

## Neighbourhood Forum Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 DRAFT 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
Cllr. Kelly Simcock	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Dave Roscoe	MCC	Present
Gavin Evans	MCC	Apologies
Peter Smith	Resident	Apologies
Mary Nixon	Resident	Apologies
Marjorie McSweeney	Resident	Present
Stuart Bracewell	Resident	Present
Roger Smith	Withington Civic Society	Apologies
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	Present
Jim Machin	Resident	Present
Cllr. Richard Kilpatrick	Didsbury West Councillor	Present
Cllr. James Wilson	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Mhorag Goff	Resident	Apologies
Cllr. Becky Chambers	Withington Councillor	Apologies
Bernard Flanagan	The Christie	Present
Cllr. Greg Stanton	Didsbury West Councillor	Apologies
Bill Ibram	Resident	Present
Peter Walch	Resident	Present
Peter Dodd	Framework Manager IHP	Present
Richard Wilks	Resident	Apologies
Cllr. Rebecca Moore	Withington Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Garry Bridges	Old Moat Councillor	Apologies
Maggie Doyle	The Christie	Apologies
Clare Kenyon	MCC	Apologies
Nigel Elliott	MCC	Present

		Action
06/20	Standard Business	
а	Chair's Welcome and Introductions	
	AS welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting and introductions were made.	
b	Apologies for absence	
	Noted above.	
С	Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	
	It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th January 2020 were a	
	correct record.	
d	Matters arising	
	All matters arising are covered on the agenda.	
07/20	Expansion of the Controlled Parking Zone	
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Nigel Elliott (NE), Project Manager, Highways Service from MCC was welcomed to the meeting. NE was attending on behalf of Clare Kenyon who had sent her apologies for this meeting.

NE stated that since the last meeting in January much work had been undertaken. He said that the full set of plans had now been circulated following meetings between the various wards and councillors. It is anticipated that it will be March 2021 when the legal advertising is placed on the street. The aim is to let people know by social media and legal notices in order that people are aware and they can then object or comment if wished. MCC will then be communicating to properties to advise when the scheme will be operational and how to apply for a permit.

AS thanked NE for his update and asked the members of the forum for any comments.

Gavin White (GW) stated that the Old Moat ward overall were happy with progress. He said that since the last neighbourhood forum meeting there had been some well attended meetings at Withington Library. They had met with council officers and GW was pleased with the outcome from his ward.

Chris Wills (CW) stated that people in his area (Withington) very much echoed what GW said. He said that meetings had been held and feedback had been received. They were now happy with the proposals on the table and were aware that there was still opportunity to raise any concerns residents might have.

John Leech (JL) representing Didsbury West, stated that they too had gone through the process, and that people were generally happier with proposals than at the beginning. He said that quite a few things were omitted from the original proposals in relation to the review of the scheme rather than expansion, but that now generally people are much happier.

Richard Kilpatrick (RK) stated there were a couple of outstanding issues but that NE and his team are fully aware of them. He stated that it is felt that this whole scheme has progressed massively and that he thanks to the officers for working hard with the local residents.

AS asked if any of the residents from the Didsbury West area had comments to make? Jim Machin (JM) stated that he felt that the new drawings looked fine to him as opposed to the original ones and that the vast majority of residents are pleased with the final scheme.

Marjorie McSweeney (MM) raised the issue of limited parking spaces on Mayville Drive, as this is a very narrow road. It was confirmed that Mayville Drive will be for

permit holders only.

Bill Ibram (BI) asked if Rathan Road would be permit holders only. NE will look into this matter but reminded the forum that the legal advertising stage is an opportunity for more comments/objections to be raised.

NE

Madeleine Rose (MR) also asked about Oak Road and whether it is proposed that it will be permit holders only for part of that road? Again NE will come back to MR with an answer outside of this meeting.

NE

The group were reminded that the resident side of Oak Road is in Didsbury West, and that there have been historic issues with the scheme regarding driveways on Oak Road. These comments have been passed onto NE outside of this meeting.

BI stated that he had not seen the plans but a petition had been sent off to the Highways Dept. It was requested that he sends this again to NE and Chris Wills.

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James Wilson (JE) said that his ward of Didsbury East were very happy with the plans and he wished to pass on his thanks to NE and colleagues for their hard work.

DE summarised by stating that the next stage is to iron out any remaining issues followed by the legal advertising of the scheme in March.

JE raised the issue that following legal advertising in March, and assuming that goes to plan and no further changes are required, what then would be the timescale for implementation?

NE confirmed that if all goes well, then implementation would most likely be during July 2021. He stated that letters will be produced advising timescales but that if there are any objections, from his past experience, that could put the scheme back by a couple of months.

AS thanked NE for attending the meeting and for his update. NE left the meeting.

## 08/20 Neighbourhood Newsletter

SK stated that the Neighbourhood Newsletter was a new initiative introduced to keep local residents updated on works at the Trust. These included construction projects or any over running works etc. He had engaged with a company called Local Dialogue to produce this newsletter and would now handover to Rachael Barker (RB) and Rupuk Patel (RP) in order for them to update the group.

RB said that the aim of this newsletter was to inform residents without overburdening them with information but also to hopefully quell any concerns they might have. Currently this newsletter is produced fortnightly. RB said that she feels that residents are receiving the information they need and that the content should be right but asked for feedback from residents. Local Dialogue have tried to keep the newsletter as informative as possible with items that residents need to know, with a two week look ahead for news such as any road closures.

