

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 20th September 2022
8.00pm at Altrincham Town Hall

Present:

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

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

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest.

1.1 Apologies: Leslie Cupitt, Pauline Terry, Ian Stuart (Chair Friends of Altrincham Interchange)

1.2 Declarations of interest – None

1.3 The minutes of the previous meeting on 19th July 2022 were distributed prior to the meeting.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes not otherwise covered on the agenda: None.

3. From the Chair

Minor Injuries - Chair advised we have two major challenges in the future of Minor Injuries. She attended a recent Health Scrutiny Meeting at which members of both the Independent Clinical Commissioning Group (ICCG) and the Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) were in attendance.

Much criticism was voiced about the fact that some people present thought Altrincham didn't need a Minor Injuries Clinic at all.

Despite recruitment problems, it was agreed that the Minor Injuries at Altrincham would open for two days a week prior to Christmas and then four days a week from January 2023.

Judy advised that Sir Graham Brady M.P. felt very strongly about this whole issue and he was going to be taking it up with his various contacts.

Chair said she would contact Mike Kane, MP for Wythenshawe and Sale East to gain his support, as effectively Altrincham Hospital Minor Injuries supports Wythenshawe Hospital.

Trafford Housing Trust - I have offered to chair a meeting of interested parties but am waiting to hear back from them.

Much congratulation on the latest Jubilee Edition of the Magazine.

Friends of the Interchange have a new relevant arts project re the Jubilee.

4. Treasurers Report

Finance: Bank Curr A/c £ 1248.38 Dep A/c £ 1432.22 HLF A/c £ 1.00

5. Planning

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

6. Town Centre Update September 2022

Altrincham Businesses

Previously reported Tim Horton's is due to close shortly. There has been a planning application submitted for a Chinese café and supermarket for the site.

Barbers Oxford Road

The Stamford Arms have developed what was the Village Store during lockdown into a restaurant which will be called the Ugly Duckling. Service in the Stamford Arms remains unaffected. There are plans to re-introduce the Village Store in a different location on the site.

Hospitality

Alibi opened in September (former Drawing Room). The business is owned by the owners of Common Ground. Carl and Richard have turned the bar into a cocktail and karaoke bar with a private party space in the basement.

Bier Zot has opened where Bier Cell used to be in the guinel next to Madam Butterfly

The very sad murder of Rico Burton rocked the town. Businesses were professional and responsive in their support of GMP, their staff and customers and continue to work together to ensure this sort of incident is not repeated. Liam O'Prey has been charged with his murder and wounding with intent of another customer, the case is expected to take place in February 2023.

Bars are starting to gear up for the World Cup Football starting in November.

Nationally Best Bar None have launched a range of literature and PR material to use which will help to promote the scheme both to the venues and improve awareness with the public.

Best Bar None for 2022 has now been extended to the end of 2022 with the House of Lords event now taking part in February 2023. Altrincham now has Template training and Guidance for bars including Vulnerability, Basics Licensing Laws, Requirements for GMP, Licensing and EHO visits. To follow are training templates for Drink and Drug Awareness and Counter Terrorism.

Other towns are now rolling out Ask for Angela to other venues including hotels, cinema's cafes and restaurants. In Altrincham this will be supported by our template training guidelines.

GMP were due to attend Altrincham last week to explain Operation Lioness – a GMP campaign tackling violence against women and girls. More investigation is needed before this is rolled out to venues, though the Ask for Angela Code is advised for all situations where a person needs help in Altrincham

Other news

The tender for Altrincham Town Hall for maintenance of the building as community space has been submitted to Trafford Council. In recent weeks the Town Hall report increased bookings from businesses and community groups, some ne to the area.

The second Altrincham 10k took place in September. The event was well supported by businesses in the town, though there did appear to be fewer runners this year. Runners included an 84 year old grandma – which just shows you're never too old to have a go!

Specsavers and the Halifax were broken into at around 3am on the 17th September. Police are investigating.

