

Neighbourhood Forum
Tuesday, 22nd June 2021
Minutes

Members	Representing	Present / Apologies
Cllr. Andrew Simcock (Chair)	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Joanne Fitzpatrick	The Christie	Present
Stuart Keen	The Christie	Present
Doug Edwards	Resident	Present
Dave Roscoe	MCC	Present
Gavin Evans	MCC	Present
Marjorie McSweeney	Resident	Present
Stuart Bracewell	Resident	Present
Roger Smith	Withington Civic Society	Present
Cllr. Gavin White	Old Moat Councillor	Present
Rosie Gill	The Christie	Present
Will Blair	The Christie	Present
Cllr. Chris Wills	Withington Councillor	Present
Madeleine Rose	Resident	Present
Cllr. John Leech	Didsbury West Councillor	Apologies
Jim Machin	Resident	Apologies
Cllr Debbie Hilal	Didsbury West Councillor	Present
Cllr. James Wilson	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Mhorag Goff	Resident	Present
Cllr. Becky Chambers	Withington Councillor	Present
Bernard Flanagan	The Christie	Present
Darren Bugg	The Christie	Present
Cllr. Greg Stanton	Didsbury West Councillor	Present
Bill Ibram	Resident	Present
Peter Walch	Resident	Present
Cllr Linda Foley	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Mandie Salmon	Neighbourhood Manager	Present
Richard Wilks	Resident	Apologies
Cllr. Suzannah Reeves	Old Moat Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Garry Bridges	Old Moat Councillor	Apologies
Clare Kenyon	MCC	Present
Rachel Barker	Local Dialogue	Present

		Action
	In attendance:	
	Christine Outram, Chair, The Christie and Roger Spencer, CEO, The Christie.	
08/21	Standard Business	
a	<p>Chair's Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed Chris Outram (CO), Chair of The Christie, Debbie Hilal, the newly elected Councillor for Didsbury West, Linda Foley, newly elected Councillor for Didsbury East and Mandy Salmon, ward officer in Didsbury East. CO stated that she was pleased to be in attendance at the meeting and took the issue of engaging with The Christie's neighbours as a very important matter.</p>	
b	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Noted above.</p>	
c	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021</p> <p>Noted as a correct record and all actions are covered in agenda items.</p>	
d	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>All matters arising are covered on the agenda for this meeting.</p>	
09/21	CPZ Extension Update	
	<p>Claire Kenyon (CK) attended the meeting to give an update on the CPZ extension.</p> <p>CK highlighted the updated timescales with regard to the scheme. She said that the timescales had changed as there had been an issue raised which was very minor and only affected a small area of the scheme but did require the team to go back and undertake further work. The advertising legal sections will now be at the end of August/beginning of September, with the signs being put up in November to January. The scheme should be operative in Spring 2022. This date is obviously dependent on any objections and issues raised. CK stated she understands this will be disappointing to be residents but it is important that nothing is missed and will eventually deliver a better scheme for the community. CK assured residents that the team are working very hard on this and will attempt to pull back as much time as possible to deliver the scheme.</p> <p>In terms of the issue raised in the previous minutes regarding objections to the legal orders, CK stated that if correspondence is received in support of the scheme, it would not be classed as an objection and would not slow the process down. Any support submitted would be very welcome and would give a balanced view of the scheme.</p> <p>Bill Ibram (BI) asked if there is anywhere where the proposals may be viewed. CK stated that once the signatories are in place, it may be requested freely as a public document. CK will be looking at ways to communicate to the community.</p> <p>SK stated it could be linked into The Christie e-newsletter and would be happy to facilitate this.</p> <p>AS wished CK continued luck in the work and said he is looking forward to seeing the developments. AS asked CK to contact him if she required any assistance as all four wards are represented at this forum.</p>	SK
10/21	Tree Planting update	
	<p>SK took an action at the last meeting to meet with Roger Smith (RS) regarding opportunities for working together for a tree lined route. SK reported that they have exchanged a number of emails and now need to meet to 'walk' the area concerned. This will be arranged with several key members from Withington Civic Society and report back at the next meeting in September.</p>	SK/RS

