

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 20th June 2023
8.00pm at Altrincham Town Hall

Present:

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

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

Guest: Richard Simon

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest.

1.1 Apologies: Pauline Terry, Leslie Cupitt, David Eastwood MA

1.2 Declarations of interest – None

1.3 The minutes of the previous meeting on 16th May 2023 were distributed prior to the meeting.

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

3. Report from the Chair

A Meeting has been arranged with Councillor Catherine Hynes, Deputy Leader of Trafford Council about the possibility of her becoming our heritage champion.

Chair has had a meeting with Ian Miller, Heritage Management Director at the University of Salford to discuss the Heritage listings he has compiled for both Altrincham & Bowdon.

Trafford have delayed plans to redevelop The Graftons until 2025/26, as the Travel Lodge lease has two years to run. They feel it would be impractical to carry out refurbishment around existing tenants.

There are six areas of the Neighbourhood Business Plan that need updating. A group of people have been organised to discuss this and put forward suggested amendments. (see other news below)

4. Treasurers Report

Finance: Bank Curr A/c £ 1372.03 Dep A/c £ 1459.17 HLF A/c £ 1.00

Membership this year has reduced, with several non renewals

5. Altrincham Town Hall and Town Centre Update – June 2023

Business Update

Randall's have been given notice, there are a couple of options for them to move to elsewhere in the town centre.

County Galleries is set to close in the summer. It has been there for over 45 years

Justin and Diana who own California Coffee have bought Common Ground which will be launched as a Beverley Hills style venue. Carl, the former owner wants to focus on Alibi

BID are running their annual RHS competition in July.

Hospitality

The Orange Tree has re-opened.

The Navigation has a new manager.

The Bricklayers is still closed but is reported to be open soon.

The Best Bar None Annual reports are ready for us to distribute.

BID have submitted their application for Purple Flag, we await news of the assessment.

Other news

Having been out with Ben Hartley, Labour candidate for ASW we've now extended the invitation to Geraldine who has been declared as the Green candidate. The Conservatives choose theirs next week & we will offer the same to them and the Lib Dem candidate when announced.

We're also seeking walk-about with all party leaders at Trafford Council. Having worked with everyone over the Town Hall we think these links are invaluable to our work as a Civic Society & the relationships we've created so far are really helpful.

The Town Hall has gone to formal tender and we need to get a CIC application in mid August.

The Neighbourhood Business Plan and A&BCS are working closely together to try to ensure that this remains a space for community use.

Altrincham 10k will now take place on the 17th September.

Some of the NBP Group met with Caroline Wright our TMBC Strategic Planning Manager. She was really good and is helping with "re-designation" and will help with the review of the Plan that we need to do.

Altrincham Leisure Centre is to be renamed "Move Altrincham".

Judie and I met with TfGM to talk about EV charging and car share. BID seem to be working with Bruntwood on a scheme covering Altrincham Sale and Stretford. TfGM are trying to work across all 10 GM boroughs, which would appear to be more logical.

6. Planning

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

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Date and time of next committee meeting – Tuesday 19th September 2023
8pm-9pm at Altrincham Town Hall**

We will take our Summer Break during July & August

Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATIONS 15 MAY 2023 - 19 JUNE 2023

15 May 2023

110928/PIP/23 Land between Gillespie House and Back Grafton Street, Altrincham WA14 1DY
Application for Permission in Principle (PIP) for up to three storey residential development for between 5 and 8 self contained apartments together with associated infrastructure works.

Note: Comments submitted by Damian Utton, Design Forum

1107646/FUL/23 77-81 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RN

Note: Application withdrawn, plans subsequently modified and resubmitted.

19 May 2023

110449/LBC/23 44 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Not published in Weekly Planning List, letters sent to adjacent neighbours. Listed building consent for various alterations, internal and external most of which some have been carried out. This is in The Downs Conservation area, permission is sought for 2 no. conservation roof lights, one to the front elevation and one to the rear.

Note: New owners are asking for the rooflights. The row of cottages is Grade 11 Listed, also within a conservation area where rooflights on the front elevation are not allowed.

11448/HHA/23 44 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Application for external and internal alterations to the property to include: 2 no conservation rooflights (1 front and 1 rear elevation), conversion of the basement, increase in size of the basement lightwell, erection of a trellis fence and gates to rear.

5 June 2023

110746/FUL/23 77-81 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RN

Residential-led development comprising material change of use of part ground-floor and part first-floor from lap dancing club and retail unit to use as 3no. self-contained apartments. Erection of additional storey extension above existing building to form 4no. self-contained apartments at second floor; and construction of pitched roof, rear fencing dormer and balcony to form 1no. self-contained apartment within new attic space. Together with external alterations, including alterations to fenestration and recladding of first floor frontage onto George Street, rendering of side and rear elevations facing The Causeway and alterations to window and door openings at sides and rear, construction of bin store enclosure at rear; and alterations to shop front and existing pedestrian doorway fronting onto George Street.

9 June 2023 re-notification letter – Planning Application

100707/FUL/20 and 100708/LBC/20 2-8 Kingsway, Altrincham WA14 1PJ

Conversion of listed building from commercial (Class E) to mixed commercial (Class E) and 9 No. residential apartments (C3) with demolition of single storey rear extension and construction of a new two storey rear extension together with installation of new shopfront to part of front elevation and internal and external amendments.

ALSO Listed Building Consent for Conversion of listed building

19 June 2023

110707/VAR/23 Hamilton House and Lynnfield House, Church Street, Altrincham WA14 4DR

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 3 (Materials) on planning permission 103673/FUL/21 (Refurbishment of Lynnfield and Hamilton House, works to include new entrance canopies, replacement windows, render to the facades and new roof covering as required and replacement smoking shelter). To allow for building mounted lighting to both, building mounted signage to Hamilton House and replacement A/C equipment to the roof and new mechanical extract ducting to Lynnfield House.

11078/ADV/23 Hamilton House, Church Street, Altrincham WA14 4DR

Retrospective advertisement consent sought for 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign.

111146/VAR/23 Ocean Business Centre, 10 Ocean Street, Altrincham WA14 5QL

See Details on-line for numerous alterations, demolition etc , creating service yards, car parking, cycle and waste storage including new access to George Richards Way. (Within Broadheath Industrial Area).

111137/VAR/23 St Ambrose College, Hale Road, Hale Barns WA15 0HE

Not within area for A&B Civ Soc but may be of general interest.

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for variation of condition 24 on planning permission 74747/FUL/2010 (Erection of new three storey school building incorporating swimming pool & sports hall located to 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.) To change the hours of use on Monday - Friday from 09.00 - 19.00 to 09.00 - 20.00 excluding Bank Holidays.