

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 19th July 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)

3. From the Chair

We have been having a lot of meetings since the committee last met.

This morning Paulina and I met with STAG to discuss the poor state of the gardens and medieval moat behind Altrincham Old Hall. This also includes the derelict Cow Barn which needs to be preserved.

Angela and Martin have been working on the Town Hall Project and will give us an update.

Paulina, Robert and myself have had meetings with ward councillors regarding the Trafford Housing Trust Planning Proposals.

Further to the Bowdon Hotel Site planning application, Paulina, Robert and myself had a meeting with Trafford Social Services to discuss the need for new care homes in the south of the borough.

We had a useful Zoom meeting with Kate Stross of Bowdon Conservation Group, to agree on ways of working and liaising on different issues.

Councillor Andrew Western has been moving all the executive members around to different portfolios. This has meant we have had to restart discussions on some issues all over again.

I would very much like to revert to my August month off and fingers crossed nothing major happens.

4. Treasurers Report

Finance: Bank Curr A/c £ 1556.38 Dep A/c £ 1432.22 HLF A/c £ 1.00

5. Planning

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

6. Town Centre Update – See Appendix 2

7. Broadheath Update from Leslie Cupitt See Appendix 3

8. A.O.B.

It was agreed that Councillor Andrew Western (Labour) leader of Trafford Council was invited to be our guest speaker at this years AGM.

It was agreed that Local Historian Hazel Pryor will be this year's recipient of the Don & Hilda Bayliss Award.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm

Next Meeting: The next Committee Meeting will be on 20th September 2022 at Altrincham Town Hall 8pm.

Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23 May 2022 - 18 July 2022

23 May 2022

107919/FUL/22 The Griffin, Stamford Road, Bowdon WA14 2TP

Application for internal and external alterations and repairs to include; extension of patio including new surfacing materials and landscaping; erection 3 no. dining decks with pergolas; erection of glazed canopy/veranda; construction of 3 no. Patio islands with jumbrella; siting of citron van for use as external bar/server; replacement decking; new lighting; creation of new opening in boundary wall; installation of cold store/freezer pod; new kitchen extract and ventilation system; erection of timber pergola to yard, reconfiguration of car park with installation of EV charging points, removal of trees in yard, installation of external freezer, cold store and dry store units, installation of fence enclosed bin store and removal of external walls.

Note: Includes Listed Building Consent for all the above 107920/LBC/22

13 June 2022

107489/HHA/22 St Vincents Presbytery, Bentinck Road, Altrincham WA14 2BP

Erection of lean-to glazed porch and roof with associated minor alterations to an existing window to form new pedestrian entrance and improve access to the Parish Office located within the Presbytery.

Note: Includes Listed Building Consent for the above 107697/LBC/22

27 June 2022

108169/FUL/22 Parkfield, 8 Groby Place, Altrincham WA14 4AL

Erection of five dwellings, together with access, parking, drainage, landscaping and other associated works following demolition of existing dwelling.

Note: Objections were made when this application was originally published, subsequently the Planning Committee approved the application. This application provides details of the development of the site.

18 July 2022

1088307/COU/22 19 Goose Green, Altrincham WA14 1DW

Change of use of No. 19 Goose Green to bar/drinking establishment (Sui Generis) and the integration with existing adjacent premises at 18 Goose Green (Costello's Bar)

Appendix 2

Altrincham Business News

Trevor met the owner of Jigsaw, a high end Interior company a couple of weeks ago opening in what used to be the Bockbuster's video shop on Stamford New Road.

Ginko is moving to new premises further along Stamford New Road

Kokoa has been sold

Work is progressing in the unit next to The Bricklayers which will become a permanent home for Unagi and Dirty Burger run by the David and Jo who currently have One Central and The Con Club

BID are running their annual RHS window competition again, starting 20th July

Tim Horton's is set to close early September

Most bakery opened last week selling freshly cooked bread, cakes and other goodies on Cross St last week

Hospitality

The Orange Tree reopened with new Landlady Kelly in charge,

Costello's now has planning application in for the small beauty business unit next door, they already had permission for the pavement space outside as part of the "Covid recovery" plans.