Altrincham Unlimited are organising another Halloween Trail to take part over half term. The Christmas Lantern Parade is scheduled for the 19th November & there will be Carols in King's Court on the 13th December.

Paint Altrincham Blue will take place 7th – 12th November. Organised by Tony Collier, the week will raise money for Prostate Cancer. Having been hampered by Covid restrictions in previous years, it is hoped more businesses will get involved in raising awareness and as important raising money for the charity.

Altrincham and Sale Chamber Business awards takes place in November. Voting has been taking place on-line (to close on the 23rd September) There are a number of Altrincham businesses nominated.

Public realm work on George St is due to start in October up to Iceland/The Grafton's. The work will be suspended during the Christmas trading period.

The public realm work to the proposed changes to Groby, Road, Market Street and Regent Road has commenced with work to Groby Road (Richard has the circular we received at our office).

Of interest to local residents the Consultation for a crossing (& associated changes to School buses) at St Margaret's Church A 56 will be discussed at the Exec Meeting in September.

7. Meeting with Richard Roe, Corporate Director, Place Trafford Council

A group of the Committee met with Richard Roe. We are always grateful for his time and help and advice.

Areas discussed included:

Public realm work and issues identified from previous phases that need rectification

The Grafton's and the top end of George Street where there is a high proportion of empty units

SQ Progress and plans for Debenhams

The Buskers Code

EV Charging Points

Shared car scheme for businesses and residents

Parking Signage strategy following re-opening of Regent Road car park

The Trafford App – "Explore Trafford"

Town Entre Wi-Fi

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THS on New Street

Altrincham Leisure Centre

Community Space and Community Asset transfers

NBP re-designation

Skateboard Park

Minor Injuries

A56 Air quality

George Richard's Way traffic & accident black-spot

8. A.O.B.

Chair will contact Councillor Andrew Western to ask him what format he would like to have for his presentation talk at the AGM.

Trafford Leisure have advised that Altrincham Leisure Centre will close from January 2023 for complete refurbishment. This will take approximately 18 months.

Next Meeting: The next Committee Meeting will be on 15th November 2022 at Altrincham Town Hall 8pm.

Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATIONS 25 July 2022 - 20 September 2022

8 August 2022

108613/FUL/22 Former Regent Road Car Park, Altrincham

Creation of new pedestrian and vehicular access to New Street for the external ground floor level 'panhandle' car park only with associated entrance barrier, amendments to floor levels, creation of two stepped flights of stairs with retaining wall, new lighting, landscaping and associated works.

107972/FUL/22 Hare and Hounds Hotel, Wood Lane, Timperley WA15 7LX

Erection of 59 Retirement Living Apartments and 9 Retirement Living Cottages – including Lodge Managers office and Reception, communal facilities,, guest suite, car parking and landscaping following demolition of the existing public house.

Note: CAMRA have objected, principally on the ground of losing a local pub.

15 August 2022

107947/COU/22 Unit 8B, Altrincham Retail Park, George Richards Way, Altrincham WA14 5GR

Change of use of 250 sq.m existing floorspace to permit sale of food and drink for consumption off the premises.

22 August 2022

108717/FUL/22 Land off New Street, Altrincham WA14 2QX

Demolition of all existing buildings and structures and the redevelopment of the site for residential development (Use Class C3) comprising 26 dwelling houses (terraces) and 78 apartments located within three apartment blocks (4-5 stories in height), with means of access, car parking, infrastructure, landscaping and associated works.

Note: More than 20 objections submitted by local residents. Also objection submitted by A&B Civ Soc

20 September 2022

108673/FUL/ and 108674/LBC/22 Erlesdene, Green Walk, Bowdon

Application for the refurbishment, reconfiguration and alteration of the existing 9 no. apartments in the main building, demolition of 20th Century extensions and outbuildings with new extensions to these outbuildings, and development of a new building to create and additional 5 no. residential units creating 14 no. in total with associated car parking, landscaping and associated works.