

Egham Town Team - Meeting 11th April 2016 at 6pm

Venue - Bar 163

In attendance:

Mark Adams, Chris Fisher, Meher Oliagi, Barrie Reynolds, Bill Beaumont, Adriana Ceruso, Stephen Williams, Rachel Raynaud.

Apologies:

Jim Pearcey, Prof. Nigel Saul, Dr Matthew Smith, Cllr Alderson, John Butters, Phil Simcock, Paula Stelfox, Clive Walker, Michael Berry, Cynthia Reilly.

1. Update on website by Stephen Williams

Stephen briefed the team on hosting options for the website. The costs of several had been considered and Stephen recommended the ETT use One Domain. Stephen aimed to have the website operational in time for Magna Carta Day.

Action: the ETT agreed that Stephen would organise a domain name and site hosting from One Domain.com. Rachel to organise payment of invoices.

2. Magna Carta Day celebrations

Meher gave a brief update on preparations for Magna Carta Day. Everything was in hand with the exception of a children's entertainer. It was discussed whether the ETT could sponsor the costs of a children's entertainer (in the region of £500). The Team agreed in principle but wished to know who the entertainer would be prior to committing resources. Adriana offered to investigate possible options, and Barrie confirmed that he would ask his daughter who has experience in street theatre for advice on acts.

Rachel asked the team if the ETT would like to host a stall at the event, and offered to help man the stall for part of the day if required. A number of members stated that they were either busy on other stalls or away. A number of potential ideas for the stall were discussed but no decision was taken.

Action: Adriana and Barrie to consider children's entertainment options.

3. Fly posters/litter

Bill had asked for an agenda item on fly posters in the town and the team briefly discussed the issue. In some cases posters are being fed through the door frames of vacant premises. Particular concern was raised over signs near the highway. Meher informed the group that there are three places in Egham where signs can be authorised by the highway by Surrey County Council:

- Near the fire station
- Near the bus stop on Grange Road
- Opposite the bus stop on Grange Road

Chris had been in contact with Runnymede Council's Planning Enforcement Officer about unauthorised signage etc. however the officer had responded that this issue was not a priority for the Council at the current time due to workload pressure. Chris also raised concern over rubbish alongside the railway line. He had been in contact previously with Network Rail about the issue but no improvement in the situation had occurred.

Concern was also raised about rubbish in the Waitrose car park and the area outside the store. Chris confirmed that the ERA had recently carried out a tidy up and collected 35 black sacks of rubbish.

Action: Rachel to contact Surrey County Council and talk to the Council's Asset Management team re litter in the Waitrose Car Park.

4. Initial thoughts re proposed Station Road North Redevelopment

A brief discussion was held on the proposed regeneration works following a request from the Chair of the ETT. John Rice, the Head of Commercial Services at RBC, had been to speak to both the ERA and ECC over plans to regenerate the Station Road North area. Some concern was raised by Team members that proposals for the area may already be largely worked up, and that the Community would not get sufficient opportunity to shape them.

5. Any other business

Dr Smith had asked that the group be informed that Sarah Corn had been appointed as the new curator at Egham Museum. Prior to coming to Egham Museum, Sarah has worked at East Grinstead and as Museum Development Officer for Kent & Medway. The Museum plans to open again in time for Magna Carta Day and the Museum/RHUL are co-curating another pop-up exhibition at the United Church for MC Day. Matthew will send details to the Team.

The deadline for submission of applications for grant support for the SCC Community Improvements Fund - Investing in Surrey's Secondary Shopping Centres is Friday 15 July 2016.

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/voluntary-community-and-faith-sector-vcfs/community-improvements-fund-leaders-initiative>

Action: Can all ETT members look at the criteria on the link above so that we can decide at the next meeting what we want to include in a possible bid. Please note that 3 quotes are required for any works and planning permission must be sought where applicable.

Proposed date of next meeting Thursday 2nd June, 12pm. Venue to be confirmed. If any team members are able to offer a suitable venue please contact Rachel asap.