11/21	Community Relations	
	<p>This is an agenda item following a request from Mhorag Goff (MG).</p> <p>MG stated that she wished to raise this item as she feels community relations have recently deteriorated. The amount of development work being undertaken at the trust is not good for a lot of people and causes great anxiety for local residents. She felt it is important to bring this topic here for wider consideration to help understand the role of the forum, bulletins and communications generally. MG felt strongly that there is a need for improved mutual understanding. She said that reports are useful but it would be valuable to have more discussion in the neighbourhood forum meetings.</p> <p>SB also raised the issue of home working for Christie staff and felt that during the last few weeks parking on the roads surrounding his property had become a problem again. He wondered if Christie staff were still be encouraged to work from home wherever possible?</p> <p>SK stated this was useful feedback. He explained that at the start of the pandemic, many staff were transferred to working from home wherever possible and that this is still the case. The trust has reduced parking spaces during the construction of the new tiered car park although this is a short term issue only. He stated that the trust does continually reinforce working from home and that only shift workers and front line staff are able to park on site. The trust continues to offer park and ride facilities at Withington and Burnage with 270 available spaces in total across the two sites. He is aware that a number of staff continue to park on local streets which is very much discouraged with messages continually placed on the staff intranet along with a request to park considerately.</p> <p>SK apologised for the inconvenience as a result of staff parking in the area and said he would talk to the trust's security officers to walk around the area to see if there were persistent offenders of inconsiderate parking and perhaps send a stronger message internally.</p> <p>CO also apologised for the inconvenience of parking outside neighbours properties but said that the majority of administration staff continue to work from home as per both government and the trust's guidance.</p> <p>MR raised the issue of a different problem on Oak Road which has commenced since the Covid pandemic. This involves primarily taxi drivers waiting on Oak Road therefore blocking driveways which seems to happen every day of the week.</p> <p>DE stated that he supported MR's comments in that taxi drivers are now a real problem. He stated it is a complicated issue not for The Christie but for the City Council and requires the help of the Civil Enforcement Officers.</p> <p>SK stated that in terms of taxis, patients should be dropped off and then the taxi should drive away. He would take an action to speak to the parking attendants. He also said he would explore the issue of reintroducing a layby for a waiting area.</p> <p>AS stated that he will contact the parking officers and involve the Civil Enforcement Officers to patrol the area and issue tickets where necessary.</p> <p>MG said that she had reflected on comments made at this meeting. It appears there are problems being encountered through the Trust's developments that cannot always be immediately addressed and she feels it is because of the huge amount of development work being undertaken and this should therefore be incorporated into The Christie's master plan.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>AS</p>

