

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

**Minutes of the Zoom Committee Meeting**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 8.00pm**

**Present:**

**Committee members:** Judie Collins (Chair), Trevor Stone (Treasurer), Paulina Lewis (Planning), Leslie Cupitt (Green Spaces Lead), Robert Redford, Martin Garrett, David Eastwood BA, Vivian Labaton M.Sc.

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

**3. From the Chair**

Happy new year to all and silly me suggesting we could sit back during December. I think the routine planning applications are being well dealt with by Paulina but we obviously have major threats.

The Town Hall expression of interest documents have been submitted together with one from ABNP. Comments on the Clarendon House planning application have also been submitted.

The future of Altrincham Leisure Centre looks bleak and again on agenda.

We're still awaiting the outcomes of the Broadheath Lidl public inquiry and judicial review.

Public realm works should be starting in the near future-phases 3 and 4

Angela is very busy with Best bar None and Night Time Economy.

We need to discuss Trafford Suggested Ward Boundary changes.

Robert has a new committee member who lives in Bowdon.

We also need to discuss futures for Civic Society - what do we have the time and capacity for.

**4. Treasurers Report**

Finance: Bank Curr A/c £ 1233.88 Dep A/c £ 1427.45 HLF A/c £ 1.00

**5. Planning**

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

Paulina said there had been a very last minute consultation from Trafford regarding the future of the Graftons. Judie said there was nothing about the heritage aspect, apparently there is a ceiling in the building which is mentioned in one of the Nikolaus Pevsner guides.

Work on the future of the town hall progresses slowly. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the Trafford B.C. expressions of interest and also the situation regarding the Asset of Community Value application.

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

Update January 2022

New openings & closings

The former Cohen's unit has a Licence application for "Just Plonk ", they already have an off licence in Alderley Edge.

Muse jewellery opened just before Christmas in the Stamford Quarter  
One Mile Bakery is opening in the former Warren's. They have a unit in Hale  
Debenhams is showing as "under offer" on the Barker Proudlove website  
Sharps Bedrooms, Ladbrokes & Jaipur Palace have closed  
DCM in the Stamford Quarter has just gone, to be replaced by another beauty, nail business

### Hospitality

BBN Assessments are continuing

Christmas and New Year was a strange time with only a few venues operating the Covid Passport so that they can stay open after 1am. The Police supported us on New Year's Even when I identified we were likely to have problems at 1am

Before Christmas we refreshed our "Ask for Angela" campaign with posters funded by GMP. Staff also now have button badges to wear to help promote the scheme.

The Orange Tree is currently closed.

We have a new GMP Licensing Officer who I'm meeting this Friday and will be introducing him to our venues.

### Paint Altrincham Pink

Is taking place 28<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This is to raise money and awareness for Prevent Breast Cancer based at the Nightingale Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital.

### Manchester Marathon

Is taking place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The race has returned to a start time of 9am so runners will appear in Altrincham from 10am until about 2.30pm

I'm currently organising entertainment and other activities for this.

### Clean Air Zone

I have spoken to a couple of taxi drivers about this. As things stand they'll have to pay £7.50 per day There are grants available but these don't come close to funding changing engines to electric or the purchase of electric taxis

### Public Realm

I've been working with Andy Hague on listing tarmac which needs replacing with proper paving, work outside Toast started yesterday.

### Best Bar None National Scheme Awards 2022

An entry submission has been made for Altrincham under Best Overall Scheme and Innovation.

## **7. 100 Club**

It was agreed that the adoption of a 100 club would be put on hold under our membership had increased significantly.

## 8. Don & Hilda Bayliss Award

Richard will email Roger Bayliss to get his approval to change the name of the award to the Don & Hilda Bayliss award. Chair said we need to draw up a list of possible candidates.

## 9. The future for the Society and Corporate Sponsorship

No decision made about sponsorship. Richard will circulate Cheltenham Civic Society corporate membership sponsorship rules as an example for people to see. Trevor said as an ageing committee, we need more younger active members. Viv said this seems to be a common problem for all societies. Richard will get a quote for printing some more membership leaflets.

## 10. AOB – Arrangments for future committee meetings.

It was agreed that face to face committee meetings will take place at the town hall bi-monthly as follows: March, May, July, September & November. In between Zoom meetings will take place as required. It was felt that we needed to support community use of the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm

**Next Meeting:** The next Committee Meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Altrincham Town Hall 8pm.

## Appendix 1

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS 22 November 2021 – 17 January 2022

22 November 2021

106284/FUL/21 2-4 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2PY (former RBS Building)

Alterations to frontage to replace existing windows to front and lower cill levels, including alterations to stonework and doors.

Note: Comments submitted

29 November 2021

106339/FUL/21 and 106462/LBC/21 The Old Market Tavern, Old Market Place, Altrincham WA14 4DN

Change of use of the first and second floors from Hotel (Use Class C1) to 5 no flats with minor internal changes and no external changes.

Note: Comments submitted

10 December 2021

CitiHaus and tpbennett 100 circulated their development proposals for Clarendon House. Comments were requested by CiciHaus, A&B Civ Soc submitted comments 12.1.22

10 January 2022 No plans

17 January 2022

106754/VAR/21 Wheatsheaf Hotel, 21 Church Street, Altrincham WA14 4EE

Application for variation of condition 2 on planning permission 100021/FUL/20 . (Change of use of the existing public house and coach house (Sui Generis) to residential use (Class C3) to create 6no dwellings. Works to include basement works including installation of new light well, and part single/part two storey extensions following demolition of the existing structures, amendments to vehicle access, demolition and rebuilding of existing garage adjacent to side boundary to create car ports and cycle store, erection of separate garage, bin store and associated landscaping. Existing signage to be removed and the facades made good). To amend approved plans.

106775/FUL/21 2A Old Market Place, Altrincham WA14 4NP

Change of use of the first and second floor from Offices (Use Class E) to 2no apartments (with a dual Class C1 and C3 use). Other works to include internal refurbishment, external works to include works to the ground floor entrance for the apartments, and blocking up of an external window and door.

106776/LBC/21 2A Old Market Place, Altrincham WA14 4NP

Listed Building Consent sought for the change of use of the first and second floor from Offices (Use Class E) to 2no apartments (with a dual Class C1 and C3 use). Other works to include internal refurbishment, external works to include works to the ground floor entrance for the apartments, and blocking up of an external window and door.

106487/FUL/21 5 Viaduct Road, Altrincham WA14 5DU

Change of use from B8 Storage to Class E, sale of food and drink for consumption mostly on the premises.

Applications relating to Hale (Hale Central Ward) These fall outside our general remit, but may be of interest to some Members. It is not intended to submit comments from Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society

106671/LBC/21 Hale Railway Station, Ashley Road Hale, Altrincham WA14 2UZ

Listed building consent for repairs to the station footbridge including removal of existing timber infill panels to stair case parapets, installation of mesh panels to the stair case parapets, installation of handrails, timber repairs, steel repairs and repainting to match existing colours.

106679/FUL/21 Former Barclays Bank, 198 Ashley Road, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9SW

Proposed external alterations to the front, side and rear elevations to include: new shopfronts for the commercial units, two storey rear extension creating separate access to the first floor, two rear roof terraces to the second floor, one roof terrace to the first floor side elevation, three new pedestrian ramps for access to the site, introduction of new windows to the rear and side elevations and render to the property.