

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

**Summary Minutes of the online Committee Meeting – 8.00pm 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**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)

**Guest:** Simon Dow, Altrincham FC Community Sports Ltd

**Report from Guest** Simon Dow, Community Manager, Altrincham FC Community Sports Ltd

Simon Dow joined the meeting and gave a presentation about the activities of the club.

Altrincham FC Community Sports Ltd., is the official Charity of AFC Established 6 years ago. They are partially self funded but also receive support from The National League Trust, Premier League Charity Fund, Trafford Housing Trust and the Football Foundation.

Simon then took us through an impressive list of community projects and programmes which they run throughout the year. The pandemic has obviously impacted greatly on these but they are hoping to get fully up and running again as lockdown eases.

Their Current Programmes include the following:

**Premier League Primary Stars:** Provide PE support with training for teachers.

**Alty Mini Kickers:** Young children activities scheme.

**Broomwood Youth Engagement:** They visit on two evenings a week to encourage local teenagers to get involved in sporting activities, respect other people and their environment. This has led to a reduction in bad behaviour.

**Holiday Activity Programme:** Funded by Trafford this is aimed at free school meal children, 30 children each day are invited to take part in lots of activities between 10am-2pm, G force kindly provide the lunches.

**Primary School Support:** They work with 12 schools, providing general cover for teachers, continuing professional development coaching and help with attendance issues.

**Sporting Memories:** Once a month, in conjunction with LCC, specific for dementia sufferers to socialise and recall happy times and events.

**FA Girls 12-14 year Old pilot scheme** – There has been a big drop out of sport in those age groups, this initiative is to try and get them to stay interested in sport and eventually work with our junior girls teams. We have two female coaches and the rest are all male, we really need some more female coaches to show girls it's not dominated by men.

**Dementia friendly match experience:** In conjunction with Warrington Wolves Club, they work with the local college health and social care students – who go on a dementia friends training course. Once trained the staff then meet family members and care for them during a match, to give the families some respite.

They also run Physical, Social & Health education programmes for children, including promoting Inclusivity, Diversity, Healthy Eating, Wellbeing and Mental Health (particularly for secondary school pupils).

Senior Exercise Programmes, to socialise and keep fit  
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Baby Yoga  
Yoga Gentle and Advanced  
Walking Football  
Disability Football Team – play in ability Counts League  
Women's & Girls Football

The Committee thanked Simon for an excellent presentation and were impressed by the number and scale of the many community support programmes they run.

### **Report from the Chair**

Stamford Quarter and Square. We had a very chilly outside meeting to discuss both applications. Mike Shields was there. Detailed response to the long term plans from Neighbourhood Plan working group. We are waiting to hear from Bruntwood about the temporary one after delays from Avison Young. We need to go back to Scott at Pilgrim re the long term vision but thought we might like to discuss at committee first

Lidl again we need to discuss. Lidl have offered meeting but we need to need who is dealing with what .Our concerns are the nearby residents and the highways dangers

Questions for ward candidates. Very varied in quality so far. Have nudged Greens and Lib Dems. Again I would like to discuss on Tuesday

Angela can update us on night time economy re-opening businesses etc. Town Centre very busy.

Leslie looking at greening bus shelters and discussion with TfGM. Interesting webinar by Salford University about parklets which have been piloted in London and soon Liverpool.

Altrincham Football Club will be doing the opening slot so check on zoom via Angela/Richard.

We need to keep a look out for problems with venues opening up and changing buildings/open space after Angela Reported Market to Lis re unauthorised changes to Market House.

### **Planning**

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

Paulina said that regarding the issues with the temporary Stamford Square Vision, they had tried to set up a meeting with Avison Young, but it had so far failed to happen. Angela said she would try and set up a meeting with Tina Doyle, Manager of the Stamford Quarter who is very good, she has recently spoken to her about the poor lighting.

David said that he was concerned about what will happen to the empty Park Medical Practice premises, the attractive old house and large plot on Park Road, Timperley, which is next to The Homestead (owned by TBC) which housed the temporary library. It needs keeping an eye on as a possible area that developers might get hold of.

### **May elections and Question Responses**

Chair said that we had received most of the replies from the main parties. Very disappointed in the response to the Bowdon Ward questions and in particular the Devisdale. The responses will probably be more use to us after the election.