Iain at the Roebuck had a minor health scare last week but he's back up and running now. They had their RHS assessment last week.

Other news

The Corgi dogs that BID organised raised over £32,000 at auction to be split between the artists and Inch Arts

Plans for the revamped Leisure Centre are due at the Exec meeting at the end of July

The development on the Downs which was halted when House Crowd Development went into administration is to be restarted by a partnership of Consensus Property and MC Goff

Patrick Properties are re-developing Lynnfield House on Church St in partnership with Regus into co-working space which includes a gym, coffee shop with 24 hour access

The Maguire Family Law picture competition closes for entries on the 31st July

Appendix 3

Broadheath Report for A&BCS at 19 July 2022

Woodstock Park – Jubilee Fun Day on the Friday of Jubilee weekend was a great success. Well over 2000 people attended on a warm dry day. The layout was just right to appear to be full of people for the four hours of the free event. Day laid on by GForce and paid for by Trafford MBC from their government Jubilee funding. Two Councillors and a prospective councillor were present. Many local people said they would help within a Friends of Woodstock Park but only one local resident has so far stepped forward in expressing a wish to help with a new Friends group. We will try to get an embryonic Friends group going and see if we can draw more people in. The consensus was that the young children's play area was a disgrace and many said they would work towards getting it improved. There are grants available up to £25K provided there is community support behind the project.

We tried to get THT Capacity Building involved in getting the Woodstock Road entrance gate to Woodstock Park painted in preparation for the Jubilee. What a waste of time THT Capacity Building are. They do not want to help, just want to say they are doing lots when they are not doing much.

Lidl – I am informed work has started on the Homebase to Lidl conversion. I need to get involved to help the local residents to make the contractors behave in a proper manner.

Old Packet Inn – Currently does not have a tenant although the brewery is looking for one. The building between the Packet Inn and the canal bridge is now up for sale (former B & J Hire) which could create a risk of a developer buying up both buildings for yet more high-rise flats. The buildings were the first loading point for fly boats on the Bridgewater Canal and built around 1759. It is currently not a listed building. The Packet Inn also does not have a listing either. CAMRA are also actively watching the situation on the Packet Inn. The matter has been raised on the social media platform NextDoor.

Cartwrights on Atlantic Street – The planning application was approved for change of the site to smaller industrial units with one large industrial site. Altrincham Councillors opposed the application on behalf of the residents on the Oldfield Brow side of the canal mostly on grounds of noise and air pollution (paint spraying air extraction systems).

Lok n' Store – The former Aldi retail store on Davenport Lane has a planning application submitted. Requests for clarification have been submitted to Planning a Trafford MBC but they have failed to respond. The submitted Plans do not include the approved new egress from the Lidl store, nor the recent fatal accident on George Richards Way. It also makes very bold assumptions about how Trafford will maintain road markings so the site does not create yet more traffic congestion on Davenport Lane.

Barrington Green – Jubilee Day celebration was very well attended and a great time had by all. Live music locally generated. North West in Bloom judging on 5th July 2022 went well.

Volunteers – We must find new volunteers to help with many of these projects.

Pelican Inn – Very confusing situation on the submitted planning application. Trafford Planning delayed the application while they tried to get the applicant to reduce the site density. The applicant has started an appeal process because of the delay (which is likely to fail). The Planning Committee has reviewed the application as submitted and are minded to reject it on density and access on to the Manchester Road (A56/A556). Local residents have opposed the submitted plan based on density, access to A56, no available local schools or GP practices, overspill of parking on to local roads, the loss of a local meeting space and well used public drinking establishment. The A&BCS need to be raising with TMBC the building of yet more residential places without there being adequate school places and GP surgeries available.

Ward Boundary Changes – Broadheath Ward will become smaller. The area east of the Manchester Road around Park Road is still included. Oldfield Brow will become part of the Dunham Ward once the ward boundary changes are ratified by central government.

Carrington Moss – I am well behind on this project.