



**E D D I N G T O N**  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Eddington Residents' Association Annual General Meeting 2026 Minutes

Location: Storey's Field Centre  
Date: 30 April 2026  
Time: 18:00 – 19:15  
Attended: Iain McMath, Graham Horton, James Strachan, John Atkins, Elena Pascal. Around fifty residents.

*Meeting started at 18:00.*

### 1 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair of the Association, Iain McMath, welcomed all participants to the meeting. He particularly welcomed Mark Prisk, who had recently taken up post as Chair of the Portal Board and was attending the meeting as an observer.

### 2 Apologies and approval of Minutes

Apologies were received from Steven Day.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 24 April 2025 were accepted as a true record. All matters arising and listed on the meeting minutes have been actioned.

### 3 Chair's Report

Iain McMath (Chair) introduced his Report, as set out in an accompanying slide presentation. A copy of the presentation is included with these Minutes.

Notable achievements in 2025-26 included:

- Increased participation in the Portal Board, with two Eddington residents now elected as Board members and the Association given permanent observer status
- Participation by the Association in the renewal of the Facilities Maintenance contract for the estate
- Improvements to traffic and pedestrian management around the estate centre
- Inputs from residents, supported by the Association, into the layout of the proposed sports pitches and facilities.

Ian made particular reference to the Eddington Community Orchestra, created and supported by Marvin Fernandes, and to the success it has achieved in its first eighteen months.

Current challenges that the Association was taking forward included:

- Receiving adequate information (and disseminating it) about the Core Heating network; it was noted that a Resident Update had recently been circulated
- Ensuring that the car parking arrangements, and their enforcement, met the needs of residents



- Querying whether Present Made (the build-to-rent apartment block to the north of the area) was entitled to offer short term lets.

James Strachan (Communications) talked in more detail about issues, existing and potential, that affect the Core district heating system. John Atkins (Secretary) invited those present to comment on the Resident Update document orally or in writing to him or to any Committee member.

John also invited those present to comment on parking arrangements if they wished to see changes.

#### 4 Treasurer's Report

Graham Horton (Treasurer) introduced his report, as set out on the accompanying slide. He referred to the financial support that the Association received from Cambridge City Council and also the support in kind sought, and received, from Portal and from various commercial organisations operating in Eddington.

He appealed to residents to contact him or any member of the Committee if they had ideas for activities. The Association could for example approach grant giving bodies for funding for these activities to cover either startup or ongoing expenses.

#### 5 Resignation of the current Committee

As required by the Constitution, current members of the Committee submitted their resignation and indicated their willingness to stand for re-election.

#### 6 Election of the new Committee

The following members of the Association were elected as Committee for 2026/27:

<i>Chair</i>	Iain McMath
<i>Treasurer</i>	Graham Horton
<i>Secretary</i>	John Atkins
<i>Communications</i>	James Strachan
<i>Social Media</i>	(vacant)
<i>Supporting officers</i>	Pieter Desnerck Elena Pascal
<i>Associates</i>	Paula Block Marvin Fernandes Will Hay

The Committee were always pleased to welcome new members and the Chair invited any resident interested in joining the Committee to introduce themselves at the close of the meeting.

#### 7 The Association going forward

The Chair (Iain McMath) introduced a general question and answer session and invited any resident present to raise concerns or make suggestions about improvements.



- Noise and disturbance issues around the Sports Pavilion (outside the Icon building) were raised by a resident. It was pointed out that the Police should always be informed of anti-social activity, both to initiate patrols and also to identify hotspots. The least timeconsuming way to do this was via the Police website, and a link to this website is included in the Association's information for residents.
- A resident had fallen off her bike on the loose gravel behind the Icon building, and it was agreed that the possibility of adding binder to the gravel (as elsewhere near the Icon building) should be investigated
- Residents from Present Made described some of the difficulties they were experiencing with the management of the facility, and were asked to keep in touch with the Committee if they needed any help with representation or coordination of a response to these difficulties. They referred to the short term letting issue that was mentioned in the Chair's report (above)
- The proposal to supply "green bins" was noted. Ways of recycling large household items were also discussed. It was pointed out that bin chutes should not be blocked by unfolded cardboard
- Residents suggested that (notwithstanding instructions to the contrary) turning off the "Vent Axia" ventilation systems could result in significant energy savings. It was pointed out that (in theory) our dwellings were tightly insulated and if the Vent Axia system is not used to renew the air in the dwelling then some other method (e.g. an open window) would be required
- A local councillor pointed out that the "angry face" displayed by the speed monitor on Eddington Avenue was of a nature as to be threatening to some neurodivergent residents. It might be possible to replace the "angry face" with a "sad face" to avoid this possibility. In the same context, it was mentioned by a resident that speeding was on the increase – perhaps because the speed monitor, or its location, have become too familiar.

## 8 Closing remarks

The Secretary encouraged residents to refer any issues arising from the discussions during the meeting to any Committee member: by building up a picture of concerns shared by residents the Committee was able to be more effective in supporting residents' lobbying for change.

The Committee were thanked for their efforts on behalf of the Association and the Eddington community.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:15.