**8. Town Centre Report from Angela Stone:** Night time economy, Town Hall and Altrincham businesses.

### **April update**

**Oxford Road Consultation** ended 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Buskers Consultation** ended 6<sup>th</sup> April

### **12<sup>th</sup> April hospitality, non- essential retail & beauty opened**

Hospitality reported a busy first week with good takings. 6 individuals can meet up outside now. Track and Trace remains in place, table service is in place in all venues. 23 bars and 8 restaurants have been able to open so far. There have been issues with no-shows for bookings.

The High court action brought by Sacha Lord and Hugh Osmond will be concluded some time this week. This is in relation to indoor areas not being allowed to open until May 17<sup>th</sup> (at the earliest).

Venues are sharing their pavement space e.g the Conservative Club are using the space outside Porta, Blanchflower and The Drawing Room are sharing their spaces.

Applications are being processed by the Council for extra pavement space to be allowed where possible.

Goose Green is going to get drop down bollards so that the area can be closed to cars completely on Fridays and Saturdays.

Locanda is to become an Irish bar, Brian Kennedy is behind the business

The Drawing Room is now selling Big Grille Style burgers and they are very good.

Sir Graham came on a walk about on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April to talk to some of our owners and managers and learn about what we've put in place to be able to trade safely.

### **Stamford Quarter Consultation**

I have yet to receive the printed copies of the document.

In tandem with the refurbishment of the area there has been a Licence application. I've raised issues around CCTV and lighting.

### **Business Improvement District (BID)**

Are recruiting a new manager.

Ewen has agreed to resume meetings with Judie Collins and myself.

### **Town Hall ACV (Asset of Community Value)**

No news, we need to start to think seriously about this. Those who've expressed an interest in looking at this are Judie, Paulina, David, Sarah, Mike Shields, Jonny Hewitt.

### **Greening up to alleviate flooding issues**

Following up from our AGM I'm keen to talk to Stephen O'Malley to look at what we might be able to do to alleviate flooding problems in Altrincham town centre. Others who've expressed an interest in talking to Stephen include Judie, Leslie and Sarah.

I have done a lot of work with Andy Hague to sort out the grids on the A56 and Regent Road (including us all physically clearing the grids!)

Sarah has come up with an idea to green up bus shelters, Information from Clodagh (TfGM) suggests this might be difficult, but it's worth exploring.

### **Public Realm Consultation – George Street**

Will now start after the May elections. "Greening up" research may be helpful in preparation for this.

**Leslie Cupitt:** update on green spaces and our student intern Jessica.

Leslie said he had not heard from Jessica in a while and thinks she may not be at the MMU at present.

### **AOB**

We need to look at the possibility of going back to the town hall in the near future. Angela said she will be going to the town hall to discuss about the events side of things.

### **Appendix 1**

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** 22 March 2021 to 19 April 2021

29 March 2021

103666/FUL/21 Stamford Square, Stamford Quarter Shopping Centre, George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RJ  
Temporary change of use of Stamford Square for flexible events space (Sui Generis) and associated landscaping works.

Note: Avison Young/Bruntwood promised a consultation meeting with A&BCS, we are still waiting for the date to be set. Various comments have been submitted by A&BCS to Head of Planning, copied to Richard Roe

6 April 2021

103712HHA/21 Larkhill, Heald Road, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2HZ  
Construction of a basement swimming pool in the rear garden and other associated external alterations.

Note: Notification to residents of adjacent properties was only recently issued.

12 April 2021

103854/FUL/21 16 Church Street, Altrincham WA14 4DW  
Erection of single storey rear extension.

Note: Application also includes refurbishment of 2 small 1 bedroom flats, alterations to sash windows to the front. The single storey extension is to provide access to the flats on the first and second floors.

103914/VAR/21 58 Stamford New Road, Altrincham WA14 1EE

Application for variation of condition 2 on planning permission 100123/FUL/20 (Change of use of the property to allow for A1 use to basement and ground floor and A2 use of the first and second floors. External alterations to include a new shop front and separate access for the upper floors). To allow for the inclusion of a roof light to the rear and alterations to the window and railing to the rear.

10399/ADV/21 Land adjacent to Manchester Road, Altrincham W14 5PW

Advertisement consent sought for a double sided internally illuminated LED advertisement hoarding.

19 April 2021

103673/FUL/21 Hamilton House and Lynnfield House, Church Street, Altrincham WA14 4DR

Refurbishment of Lynnfield and Hamilton House, works to include new entrance canopies, replacement windows, render to the facades and new roof covering as required and replacement smoking shelter.

Note: Office blocks next to Cresta Court.