

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 19th September 2023
8.00pm at Altrincham Town Hall

Present:

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

Co-opted Members: Pauline Terry
Ian Stuart (Friends of Altrincham Interchange)

Guest: Richard Simon

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest.

1.1 Apologies: Trevor Stone (Treasurer), David Eastwood MA

1.2 Declarations of interest – None

1.3 The minutes of the previous meeting on 20th June 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

Many thanks to Richard Hagon and Paulina for their support while I'm trying to cover Angela and Leslie's responsibilities.

September is very busy as councillors and officers return from leave.

I'm hoping Broadheath is learning to stand on its own two feet after the Partnership AGM last week. We can then revert to a written submission to the Partnership on planning and heritage which is why we became involved with Broadheath. Leslie has other projects so he must be the one to decide whether we can continue involvement with those.

I'm due to meet with Councillor Patel this afternoon as the Green candidate for MP and when the Lib Dems have chosen their candidate that will be everyone. Please note Simon Lepori is now their leader. He has been very helpful and has asked for a meeting.

Also on Monday I am visiting Clare Corley the Minister at St Georges to discuss the community carol concert agreed some time ago with father Edmund. We shall also discuss the possibility of holding the election hustings there as we have few other options.

I went to Health Scrutiny again and continue to be concerned about the hospital's future. Councillor Slater is happy to meet with us and the NHS probably next week.

I do not have the Forum list for the Neighbourhood Plan so until Trevor gives it me I can't do anything though I have emailed Caroline Wright to explain the delay.

Paulina is dealing with outstanding planning applications and we both attended the design code consultation. I've had coffee with Citybranch re Regent Road delays and have a meeting with Novo re Central Way with Ben, Tom and Paulina.

Friends of Carrington Moss were approached by DLUHC to discuss how Trafford would cope with the Local Plan once Places for Everyone concludes and Caroline Wright has agreed to a meeting on 20th September.

Assura continue to be very helpful about greenspace on Barrington Road and have a planning application in progress.

Trafford seem unaware of their heritage properties e.g. the cottages at Denzell and we have urged a list as this could make them some money.

I am judging for Civic trust next week.

Paulina and I will have regular meetings with Altrincham BID., and Sue at the Chamber is on board again.

Andrea George from Bruntwood is happy to do our AGM and we shall leave the November date to her.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing your thoughts

4. Treasurers Report

In the treasurers absence no report was given,

5. Planning Update from Paulina

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

6. St. George's Church – Civic Carol Service and Election Hustings (see Chair's report)

7. AGM

Richard reported that he had not heard back from Andrea George from Bruntwood to confirm a date. He will chase her again this week.

8. Future Plans

We will need to look into where can hold our meetings in 2024 in view of the Town Hall possibly not being available. However it was revealed that a previous restaurant owner in the town might be interested in acquiring the Town Hall.

9. AOB

The waiting room at the interchange will remain closed, due to remedial work needed to the building. The walls are damp and the guttering needs attention. The council are in talks with the original contractor who was supposed to refurbish the old part of the station.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Date and time of next committee meeting – Tuesday 14th November 2023
8pm-9pm at Altrincham Town Hall**

Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

28 June 2023 - 18 September 2023

24 July 2023

111357/VAR/23 St John's Church, St John's Road, Altrincham WA14 2NW

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the variation of condition section 2 on the planning permission 102482/FUL/20. (Change of use of St John's Church from Use Class F (Local Community and Learning) to Use Class E (c) (financial and professional services and other appropriate uses within a commercial, business and service locality) and E (g) (i) (offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions) with associated internal alterations and ancillary works). To amend approved plans to facilitate the relocation of war memorial.

Note: It seems that this arrangement was agreed previously that the war memorial would be relocated within St Margaret's Church, Dunham Road, Bowdon. Also listed under reference III358/LBC/23 Listed Building Consent for the relocation of the Great War 1914-1919 memorial located at the nave.

31 July 2023

111267/FUL/23 2B Cross Street, Altrincham WA14 1EQ

Change of use from a fish and chip shop (Sui Generis) to a cafe/bar (Sui Generis) along with associated internal and external alterations to include: replacement of shopfront, doors and windows, repainting and repairs to existing windows, new condenser units, replacement of the existing awning and new external lighting.

Proposal for the Grafton Centre - not listed in weekly planning application list.

111497/PMA/23 Grafton Centre, Stamford New Road/George Street, Altrincham

Change of use to 10 Apartments, 1st and 2nd floor.

Note: The Design Forum have submitted comments and are not in favour of the proposal.

21 August 2023

111432/HHA/23 Oakleigh, 12 Higher Downs WA14 2QL

Replacing existing wooden gates with black metal gates retaining original posts.

29 August 2023

111191/FUL/23 Charis House, 1 Central Way, Altrincham WA14 1SB

Formation of restaurant (Use Class E) with new shop frontage and erection of single storey side/rear extension.

4 September 2023

111687/VAR/2023 2 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1SG

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the variation of condition 1 on planning permission 110068/VAR/23 (Application for variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 5 (use classes) of planning permission 106198/FUL/21).

Note: The Design Forum has yet to comment on the variations.

11 September 2023

111563/FUL/23 and 111564/LBC/23 Bridge Works, 2 Bridgewater Embankment, Altrincham WA14 4RL

Conversion of Grade 11 listed former canal warehouse building to form 32 apartments including roof extension, partial demolition, repair and alteration and erection of five storey detached building - Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service), associated parking, landscaping and sub-station.

Also Listed Building Consent sought for the conversion of Grade 11 listed former canal warehouse building to form 32 apartments including roof extension, partial demolition, repair and alteration.

Note: The Developers have agreed to meet online to discuss details of their proposals. It is hoped this will take place next week.

111686/OUT/23 50 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Outline application for the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling on land to the rear of 50 The Downs following demolition of existing garage with all matters reserved.

Note: This application has been submitted by Paulina Lewis. However in view of the extensive objections submitted by neighbours since publication of the listing, Mrs Lewis has withdrawn the Application and asked Head of Planning and Development to confirm cancellation of this Application which will not be re-submitted.

18 September 2023

111381/HHA/23 and 111382/LBC/23 36 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Application for a proposed basement conversion with replacement window to front.

Also Listed Building Consent sought for a proposed basement conversion with replacement window to front and associated internal alterations to include removal of York stone table and installation of a shower room.

111764/FUL/23 102 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RF

Proposal for new shop front and windows to George Street, new shop front and elevation alterations to Central Way to facilitate subdivision of the building together with installation of external plant to Mount Terrace and other external alterations.