

Minutes of ADRA Meeting

Tuesday 27th November 7.30 p.m. at the Alton House Hotel

Present:

Becci May, John Field, Sue Bottomley, Gordon Anderson, Clare Allen, Graham Titterington, Robert Saunders, Marian Oakley, Mark Lanchbery, Charles Kaye, Louise Parker, Mike Heelis, Peter Field, Robin Lees, John Grace, Rachel Palmer, Pat Lerew, Vernon Burford, Ian Gilson.

1. **Apologies:**
Giles Lock, Trevor Plumbley, Simon Stoodley
2. **Minutes of last meeting (16th October)**
These were approved.
3. **ADRA's website update (John Field)**

	November	October	September	August
Unique users	219	114	141	292
Average session	1:08m	1:29m	1:30m	1:47m
Pages per session	2	2.4	2.59	2.4
New:returning	85:15	80:20	80:20	89:11

October Most visited pages (by %)

17% Butts bridge website launched (news)

9% Butts roadworks (news)

7% Local plan page

7% News page

7% October update

November Most visited pages (by %)

20% Minutes

18% Butts bridge website launched (news)

9% Butts roadworks (news)

7% News page

3% October update

Keep with content that is relevant and focussed in accordance to our aims as stated in AGM

4. **Revitalising Alton – Town Team update; Communities Committee update (Becci)**

Giles was not present for update.

Becci spoke to Matthew Baylis, and the next Community Committee meeting is in January. He again thanked us for our input. Agenda may include promotion of the town, volunteering, policing, youth hub and may also have the Community First bus for

Eastbrooke and Wooteys on the agenda. Input for topics: can car parking be linked to the town promotion item?

5. **Planning / development issues (important updates / proposed actions for ADRA)**

▪ Neighbourhood Plan / Local Plan

EHDC Partners magazine included a page on the subject. Consultation is aimed to start in January for 6 weeks, then discussions to take it on board and a 6 week consultation in summer on the revised plan. Plan should be revised every 5 years, this one is set for 2036.

John Grace went to see Leah Coney (Town Clerk) about raising awareness. Offline is a particular concern for ADRA. John presented 3 examples and was advised not to be too alarmist, and asked that all organisations try to understand the pressures on EHDC planning. Timetable for the plan is ambitious. ADRA etc. should be seen working alongside EHDC and ATC to achieve the goal to get the plan updated. "New local plan is coming, make sure you have your say" may be the simple message we could help promote.

ATC could grant permission for Anstey Park, Public Gardens, Assembly Rooms, EHDC some locations like the Community centre, HCC for across the high street. Would be preferred to have EHDC and local groups on the banners.

Financing was not discussed but John is confident about ATC or more likely EHDC would be able to help out.

Banners across the High Street may be more difficult given the challenges with getting lights put up.

Other sites to consider: Bus stop posters (Printing by Tanya?) via ATC, railings outside Sainsbury's are paid for to HCC in two-week blocks. Perhaps the Household Waste Recycling Centre, The Railway Arms.

Summary of our understanding so far (based on EHDC reply from EHDC to Mike Heelis):

1. The results of the Land Availability Assessment undertaken earlier this year will be placed in the public domain at the Regulation 18 Consultation stage.
2. The target figure for residential housing for the plan period to 2036 is 1156 across East Hampshire District Council including the South Downs National Park, which equates to 608.2 per annum.
3. The allocations criteria adopted by EHDC for the residential housing to 2036 is different for each allocation and will be available to view at the Consultation stage.
4. There will be flexibility to amend the Draft Local Plan at the Consultation stage.

Means that EHDC is going to have to take 6082 houses in the period 2026 to 2036. 492 per year is the current plan. (including Bordon and the National Park). Deficit to 2036 will be 1100 houses. So total of over 7000 by 2036. This will be allocated up to 2036 by the end of next year. Coors Brewery site should contribute to these figures. Houses will be built, and so what we can try to influence is the siting of those housing developments. Proportions of affordable houses are being reduced.

We agreed that to first raise awareness, a 2-sided flyer could be created by ADRA, with generic information on one side (for all ADRA members via Mike) and on the other side, each RA can be more specific about what this might mean for their own area. This can then be shared as soon as the consultation dates are known. These could be shared as fliers through people's doors, through local free paper, Alton Herald, ADRA and AS websites.

When consultation dates are known the ramp-up period should begin - the LAA (sites proposed for housing) will not be out until the consultation.

ACTION: Mike to write first draft of content, signed off by Leah and EHDC to ensure factual accuracy.

ACTION: Alton Society to consider how to get the word around outside RA areas.

ACTION: John Grace to draft some words for posters/banners for approval with ATC/EHDC, and to seek funding for these.

Timescales are ambitious, and may shift due to purdah at EHDC starting in March – strict rules on what documents the Council can produce in that period. Policies or plans that may affect the outcome of the election cannot be issued.

ACTION: Each RA to revisit the reasons for rejection of previous to help develop our arguments and our viewpoint prior to the consultation coming out. Send bullet points to Becci.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/shlaa-sites>

- Lynch Hill: Deferment decision, application live still.
- Molson Coors & Community Facilities: meeting tomorrow, await feedback.
- Will Hall Farm: meeting with maintenance management company has been requested.
- Maple Fields/ Oakland Heights: Anstey Lane/Road traffic lights out for public feedback. Emails about street names were ignored so need to go over to site. Consultation on Anstey Road – Anstey Lane junction. New residents will have a meeting of locals and councillors, and text to encourage RA creation is under way.
- South Alton / Borovere / Selborne Road: Deferment decision. Site meeting planned for this Friday pegging out the new houses on Borovere lane (in relation to old properties) as it wasn't evident at the end of the last meeting. Treloars RA is still active; Facebook, Community is developing with Neighbourhood watch etc but representation for ADRA meetings is still a problem, Ian will try to encourage. Members are advised to keep a close eye and any advice to TERA welcome.
- Butts Bridge and traffic routing: Town Clerk is trying to improve the information flow from the developers.
- Sports Centre: no further meetings have taken place. TERA are having monthly meetings.
- Gas fired power plant application at the bottom of Worldham Hill is still ongoing and highly relevant to the Ashdell RA. Both Parish and Town councils are objecting. As plan is revised objections/comments are still open

until December 10th. Uniquely for the company this is the only application that is not on industrial land but in country, very close to houses.

6. **The Wey Walk Update**

Meeting on Thursday to get an update. Lots of work from ATC.

7. **Any other issues of wider relevance from RAs and Alton Society for info / action (All)**

“Parking survey” is only about usage of the car parks, rather than what people think of them. Nothing to do with the effect parking and charges effect the town.

Current car parks have insufficient capacity for future growth?

ACTION: Charles to ask questions via EHDC website

8. **Seeking a volunteer to act as Deputy Chair until June / Chair the meeting on 26th Feb; and new Chair for June onwards.**

9. **Agenda items (and invitees) for the next meeting (15th January, minutes to be taken by Ashdell RA)**