

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society

Summary Minutes of the online Meeting of the Committee 8.00pm 20th July 2021

Present:

Committee members: Judie Collins (Chair), Trevor Stone (Treasurer), Richard Hagon (Sec), Paulina Lewis (Planning), Leslie Cupitt (Green Spaces Lead), Vivian Labaton MSc., Martin Garrett.

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

3. Report from the Chair

Sad news that Julia Taylor who used to be on the committee has died. It must have been very sudden as she ran Graham's last surgery. We have asked Graham to convey our sympathy to her family.

We agreed at the last meeting that we would not meet in August and use July to look at going forward in the autumn.

We have several complicated planning issues to go on the agenda.

Lidl, Tesco, Orchard House-judicial review, planning inquiry, Broadheath traffic problems and local plan allocation. Plus the problems with Woodstock Park. Broadheath Partnership will be visiting the Craven Road ex allotment site with the National Trust to look at future possibilities.

Stamford Quarter. Paulina has been to a design Group meeting with Bruntwood on concerns re the Vision. After our intervention some of the issues re Stamford square and the Not So Secret Garden have been resolved.

Hopefully we will have meeting with Nikal on the morning of the committee meeting.

We shall feed back on the meeting with Westmoreland and Tatton estates re the proposed motorway service station south of the Bowdon roundabout.

We need to make our submission to the Boundary Commission re ward changes.

I have suggested that Planning and Greenspace probably need sub groups.

Angela and Paulina need some back up. I'm hoping that Martin can do some work on the Assets of Community Value and Paulina will be having her second hip replacement in August. I am going to do my very best to have an August break. At the moment I am on page 354 of the newly released Spaces for Everyone.

4. Treasurers Report

Finance: Bank Curr A/c £ 962.88 Dep A/c £ 1427.35 HLF A/c £ 1.00

Trevor said we are grateful for a kind donation of £210 from our new President Patricia Kovach.

5. Planning

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

Bruntwood have changed their mind about the steps at the Stamford Quarter, so it will now be a slope wide enough for double buggies on one side, landscaping in the middle and steps on the other side up to the secret garden. One query was the landscaping where they intended to use boxes and columns in different colours, but Paulina said this would be difficult for disabled people, who will also need textured paving areas. The secret garden toilets need better signage.

The Tatton Estates meeting about the proposed M56 service area was cordial and constructive, but we had some reservations which included the following:

1. Loss of a large area of greenbelt land close to the picturesque village of Rostherne.
2. Is there a need for a service area in this locality? Knutsford Services on the M6 is 6-7 miles away, Lymm Services is about 8 miles away, even Sandbach is within the Government recommended 28 mile radius. The M56 after all is really a commuter motorway not a tourist route.
3. Further increases in traffic noise and the visual impact will be like an industrial estate looking down from Bowdon Village. HS2 construction will also have an impact on the area.

Robert said from his experience these are the best service areas by far. Chair said it was good that they consulted us.

Regarding the Lidl enquiry, Leslie said there is a very small chance we might need Legal representation. Angela said she would speak to Peter Myerson for possible support. Chair said she hoped it would be settled by judicial review.

6. Boundary Changes

Chair said that the Councillors are probably more concerned about the Boundary Changes than everyone else. Michael Young has offered help, he said the Conservatives are going to put forward their suggestions.

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

Update July 2021

Hospitality

Venues opened up fully on Monday. There is now no need for social distancing or taking customer details, though both are encouraged. There is little guidance on how to operate safely given the rising numbers and most bar staff not being fully vaccinated.

Some have retained table service and apps, some have screens at bars to protect staff and customers and are discouraging from hanging around the bar.

I'm currently following up on ACT Training (Counter Terrorism) for venues which is now included in the Trafford Licensing Statement.

Best Bar None

The new scheme has been launched and I've received training on the new on-line assessment so that we're now ready to start assessing venues.

I'm doing a presentation to Trafford Camra next month about the work we've done in Altrincham to support our hospitality

Altrincham 10k & Manchester Marathon

I'm starting to plan the community effort and bring groups together.

Marathon

Loose Change, The Little Belters and The Music Place are confirmed for the Marathon so far.

