

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Special Committee Meeting 3rd February 2023
11.00am at Altrincham Town Hall

Present:

Committee members: Judie Collins (Chair), Trevor Stone (Treasurer), Paulina Lewis (Planning), Richard Hagon (Sec), Martin Garrett.

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

Guests: Sue Aldridge (CEO Altrincham Chamber of Commerce), Allan Carton from Hale Civic Society & Susan Craig & John Kennedy from Altrincham Court Leet.

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest.

1.1 Apologies: Denise Laver

1.2 Declarations of interest – None

There was only one item on the agenda for this meeting, which was to ascertain the next steps in our campaign to keep Altrincham Town Hall for Community Use.

Angela welcomed everyone to the meeting and then gave a summary of what had happened so far.

Trevor then gave a summary of what happened at the Trafford Borough Council (TBC) Committee Meeting last Wednesday 25th January, when he gave a presentation to support our campaign.

It became increasingly apparent that Juice Nurseries were TBC preferred partner, but it remained to be seen whether this could be brought to fruition. TBC are due to make their final decision at the Executive Committee Meeting due to take place in late February. However they will not be able to take any action on their decision until August when the online petition time frame expires.

In the meantime it was agreed that we would possibly look into the legal aspects of the whole process so far and Alan Carton offered his services to Trevor in this respect.

Further more as our online petition had now reached over 1700 signatures, we would embark on promoting a paper petition. This will be done by leaflet distribution in the town and online using the website and social media. BBC NW Tonight, Sale & Altrincham Messenger (Jack Tooth), Altrincham Today (David Prior) and Granada TV have already been approached.

Alan Carton advised that Denise Laver had suggested we put together a story board showing the history of the Town Hall. It was agreed this was a great idea.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.