

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 15th March 2022
8.00pm at Altrincham Town Hall

Present:

Committee members: Judie Collins (Chair), Trevor Stone (Treasurer), Paulina Lewis (Planning), Robert Redford, David Eastwood BA.

Co-opted Members: Angela Stone (Town Centre & Business Lead)
Ian Stuart (Friends of Altrincham Interchange)

3. From the Chair

It will be good to see everyone in person and hopefully Ian will join us. Obviously we'll want to mourn Viv and see if we can come up with something to celebrate his time with us.

We would have had the future of the town hall on the agenda but as Martin can't be with us we'll probably do this separately and report back. I'm happy to do a brief summary of where we're up to.

It is good news the Amey's asset contract has come back in house and some of us met with Clare Huber the council lead this afternoon. She is still finding her feet but very happy to pass on useful contacts. We are awaiting a promised meeting with Allison Brierley who is heading up the neighbourhood teams now rebadged as economy and community. The Graftons now has a project manager Sarah McIvor who Angela will contact.

Altrincham will host an annual meeting of friends of rail Stations in Greater Manchester and it will be interesting to see if we have a building to host it in.

Altair is now a joint venture between Nikal and McGoff's.

4. Treasurers Report

Finance: Bank Curr A/c £ 1252.02 Dep A/c £ 1427.35 HLF A/c £ 1.00

5. Planning

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

6. Town Centre Report from Angela Stone

New openings & closings

Just Plonk opened on Ashley Road this month & will be an on and off licensed venue.

Kokoa opened in the Stamford Quarter where DCM were. They sell a range of eco beauty products.

So Marrakech is re-opening

Hospitality

BBN Assessments are continuing we now have 13 accredited venues with 3 working on their assessments. We have an awards evening on the 28th March with Trafford Mayor Cllr Lawrence Walsh.

We did a walk about with our new Licensing Officer last week to introduce him to all our venues and explain our current issues.

Tavern on the Green has been sold to Enterprise and is currently under temporary management.

Paint Altrincham Pink

There has been a brilliant response to business visits with most saying they'll do something to raise money for Prevent Breast Cancer, based at the Nightingale Centre at Wythenshawe. Fundraising starts on Monday 21st for 2 weeks. The message has been a bit confused this year.

This year's PBC charity "pub crawl" will take place on the 25th March.

Pink the Rink with Manchester Storm takes place on the 26th March.

Manchester Marathon

Planning is going well, we have the Little Belters, the Music Place Choir & I Love to Sing Choir (new to us) on the day. Pure Gym will be out in force and I'm working with some other possible additions Alty FC children and their mascot Rocky & Orange Theory . I'm now starting to gear up coffee shops for early opening.

This year Manchester Marathon is a qualifying event for the Commonwealth Games so we're expecting more runners earlier on. We anticipate runners will arrive a bit after 10am into Altrincham until about 1pm.

It's the same route as last year up Stamford St, along Market St, down Regent Road and out via Stamford New Road

Help to act as Hosts at the interchange and pick up water bottles after the race has gone through will be appreciated.

Public Realm

Some areas have been attended to and I have been encouraged to see that there are correct paving stacked up on the current work outside Toast.

Work to the Public Realm will start later this year which includes Moss Lane. George St up to the bridge and changes to make Market St, part of Regent Road and Stamford New Road one way.

Other Happenings

Trafford have appointed an Asset Manager for The Grafton's & preliminary work is underway at the former Rackham's site.

A.O.B.

Some discussion took place regarding the future of the Town Hall and what our stance was going to be regarding possibly putting forward an expression of interest.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm

Next Meeting: The next Committee Meeting will be on 17th May 2022 at Altrincham Town Hall 8pm.

Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATIONS 24 January 2022 – 14 March 2022

24 January 2022

106842/FUL/22 99 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RN

Conversion of upper floors to 2 no residential apartments, with associated external alterations and a new shop front.

Comments were submitted by Damian Utton, Design Forum

31 January 2022

5 Bentinck Road, Altrincham WA14 2BW

Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling and associated landscape work. (Revised application following refusal of application 102025/FUL/20)

7 February 2022

106928/VAR/22 Waitrose, 10 Draybank Road, Altrincham WA14 5Z

Application for variation of condition 5 and removal of Conditions 6 and 7 on planning permission 99647/FUL/19 (Construction of new warehouse extension (B8) within existing private service yard area, with associated site and yard alterations.). To allow for the delivery window to 7.00 to 22.00, and to remove the need for Conditions 6 and 7 as Noise Mitigation was considered under a discharge of condition application.

106927/VAR/22 St Ambrose College, Hale Road, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 0HE

Application for variation of condition 23 on planning permission 74747/FUL/2010

(Erection of new three storey school building incorporating swimming pool & sports hall located on north west side of site. Formation of new all weather pitch with floodlighting and security fencing, 2 x grass rugby pitches, one junior football pitch, retention of existing grass rugby pitch and erection of detached maintenance store. Creation of additional vehicular access onto Hale Road. Provision of new car parking cycle stands and on site coach/school bus parking area. New hard and soft landscaping throughout site. Demolition of existing school buildings and ancillary structures.) For proposed changes to Pitch Management Plan 2012; Community use of facilities on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 9am to 5pm; School and community use of all facilities including the Astroturf pitch on weekdays until 10pm; School and community use of all facilities including the Astroturf pitch on Saturdays from 9am to 7pm.

14, 21 & 28 February and 7 March 2022 None

14 March 2022 and 106979/LBC/22

104630/HHA/21 5 Church Brow, Bowdon WA14 2SF

Erection of a single storey ground floor link extension to the outbuilding, single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension with alterations to the roof shape.

Also Listed Building consent sought.

107147/FUL/22

311-313 Hale Road, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 8SS

Application for external and internal alterations to create 2 no. Apartments at first floor level with rear external terraces and amalgamation of the existing ground floor units to one commercial unit (Class E).