Next to organise children to hand out sweets, ten gyms to join our efforts characters and charity cheering points.

10k

Finding entertainment for the 10k event is harder as most music groups don't start back rehearsing until early September and haven't been practicing due to Covid restrictions.

BID are planning activities for the 10k day as the town is largely unaffected unlike the Marathon which surrounds the town centre as in previous years.

Both events need hosts for the Interchange and the 10k organisers want volunteers for the event village.

No news on the buskers consultation, the ACV for the town hall, Paint Altrincham Pink, Paint Altrincham Blue No date to meet re the Not So Secret Garden or Altair.

8. Leslie said that they had spoken to Trafford about clearing away garden waste from the site, so they won't have to use the green bins any more.

9. AOB

Broadheath: We will be working with the Broadheath Partnership about the anti-social behaviour and traffic problems at Broadheath.

Assets of Community Value: No news on the Town Hall, Angela said she had heard nothing from Rachel at One Trafford who is dealing with it. We need to add more places to the ACV list – The Conservative Club on market Street is well equipped as a possible community space, so should be added to the list.

Chair said she has a meeting on Friday with Rachel from Altrincham Baptist Church about the rooms on Platform four at Altrincham Station which is a bit of a mess at the moment, as there has been no communication with community groups and some letters of complaint have gone out.

A meeting has also been arranged with Mandy Nigra executive Director for Wythenshawe and Trafford Hospitals for the beginning of September.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm

Next Meeting: The next Zoom Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 21st September 2021 8.00pm.

Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21 June 2021 – 19 July 2021

21 June 2021

104664/FUL/21 Traders Tiki Bar 7-8 Goose Green, Altrincham WA14 1DW

Construction of an external roof canopy to the frontage of Trader's Tiki Bar.

104897/DEM/21 113-115 Navigation Road, Altrincham WA14 1LJ
Demolition of existing buildings, (Consultation under Schedule 2, Part 11 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) (England) Order 2015) Note: Demolition of two houses on the garage site. A&BCS objected.

104470/HHA/21 Oakleigh, 12 Higher Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QL
Erection of a single storey rear extension with revised position of external basement stair.

104799//FUL/21 Hale Country Club, 47 Clay Lane, Timperley WA15 7AF
Reconfiguration and extension of the existing car park; revisions to the existing internal access road; ground floor extension and recladding of the main country club; south terrace refurbishment (including construction of a pavilion; pergola; servery and external toilet facility); together with landscaping and associated works.

104800/FUL/21 Hale Country Club, 47 Clay Lane, Timperley WA15 7AF
Construction of a new all-weather pitch (associated with fencing and lighting); construction of new pitch changing rooms; the siting of a 'Flow Rider' with associated storage and changing facilities; creation of a new servicing access and staff car parking area; and a replacement annex building for storage and plant; together with associated landscaping. Note: A 'Flow Rider' creates waves for surfing.

101163/FUL/20 Former St John's Medical Centre, St Johns Road, Altrincham WA14 2NB
Alterations to original plans, redesign of House A in place of the original entrance to the medical centre.
Note: A&BCS have again objected to the application on grounds of too many residential units etc.
Changes to a planning application are not published in the Weekly List of Planning Applications.

28 June 2021

104918/FUL/21 Unit 7, 36 Railway Street, Altrincham WA14 2RE

Erection of a proposed first floor balcony to Unit 7

Note: The modern balcony is to be attached to a building in King's Court and cannot be seen from Railway Street. It is within a Conservation Area. A&BCS have submitted an objection.

5 July 2021

104429/HHA/21 Oakleigh, 12 Higher Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QL

Retrospective application for the erection of gates to front of property.

104781/CPL/21 Altrincham Boys Grammar School, Marlborough Road, Bowdon WA14 2RW
Certificate of proposed lawful development of use of land to playground solely for pupils

12 July 2021

104990/FUL/21 85 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RN

Change of use of first and second floors to form three residential units with a retail unit at ground floor level, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension with alterations to elevations.

19 July 2021

104735/FUL/21 Leaders 8 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2PU Installation of a replacement shop front.