

Queen Edith's

COMMUNITY FORUM

Public Meeting and AGM of the Queen Edith's Community Forum
21th March, 7pm, Perse School, Hills Road

7pm AGM of the QECF

1. Chair's report (attached)
2. Accounts (attached)
3. Election of officers

Current QECF officers are Sam Davies (Chair); Chris Rand (Communications); and Bronwen Aken (Treasurer), all of whom are happy to continue in their roles for another year.

We have a vacancy for the role of Secretary and would welcome other people to stand as officers. Please get in contact with us if you are interested in understanding what this involves - email hello@queen-ediths.info Nominations close 24 hours before the AGM.

4. Any Other Business, including questions from the floor

7.20pm Plans for the Cambridge Children's Hospital

Dr Rob Heuschkel, Clinical Director for Children's Services, CUH

7.40pm Break

8pm Transport impacts of the growth of the Biomedical Campus

Peter Blake, Director of Transport, Greater Cambridge Partnership

8.30pm Plans for the redesign of Fendon Road roundabout

Grant Weller, Project Manager, Cambs CC Cycling Team

All local residents are welcome to attend. There will be time for questions and discussion.

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Chair's Report for 2018

People and Partnerships

The core QECF team of Sam Davies (Chair), Bronwen Aken (Treasurer) and Chris Rand and Chloe Brown (Communications) have benefitted from huge support from a number of volunteers this year, with particular thanks due to Rebecca Jones, Claire Adler and Lyn Jones. Roger Lilley continued to curate the Queen Edith's section of the Capturing Cambridge local history project.

We would once again like to record our thanks to the City Council officers, particularly Patrick Brown (Community Development), Rina Dunning (Streets & Open Spaces), Ed Nugent (City Ranger) and Guy Belcher (Biodiversity).

Finally, we continue to foster our links with our local Residents' Associations; local churches; Queen Edith's Way Medical Practice, organisations on the Biomedical Campus and the many other businesses in our area; Rock Road Library; and the other groups and institutions which support our aim of making Queen Edith's a better and brighter place to be.

Events

In 2018 our Community Action Morning in September took the form of a 'Share Fair' at Wulfstan Way, organised by Rebecca and very successful despite the weather! We returned to Wulfstan Way in December for a "Tree Dressing" and social walk. Nightingale Park hosted our second summer Brass Band concert, delivered in cooperation with Cambridge Live; and the ChYpPS playscheme put on a full programme of summer holiday events. We are grateful to Cambridge City Council for grant funding and officer support to enable these events to run. Finally, as in previous years, we organised a hustings event for QE's prospective City Council candidates.

Communications

Issues of the Queen Edith's Community News were distributed free to every household in our ever-expanding area. We were particularly happy to be able to distribute the 'Directory of Local Health and Social Services For Older Adults' as part of our December publication, a great collaboration with the Queen Edith Medical Practice Patient Participation Group. We are very grateful to Hill Residential for their contribution to the costs of the newsletter, and to the other local companies which have supported us over the year. If you know of a business that could benefit from accessing our local audience, let us know!

We have continued to develop the queen-ediths.info website and regularly update the QECF Facebook page. Our weekly 'what's on' email is now sent to over 500 subscribers. If you're not getting our emails and would like to do so, please let us know. *(Chris Rand)*

Nightingale Garden

In May 2018, some of the regular volunteer gardeners and tea drinkers started a new constituted group, Nightingale Gardeners Group. This is solely to support the gardening and informal social activities there. They work very closely with the City Council who still own the garden and its assets. This Group has its own bank account and insurance so there is no need now for finance and insurance to be provided by QECF, which will also simplify the job of our Treasurer. The accounts for the garden, while in QECF, are available on request from the Treasurer. Full details of how people can get involved with the new Group are on the Nightingale Garden website. You don't need to be a member of the Group to continue to enjoy the garden and there is no change to the garden's opening hours.

We will continue to work close with Nightingale Gardeners and promote their activities. More information is available at www.nightingalegarden.org.uk/

Capturing Cambridge: Queen Edith's

The Queen Edith's section of the Capturing Cambridge project www.capturingcambridge.org is thriving, thanks to the continued efforts of Roger Lilley. It provides a fascinating glimpse into the past life of our neighbourhood. Further photos, reminiscences, and interviews would all be welcome, please contact Roger at queenedithshistory@gmail.com

Other initiatives

Sam and Chris continue to take a particular interest in the major development and transport proposals in our area, such as the expansion of the Biomedical Campus and plans for the A1307. By monitoring these the QECF has been able to keep residents informed and help them have their say, working with local councillors and residents' associations. With the adoption of the new Cambridge City Local Plan in August 2018, it will be important to maintain this focus as developers start to circulate their plans the land allocated for housing on Wort's Causeway.

Looking ahead, 2019 should finally see the opening of Royal Papworth Hospital at the Biomedical Campus in May. There will continue to be transport-related initiatives proposed by the County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership, not least the redesign of Fendon Road roundabout and the improvement of cycle/pedestrian access to the Campus alongside Babraham Road. Finally, the process for drawing up the next Local Plan starts this year. We will aim to keep you informed about all these projects.

This report last year closed with the words: "We will continue to press Cambridge City Council for the long-promised delivery of a new pavilion and community room at Nightingale Park. Once built, it will enable the QECF to do even more to support a happy and healthy local community." We are still pressing!

Sam Davies
Chair, QECF

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