

Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Registered charity No. 246145

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 19th June 2024
8.00pm at Bruntwood Management Suite

Present:

Committee members: Judie Collins (Chair), Paulina Lewis (Planning), Leslie Cupitt, Martin Garrett, Pauline Terry, Richard Hagon (Sec), Robert Redford,

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

Guests: None.

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest.

1.1 Apologies: Trevor Stone (Treasurer), Angela Stone (Town Centre Lead)

1.2 Declarations of interest – None

1.3 The minutes of the previous meeting on 19th March 2024 were distributed prior to the meeting.

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

3. Report from the Chair

Update on the recent meeting with L&Q

Few of the committee have responded with any questions for the hustings on Thursday which is disappointing.

If you could have something ready for Tuesday that would be very helpful

We can give an update on the meeting with L&Q and Angela has been asked for an update with the Neighbourhood plan.

It does seem very unlikely that TMBC will have anything for us before September as when they come out of purdah it will be summer holidays.

I continue to press re car park on Regent Road but le plus ca change.....

4. Planning Update from Paulina

The application for installing three very large hubs incorporating advertising screens and Defibrillators has been withdrawn. It was rejected by Trafford Planning.

Queries have been raised about the charges made by Trafford to hospitality businesses for having chairs and tables on the pavement. Paulina had contacted various people but there is confusion about how much is charged and how often. One business had received a bill from Amey for £360 for one year.

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

5. (a) Town Centre update from Angela see appendix 2

(b) Membership and Treasurer's report. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

6. Update from Angela on NBP Meeting - Deferred

7. Interchange update from Ian.

Lateness of some trains is still a problem. A Toilet is to be built onto the existing buildings of Platform 4, but will only be available to people who use the room for hire.

The Archives at Chester invited members of the FOAI to visit. Twelve members attended and enjoyed looking at historic photo's and other various artifacts.

Inspections are awaited from the RHS and the Cheshire Best Kept Stations committee.

8. Local General Election Hustings

Chair explained that this was not a joint event with St.George's Church, but had been set up by Claire Corley the Vicar in conjunction with the Churches Together Organisation.

Questions suggested by committee members and others included: Secondary Education, Our Hospital, Altair, Trains, Broadheath, Postal Services.

It appears that the Bee Network Buses will now be run by Metroline.

9. Articles for the Autumn Magazine

It was agreed that the Magazine will now be an Autumn Edition, hopefully published end of September or early October 2024.

10. AOB

Sadly it has been reported that a member June Mabon has recently passed away.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Date and time of next committee meeting – Tuesday 17th September 2024
Bruntwood Management Suite 8pm**

Appendix 1

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS
25 March 2024 to 17 JUNE 2024**

25 March 2024

113049/HHA/24 3 Osbourne Place, Altrincham WA14 2QB

Demolition of existing Conservatory and Garden Shed. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new driveway entrance and access point from New Street. Erection of detached potting shed and green house including landscaping.

2 April 2024

113138/FUL/24

51 Stamford New Road, Altrincham WA14 1DS (Colling Solicitors) rear extension, single storey side/rear extension, conversion of second floor to 1 no. two bedroom apartments and alterations to front elevation to include new access entrance.

15 April 2024

113049/HHA/24 3 Osbourne Place, Altrincham WA14 2QB

Demolition of existing conservatory and garden shed, erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new driveway entrance and access point from New Street. Erection of detached potting shed and greenhouse including landscaping.

Note: First published 25 March 2024 – see above.

113282/HHA/24 44 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Application for a proposed basement conversion.

22 April 2024

113282/HHA/24 44 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Application for conversion of the basement and associated works including lowering of the basement floor and replacement of basement window within the front elevation.

113287/LBC/24 44 The Downs, Altrincham WA14 2QQ

Listed Building Consent sought for the conversion of the basement and associated works including lowering to the basement floor and replacement of basement window within the front elevation.

Note: See above

29 April 2024

113434/VAR/24 World of Pets, Thorley Lane, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 7PJ

Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission ref. 105905/OUT/21 (allowed on appeal, reference APP/Q4245/W/22/3306715) to authorize changes to the approved plans associated with access.

7 May 2024

113414/FUL/24 and 113415/LBC/24 Bank House, 1 Old Market Place, Altrincham WA14 4PA

Application for the excavation of the existing lower ground floor to increase floor to ceiling head height and to form two lightwells to the rear of the building within the existing car park to provide natural daylight to the lower ground floor.

13 May 2024

113388/FUL/24 Pavement adjacent to Card Factory, Shaws Road, Altrincham, WA14 1RH

Installation of a multifunction hub unit featuring an integral advertisement display and defibrillator.

113389/ADV/24 Pavement adjacent to Card Factory, Shaws Road, Altrincham WA14 1RH

Advertisement consent sought for 1 no. 86 inch illuminated LCD screen affixed to a multifunction hub unit.

113390/FUL/24 Pavement outside Altrincham Station, Stamford New Road, Altrincham WA14 1EN

Installation of a multifunction hub unit featuring an integral advertising display and defibrillator.

113391/ADV/24 Pavement outside Altrincham Station, Stamford New Road, Altrincham WA14 1EN

Advertisement consent sought for 1 no. 86 inch illuminated LCD screen affixed to a multifunction hub unit.