12/21	Neighbourhood Newsletter	
	<p>SK stated that the format and content of the Neighbourhood Newsletter had been changed to address the feedback received. This is now issued electronically and is no longer circulated in paper format. It is issued every 2/3 weeks to include 'look-aheads' for a 1, 2 and 3 week basis. This gives people an idea of what is happening over the next few weeks. The newsletter now also includes photos to see progress being made. SK stated he would welcome any feedback.</p> <p>Rachel Barker stated that the communication is circulated to approximately 200 people.</p> <p>SB made a request that it would be interesting for the newsletter to include some 'good news' stories too and requested the possibility of the photos being larger as they are difficult to view on the screen. SK stated this is a very fair comment and will instigate this.</p>	SK
13/21	The Christie Capital Development update	
	<p>SK gave an update on 5 key projects:</p> <p><i>Paterson Development:</i> This is the biggest development being undertaken at the trust at the present time. As of 21.6.21 work has commenced on the seventh floor structure which is the last of the main floors. There is now progress with the lift shafts and stair cores, ground floor and first floor cladding framework and internally work has started installing drainage, sprinkler systems and internal partitions. SK also showed some drone footage which gave an idea of the scale of the building.</p> <p>SK explained that work is on budget and is currently due to finish on time in December 2022 although there will still be a number of challenges along the way. There are a number of very minor changes requiring formal consent which include flues, ventilation grills, minor cladding changes to the outside of the building and slight changes to the roof but he reiterated these are very minor changes only.</p> <p><i>Christie at Macclesfield:</i> SK reminded members that this is the trust's second largest development which will include 16 chemotherapy chairs and 2 linac bunkers. It is scheduled to finish in December 2021. There are some challenges around material availability and supplies and also with the electricity connections and dialogue is ongoing.</p> <p><i>Tiered car park:</i> SK explained that the first spaces will be available in December 2021 and work is taking place as quickly as reasonably possible. Work has now been completed on the basement area and the central lift shaft has been installed. SK stated that overall work is currently on programme and also on budget. Consent will be required for some minor changes, including revising the ramps and providing a gateway for access to a fire hydrant. There will also be some minor changes inside the construction behind some of the green walls but there will be no material changes to the appearance of the building.</p> <p>SK explained that a condition of the planning consent was the Cotton Lane and Wilmslow Road improvements. These include cycle area changes, traffic lights and a designated crossing and cycle box and dialogue remains ongoing. SK stated there have been some issues noted regarding contractor parking in the immediate area which is unacceptable but he has spoken to IHP and appropriate measures are in place.</p> <p><i>Combined Heat and Power System:</i> This work will commence in August onwards and will include updating lights to LED fittings and minor changes in the plant room. This has been procured as a joint venture between The Department of Health and the NHS.</p>	

	<p><i>CAR-T Cell Therapy Unit:</i> This is now complete and has been very well received by clinical colleagues.</p> <p>AS thanked SK for a very informative presentation and asked those present for any questions.</p> <p>MG stated that clearly a lot of work has been undertaken however the noise and vibration caused by the car park build is a bad experience for residents. She also observed that the current multi-storey car park plans do not provide her with privacy. She said that in her opinion experiences of the local residents are dismissed. In response SK noted that given the scale of the development, it was practically impossible to eliminate all disruption, but that the measures in place are reasonable.</p> <p>SB stated that he also supported MG's comments. He was aware from other construction works that Vinci operate a red and yellow card system for their contractors.</p> <p>SK agreed that Vinci do operate this system and has seen reports to this effect.</p> <p>RS asked a question regarding the Paterson building and specifically if the concrete being used is recycled material. SK stated there is a percentage of recycled aggregate and will report back at the next meeting on the exact figures.</p> <p>DR commented about the planning points re Paterson building and gave a technical explanation re the changes and stated they were non material amendments.</p> <p>MMc stated that she disagreed with some of the points made at this meeting and that The Christie has definitely not made her life worse.</p> <p>BI raised the issue of the Section 278 works and wished the trust to be mindful of primary schools close by. He also asked a question regarding the Paterson roof terrace and wondered what is being proposed?</p> <p>DR stated that he would like to reassure BI that if The Christie chose to use the rooftop terrace for functions or events, it would be classed as a material development and therefore would require planning permission.</p> <p>SK responded to these points and said that the whole of the local area is taken into account when the Section 278 is put in place and that the scheme should improve access to the local primary school. He also said that there are no current plans for the Paterson roof terrace with such work not included within the IHP contract.</p> <p>BI also made a request that any proposals The Christie has regarding estates development are presented to this forum in the formative stage.</p> <p>SK added that there are no other specific developments being proposed at the present time. However, the trust is considering the next steps of its estate development strategy; where expansion or redevelopment is necessary and required but nothing beyond options at the present time. The trust is not committing to any specific project at the moment as it is still responding to the pandemic with huge demands on clinical resources and North West and national NHS guidelines.</p> <p>AS requested that the Estates Development Strategy should be an agenda item at the next meeting.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK/KB</p>
14/21	Any Other Business	
	Linda Foley, on behalf of the Fallowfield and Withington Foodbank, said that she would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and support.	
	Date of next meeting:	

The date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 5.30 p.m. via Zoom or face to face (to be advised nearer the time).