RB asked for any comments in particular would residents prefer to receive this weekly or is fortnightly about right?

AS asked how residents subscribe to this newsletter, what is the process and how many are signed up to receive it?

RP stated that they had originally issued a letter to around 3,000 local residents

informing them how to subscribe. It was confirmed that to date there are 172 residents who have signed up for the update, most of whom are the very nearest neighbours to the hospital site.

GW said that he felt that this newsletter was good although it was missing some of the wider aspects of interest to residents e.g. tree planting, and the amazing work carried out by the hospital in treating people with cancer. He felt this would be good feedback to the local community. He said that information on the construction work is useful on a day to day basis but that wider information perhaps quarterly, for example, on research and clinical news would be good to hear.

RB stated that this was a really good point and the original intention was to do that although this had been slightly side-tracked by Covid. She said that this would now be taken forward and reiterated that now is a good point for residents to sign up to receive this newsletter.

JW stated that in his opinion fortnightly was too much and that monthly might be better.

In conclusion, SK stated that this was good feedback and he will have conversations internally with the Christie communications team. He suggested perhaps a change in frequency to three-weekly with a different content on a quarterly basis. He added that it was never the intention to replace wider newsletters, it was purely a mechanism to keep people appraised of construction works so that residents can plan and communicate with The Christie if there are any problems.

Action: SK to talk to Christie communications team regarding changes to newsletter

SK

AS thanked SK, RB and RP for their update.

09/20

## The Christie Capital Development update to include Paterson Redevelopment

SK undertook a presentation on capital projects for The Christie undertaken so far this year and those planned for the next twelve months.

He stated that much work was in response to the global pandemic in order to protect both patients and staff but that a number of other projects had also been undertaken.

- Acute assessment unit 23 bedded ward with oxygen supplies to all beds.
   IHP were appointed to undertake the work and this was completed from beginning to end in 5 weeks only. This unit is used daily, at times all 23 beds are occupied. This has made a real difference in the ability to provide care for patients and better facilities for staff.
- Two additional Theatres in partnership with The Christie Private Care. This was to provide the additional capacity for projected backlog in cancer surgery. The project was part of a series of planned works.

SK stated that these are the two largest projects undertaken. However, there are a number of smaller projects. These include:

- 70 additional car parking spaces created on the old A&B blocks.
- Upgrade oxygen supply capacity
- New staff and patient entrances on Wilmslow Road, Palatine Road and Oak Road providing patient and staff screening, including thermal imaging cameras.
- SK stated that the single biggest project unrelated to Covid is the Paterson

Redevelopment construction. This is continuing and is nearly back to ground level. SK said that the basement floor is now complete and that they are currently forming lift shafts. In the few weeks residents will notice more building work rising from ground level. The Trust has received consent from MCC for some minor amendments relating to a slight reduction in the height of the building and glazing, samples of glass will be sent to MCC so it meets the quality expected.

- The second largest project is The Christie at Macclesfield which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> satellite site at a cost of £26m. SK had originally outlined the completion date as 2021 but dates had slipped by around 3/4months although work is now progressing well.
- Tiered car park the Trust have taken the difficult decision to delay works, (although remain committed) due to the Covid pandemic. There are two reasons for this decision -. One is that staff are under considerable pressure and strain and asking them to park remotely from the site was not fair. It was also felt that this provided unnecessary construction work at that time. Presently work is expected to start around April 2021 and will be completed by late 2021, early 2022. The Trust were reviewing some very minor changes to provide increased ecological proposals for a greener appearance.
- Combined heat and power system the existing system had reached end of life and is to be replaced. This will need a new chimney stack, which will be shorter by 3 metres than the existing. Work is ongoing with partners.
- CAR-T facilities completion March 2021.
- Gardens these provided a sanctuary for staff to take time out during a
  testing time. Included in this piece of work was clearing of vegetation outside
  of MCRC building and cutting the grass to make the appearance more
  presentable.

GW asked for clarity about the height of the Paterson building, plans for the Bridge Club and car parking.

SK said the reduction in height of the Paterson building was around 1.8 to 2 metres, which was done by a reduction in floor to ceiling height by a small amount on each floor.

Car Park A (tiered car park) – the Trust do remain committed and this was a clause in the planning permission for the Paterson. The decision to pause was purely down to the increased burden on staff and the Paterson programme itself.

The Bridge Club is owned by the Charity, technically the Trust is a tenant. There are no current plans to use this space other than as a car park.

JM noted this was a good presentation, and expressed thanks to SK. He felt this had covered all the points raised by Stuart Bracewell's earlier email.

SK wished to say thank you to people on this call and local councillors. He said it had been a challenging time for residents, as sometimes work was taking place over 24 hours, and expressed his thanks to residents for their patience.

AS thanked SK for an excellent presentation.

## 10/20 Any other Business

 BI and JL wished to thank SK for addressing the issue of contractor parking – this has been solved and doesn't happen now.

•	SK stated that there had been feedback about litter on Tatton Grove and said that there is now a daily litter pick in that area which he hoped had addressed the issue.	
•	GW asked if there was any feedback following the consultation around tree planting? SK stated that this had been delayed due to the Covid pandemic but that he needs to arrange meetings with stakeholders and look at how to move forward together.	
	Action: SK will arrange meetings and feedback at the next meeting	SK
Date	and time of next online meeting:	
Tues	day, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 5.30 – 7 p.m. via Zoom.	