

**Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society**  
**Registered charity No. 246145**

**Summary Minutes of the online Committee Meeting – 8.00pm 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Present:**

**Committee members:** Judie Collins (Chair), Trevor Stone (Treasurer), Robert Redford, Richard Hagon (Sec), Paulina Lewis, David Eastwood B.A., Leslie Cupitt (Green Spaces Lead), Vivian Labaton MSc.

**Co-opted Members :** Angela Stone (Town Centre & Business Lead)

**Guests:** Mr Ken Garrity- President Altrincham Rotary Club, Mr.Martin Garrett a member, Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Community Rail Officer – Mid Cheshire C.R.P

**Planning**

For current planning applications **see appendix 1.**

Some discussion took place regarding the impact of the Regent Road Car Park & Apartments development on neighbouring properties.

Paulina said that she would be objecting to the change of use to offices application at Apt 1 Westwood, St Margarets Road. Everyone agreed that this would set a precedent and is totally unnecessary given the amount of office space available in the town.

The enforcement officer has visited 'Oakleigh' 12 Higher Downs where a gate and fencing have been installed in breach of Conservation Area rules. His report is awaited.

**Guest Sarah Morgan, Newly appointed Community Rail Officer**

Sarah gave an overview of her role and outlined some issues she had started work on. These include improving Community Relations, working with various Friends Groups and sharing and promoting the benefits of rail travel. Chair Judie said that it was important that Station Staff tried to be more helpful to travellers and take more of an interest in local events. Angela said in particular this was very important when we had many people arriving for the Manchester Marathon. Sarah said she would certainly look at this together with trying to get the Transport Police and GM Police force to work better in keeping the passengers safe.

**Town Centre and Business**

Angela said that in view of her knowledge of town centre activities, she had been invited by the Altrincham Chamber of Commerce to join their board. This she had accepted and will join in February.

Chair said we might invite the Chamber to attend one of meetings.

It is hoped that we will be changed to Tier Two, however in either event she had been talking to GM Police about helping non food bar outlets, by tying them up with food serving bars.

Angela said there is a possibility of a wedding reception at the town hall, so will be talking to Richard Roe about that.

Need to re-engage with the BID to try and sort out some current issues like street cleaning.

John Leigh Park Hartley Road entrance is nearly finished, just waiting for the railings.

## **AOB**

Ken Garrity reported that the Toys, Tins and Treats collection for the Salvation Army had been a great success. Three more Santa days to come. Grateful for the help from Ryan who owns the Black Caravan on Stamford Square which Santa will be using.

David said he was happy for Juice Nursery to use the Town Hall but not the Chamber. He also wondered about proper access moving forward and if the lift would have to be moved. Chair Judie said this wasn't necessary as they already use a separate entrance which is available. Angela said she was still looking at the financial aspects of the Town Hall Report, but Trafford are charging half the commercial rates for renting space. To say that Juice is their main interest is at best optimistic, they don't pay any rent for their building, they pay 46% of the running costs of the town hall.

Leslie reported that the completion of the GMSF was now delayed until the middle of next year, due to Stockport dropping out.

Robert reported that the Car Park opposite the Griffin in Bowdon Village has been resurfaced by One Trafford. Also New Street residents have installed a new bench on their small green area, to help retain it as green space.

## **Appendix 1**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**30 November 2020 - 14 December 2020**

30 November 2020

102343/VAR/20 Stamford Arms, 2 The Firs, Bowdon WA14 2TW

Application for variation of condition 2 on planning permission 87955/FUL/16 (Creation of a new external fire escape stair, installation of bi-folding doors with glazed screen to ground floor front and side elevation of pavilion, installation of bi-folding doors to west elevation together with relocation of fire escape, removal of lobby to front elevation). To allow for the alteration of the bi-fold doors from hardwood and partial glazing to fully glazed.

7 December 2020

102542/FUL/20 and 102543/LBC/20 3 Market Street, Altrincham WA14 1QE Elite Agency

Listed building consent for the change of use of part of the basement and ground floor level of the existing retail unit to a residential unit following internal alterations.

14 December 2020

102589/COU/20 Westwood, 1 St Margarets Road, Altrincham WA14 2AP

Change of use of apartment No. 1 from C3 (dwelling) to Class E (Offices)

Note: It is intended to lodge a response to this application.

102598/CPL/20 31A The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QD

Application for Certificate of proposed lawful development for a proposed change of use from Bridal Shop A1 to Dental Practice D1