable in future years.
- xii. Thanks to Anthony Cove who has organised the Christmas meal. Four potential dates put forward were 29/11, 3/12, 5/12 or 13/12. £29.95 including discount and service charge. We pay for our own drinks. Update post meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> November date selected.

**Action:** e-mail people to ask preferred dates LB or RR

## 5. Financial Update

- i. Very healthy. Simon who runs a business in Eton (ICON) is working on fundraising.

## 6. A Collection of Mayors

- i. This meeting includes the new mayor of Eton, Ron Lewandowski, who was welcomed belatedly to the meeting, the current deputy mayor George Fussey and the previous mayor, Derek Bishop.

## 7. Christmas Lights

- i. Organised for 14<sup>th</sup> November. 17:-00 stalls, 18:00 service at the chapel, 19:00 lights switch on. Tickets will be available for a donation from Eton Stationers, Premier Stores and the Eton Information Centre.
- ii. Lights on Barnes Pool trees are a different colour to the other lights. Might change next year, cost is £2,300.

## 8. ECA Meeting Dates

- i. 4<sup>th</sup> **December** ECA meeting, next one thereafter to be **February** 2020.

## 9. Social Events

- i. 13<sup>th</sup> **October** - Malcolm Leach recommended a recent entertainment “Anything Goes” which raised funds to repair the church window, pay insurance and to go towards parish work. Another performance is planned for next year.
- ii. 13<sup>th</sup> **October** autumn clean happened and was very successful.
- iii. 16<sup>th</sup> **October** - Richer Sounds Open Shop.
- iv. 17<sup>th</sup> **October** 14:30 RBWM tea party.
- v. 10<sup>th</sup> **November** Remembrance Service at St John’s Church.
- vi. **November** - Opening for the Eton Information Centre for those who set it up or help, currently no date yet.
- vii. 1<sup>st</sup> **December** 18:00 Community Carol Service at the Chapel.  
**Action:** e-mail for this to be put into the weekly Shout Out e-mail KL
- viii. 4<sup>th</sup> **December** Mayor’s Charity wreath making. £40. Booking required.
- ix. 7<sup>th</sup> **December** Mayor’s Charity Christmas Event (RBWM). £45 + drinks, booking is required.
- x. 13<sup>th</sup> **December** Living Advent Calendar at Eton College Natural History Museum.
- xi. 13<sup>th</sup> **December** – band who supported the Street Party “Chasing Deer” at the Henry VI. E-mail RR if interested so she can arrange more space if more than 10 people want to attend.

- xii. **January** will have a unique Choir Book exhibited in the College. Provisional date 30<sup>th</sup> January to be confirmed.
- xiii. Spring Clean was being proposed for 22<sup>nd</sup> **March**, provisionally agreed with Haroon Shirwani.  
**Action:** advise which weekends will better suit the College GF, HS
- xiv. **April** - Combermere Barracks. ECA prefer a weekend visit but stables can only be visited on weekdays. Current thinking is early April, but no date fixed yet.  
**Action:** ask if there are any weekends when visit could include stables and horses RR
- xv. 7<sup>th</sup> **May** - Dave Bullock talk. This will be in the church. Katie Leach is collating numbers if you are interested.
- xvi. Barbara Hunt meets regularly with the College to find out about what will be happening.
- xvii. Events are listed with information on <https://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/events>

## 10.AOB

- i. The return of the Christmas 'Best Dressed Window' display. To include residents, traders and business owners. No charge to enter. Prizes being provided by two businesses in the High Street (to be confirmed on poster). Aim for display to be ready for the 14<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Lights switch-on, with judging in December.
- ii. Mostly Boxes will be replaced by a business providing interior design, children's toys and plants.
- iii. Eton Information Centre is selling calendars created by RL for £10 each to raise funds.
- iv. **Property developments:**
  - 41 - facial clinic understood now not going ahead
  - 53 - work has started but it could impact listed buildings on each side; their plans assume they will have access through the back across private land; ETC have asked Councillor SR to call this development in
  - 55 – Cosmetics shop which will no longer be going forward
  - The Cockpit – developers, Versant are in administration
  - 68 - will be a Turkish barber
  - 80 - was Lily Chic, will now be a bubble tea shop
  - 84 - Crown & Cushion is now run by Jamie and Mark
  - 93 - have made interior changes which has reduced retail space counter to Planning
  - Jack Wills - Ros will ask the College on their plans going forward
  - 109 - unsure at this point
  - The Christopher Hotel is now leased by new tenants

## **11. Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street.

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