

ADRA Meeting Minutes

Alton House Hotel, Alton
7.30 – 9pm, 16th July 2019

Minutes taken by AEWRA

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: John Grace, Rachel Palmer, Sue Bottomley, Graham Titterington, Mike Hayward, Charles Kaye, Giles Lock.

2. Approve minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. ADRA's website. Update on site visitors

Website was moved on to Hugo Fox on 23rd June 2019 as agreed. Old news and events were "lost" and links should always have www.adra.community to ensure connection is made.

	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug
Unique users	93	240	118	147	178	238	157	219	114	141	292
Average session	1:37m	0:37m	0:57m	0:31m	0:35m	1:32m	0:43m	1:08m	1:29m	1:30m	1:47m
Pages per session	2.87	1.64	1.88	1.72	1.82	2.25	1.25	2	2.4	2.59	2.4
New:returning	84:16	91:9	82:18	85:15	88:12	85:15	80:20	85:15	80:20	80:20	89:11

April Most visited pages (by %)

- 10% Butts bridge website launched (news)
- 8% ADRA Update
- 7% Butts roadworks (news)
- 5% Community Bus service (news)

May Most visited pages (by %)

- 33% Minutes
- 5% Butts bridge website launched (news)
- 3% ADRA Update
- 3% About ADRA
- 3% Who do I contact

June Most visited pages (by %)

- 7% Residents Associations
- 6% Butts bridge website launched (news)
- 5% EHDC Local Plan page
- 4% About ADRA
- 4% Start your own RA

4. Subscription rates

Sue asked if we could host at Alton Golf Club, this could be possible after refurbishments have been completed.

Alton Maltings – do they have preferential rates for us?

RAs voluntary subscription of £20 was proposed by Chair, Seconded by Treasurer, voted 11 to 2 approved.

ACTION: ALL Cash to John Field or cheque made to Alton & District Residents Association. Receipts available, no deadline.

5. Revitalising Alton

Town Team update – Giles not present, possibly no progress given the change in ATC.

List of things to be done needs updating and discussing.

6. Community grants

Alton Town Council approved £350 to ADRA to be used for publicity. Town Council members have been encouraged to actively engage with the Residents Associations.

ACTION: Mark & Marion to write to ATC to Thank them for the funding

Wildly Upbeat Printers have some funding available including for meetings.

ACTION: Becky to forward form to John and apply.

Most Council ones have a “project” attached to them, if we find a project then we should bear it in mind.

Should identify items to work on, have working parties and apply to the different Grants as they are needed for a project.

Community projects apply for EHDC funding (end February deadline £1M over three years) max £1k. EHDC has confirmed there is no Community Facility money in this years round. Some money remains for Environmental or Transport projects.

7. Planning / development issues

Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group / Local Plan

Next consultation for the Emerging Local Plan will be August/September.

No meetings for some time. Should happen in the next two weeks as there are some action points which could impact any future Plan.

Chris Lawrence is a potential ally to support the strength of the plan. There is concern that ATC has not had a strong enough voice in commenting on the EHDC plan, however there is a sense in the council that Alton has got off lightly.

With no Local Plan there is very little that can be done to stop a development that is not in line with the Neighbourhood plan.

Butts Bridge

Traffic still terrible in the area, including overspill on wider areas of large vehicles.

Sports Centre

No meeting since last meeting. Newsletter available on the website. Next meeting will have a tour.

Bartlett & Butcher

Application (and purchase?) has gone through. Entrance will change. Kings Arms has a good reputation. AHRA is liaising with the Kings Arms and is invited to a site visit.

Alton School

ATC have a substantial holding objection with a fair number outstanding. AEWRA has traffic and access concerns. Channels of communication are open.

Treloars College

19th June ATC Planning Committee meeting – concerns raised by Peter Field and Pat Lerew were put in writing and spoken to, particularly pushing the boundary of the village. Strongly objected by ATC. “Proven need” to build outside the settlement boundary and in the countryside has not been achieved in their opinion. Alton Society put in a strong objection also.

Treloars Hospital/Borovere Lane

Was approved, despite the skyline breach.

Coors

[Exhibition took place. Link to presentation boards.](#) Retirement home, bordered by roads, with crossing at a mini roundabout. Wey Walk has become highly disjointed. Not possible to rotate around the site. Community facility “will come out of CIL” but the developers will not provide more than their requirements; the facility was merely the idea of EHDC. Currently no Right of Way, should be the path along the river. We are at the point of public consultation before the application is submitted.

ACTION – Members should lobby EHDC as their pre-development brief and exhibitions were all in support of a community facility on the site and the shape that should take, it is completely absent.

Westbrook estate 24hr operation

Appeal has been put in, objections should be moved through.

ACTION – Giles to update on email the current situation

Old Tesco site

Application is live since 11th July, comments should be made as appropriate.

Will Hall Farm / Hop Fields

Lots of questions for the next liaison, footpath is to remain open.

Hop Fields meadow is not open yet, accessibility of the path is not good for disabled at either entrance. This is a good example of where we should apply pressure post-permission to ensure developers do not just do the bare minimum. AHRA are feeding all of this into the liaison meetings.

8. Wey Walk update

Nothing to report; in delivery mode, lots to do to spend the grant.

9. Speed Watch

Gilbert White Way and Anstey Lane being submitted for approval. Any volunteers and other roads are requested.

ATC requesting ADRA member for task looking at options for the positioning of the devices. Operational plan needed.

ACTION – John Field will volunteer for this.

10. Community grants

Discussed previously.

11. Other issues

Baker's Arms moved commercial bins into the alley.

ACTION – Louise will go into the pub and chase from there if escalation is needed.

Anstey Road needs a crossing point closer to Anstey Gardens.

Signage for roundabouts is not fantastic given the increased through traffic. As this is one of the potential action items we could pick this up as a working group.

Weeds are significant too – the council services are only twice a year. This is being added to the list as a potential candidate for action.

Government is awarding High Streets funds, nothing in Hampshire.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th October

All members are encouraged to be proactive in the mean time.

Minutes to be taken by AHRA.

ADRA Objectives

- To share knowledge and experiences to enable each Residents' Group or Association (RGA) and other organisations to be as effective as possible in meeting their aims, and to facilitate the formation of new RGAs.
- To act as a lobby platform to influence decisions for the benefit of Alton residents.
- To monitor the Alton Neighbourhood Plan, planning applications and local developments to ensure they deliver benefit for Alton residents.