113392/FUL/24 Pavement outside 99 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RN
Installation of a multifunction hub unit featuring an integral advertisement display and defibrillator.

113393/ADV/24 Pavement outside 99 George Street, Altrincham WA14 1RN
Advertisement consent sought for no. 1 86 inch illuminated LCD screen affixed to a multifunction hub unit.
NOTE: The Design Forum and A&B Civic Society have objected to all these hubs including the LCD advertising being installed on the pavements. It has been suggested that the defibrillators are attached to buildings as elsewhere.

113138/FUL/24 51 Stamford New Road, Altrincham WA14 1DS
Erection of second floor extension, single storey side/rear extension, conversion of first and second floors to create 2 no. two bedroom apartments and alteration to front elevation to include new access entrance.
Note: Alteration of application submitted 2 April 2024 – see above

3 June 2024

113623/FUL/24 Homeland Day Nursery, 91 Navigation Road, Altrincham WA14 1LT
Demolition of the existing rear outrigger & canopies. Erection of a single storey side, two storey and single storey rear extensions with external covered activity spaces to rear. New access ramps & associated internal & external alterations to facilitate an increase in the number of children from 53 children to 96 children.

NOTE: The application for the defibrillator/advertisement hubs has been withdrawn.

Appendix 2

Altrincham Town Centre Update May 2024

Compiled by Angela Stone – Our Town Centre Lead

Hospitality

BBN has undergone a re-brand with a new line “Safer Socialising” and new marketing materials.

Altrincham Best Bar None came a runner up as the Best Bar None Town Centre Award, beaten by Guilford at the ceremony at the House of Lords. Considering we work with close to zero budget this was a huge achievement & testament to the committee Alison, Gareth, Grace, Iain, Heather & Trevor.

The scheme is about to relaunch for 2024/25 and with the help of GMP is expanding to cover Broadheath, Bowdon & possibly Timperley and take in bars outside the “town centre” This would take the scheme to 46 bars. We’re also keen to work with other licenced venues such as the cinemas, Planet Ice and Altrincham Football Club. We can include any venue that has a licence.

Altrincham is now also working with fellow GM BBN towns Bolton and Bury to share ideas and help each other develop and expand the scheme to the other GM Boroughs.

In other news:

The Unicorn has been awarded the “Most Improved Pub of the year” by CAMRA

The Tatton Arms has reopened as a Cabaret Bar “The Tatton “with karaoke and live entertainment

Rustic Bar now host regular comedy nights

Roy's Bar have just installed new Karaoke equipment.

Totties had its licence as a sex entertainment venue refused but can still trade as a night club.

The bars are starting to prepare for the UEFA Euros which start on the 14th June

Brit Fest takes place at Ashley Hall 5-7th July, this has been organised by The Bowdon Rooms & sponsored by Myerson's. This is its first year and has a really strong line up of entertainment.

The owners of California Coffee/Beverley West have installed a coffee roaster & is currently the only Altrincham café to offer locally roasted coffee

Hive on Grosvenor Road has reopened as an extended unit as a café bar, deli and shop.

JoJo Aalay serving Indian and Nepalese food has opened on Ashley Road

Pho You has opened on Railway St serving Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Thai Food

Casa Italia has announced it will be moving into the former Evuna unit on Stamford New Road.

Development of Rudy's Pizza on Central Way is underway in the space where One Central used to be.

Retail

MC Watches has opened on George St next to the Bricklayers. Their main focus is watch repairs including many high-end brands.

Jake has handed over the management of the store to daughter Maisy, she'll be the 3rd generation of the family to run the shoe shops.

Farm Foods has put in a planning application to take over the former B&Q unit in Broadheath

Amplifon has moved into the former H&B unit on George St

Other

HSBC has reopened after a refurb

News

A Planning application has gone in to Trafford Council for 3 new advertising/defib units to be placed at the Interchange, George St and Shaw's Road. These will be available 24/7. This would bring the total number of available defibs to 5 which includes one in Goose Green and one at The Roebuck.

Altrincham v Cancer hosted by Pure Gym and organised by Alex McCann confirmed their final total for the year at just shy of £14,500

Manchester Marathon took place in April with 32,000 runners taking part. The Altrincham bit is organised by Altrincham Partnership with Altrincham HQ and Altrincham and Bowdon Civic Society.

Our entertainers on the day included OrangeTheory Fitness who cheered runners up the most hated stretch of the whole course up Stamford St! The Absolute Belters, and runner's favourites the Little Belters, Radio Alty and Bowdon Rugby Club Men's Choir. This year for the first time we had Marathon Sponsor Sports Direct who put on some fabulous drum displays by Altrincham Hospital.

Metrolink reported 145,000 trips on the trams, their best ever day

Big thank you to Judie Collins and Ian Stuart who helped staff to cope with 1000's of people departing Altrincham to get to the finish line to see friends and family, especially when Metrolink Central Control went down & no-one had any idea where the trams were!

Thanks to Trevor Stone who looked after the entertainers & generally did whatever was needed

Thanks also to TfGM, and One Trafford who are often forgotten. John was amazing & the town looked like there hadn't been a race through town by Monday morning!

We were also delighted to see we'd been picked up by the organisers who created a logo "Big up Alty who bring the party every year".

Next year's race will take place on the same day as London Marathon on the 27th April 2025