

Christie Neighbourhood Forum
Tuesday 3 December 2024
The Paterson, Ground Floor Rooms 54-00-104 & 54-00-105, The Christie & Microsoft Teams
Minutes

Members	Representing	Present / Apologies
Alex Beedle (AB)	The Christie	Present
Alan Denham (AD)	Resident	Present
Bill Ibrahim (BI)	Resident	Present (MST)
Cllr. Andrew Simcock (Chair) (AS)	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Cllr. Angela Gartside (AG)	Withington Councillor	Present
Cllr. Chris Wills (CW)	Withington Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Debbie Hilal (DH)	Didsbury West Councillor	Present (MST)
Cllr. Garry Bridges (GB)	Old Moat Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Gavin White (GW)	Old Moat Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. John Leech (JL)	Didsbury West Councillor	Present
Cllr. Leslie Bell (LB)	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Cllr. Linda Foley (LF)	Didsbury East Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Richard Kilpatrick (RK)	Didsbury West Councillor	Apologies
Dave Roscoe (DR)	MCC Planning	Apologies
Debbie Hey (DH)	Resident	Apologies
Doug Edwards (DE)	Resident	Present
Helen Denham (HD)	Resident	Present
Gavin Evans	MCC South Neighbourhood Team	Apologies
Jennifer Chatfield (JC)	Deloitte	Apologies
Jim Machin	Resident	Apologies
Karen Bullen (KB)	Resident	Apologies
Madeleine Rose (MR)	Resident	Present
Mandy Salmon	Neighbourhood Manager	Apologies
Marjorie McSweeney (MM)	Resident	Present
Margaret Booth	Resident	Present (MST)
Matthew O'Connell (MO)	Resident	Present (MST)
Mhorag Goff (MG)	Resident	Apologies
Nicola Brown (NB)	MCC	Apologies
Patricia Wilkinson (PW)	Parking Services Manager MCC	Apologies
Rachel Barker (RB)	Resident	Apologies
Rita Whitehead (RW)	Resident	Apologies
Rosie Gill (RG)	The Christie	Present

Sally Parkinson (SP)	The Christie	Present
Simon Cook (SC)	City Council's Highways team	Apologies
Stuart Bracewell (SB)	Resident	Present
Stuart Keen (SK)	The Christie	Apologies
Will Blair (WB)	The Christie	Present
Fi Fitton (minutes)	The Christie	Present (part) (MST)

01/24	Standard business	Action
a	Chair's welcome and Introductions	
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made for attendees in person and those on MS Teams.	
b	Apologies for absence	
	Noted above.	
c	Minutes and actions of the last meeting held on 3 September 2024	
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record following the amendments below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret Booth was in attendance on 3 September. MG from Cotton Lane sent her apologies and sent an email to AS and SP raising concerns about the lack of accountability by the trust regarding tree pollarding and air quality monitoring. SP will respond to the email. <p>Action: SP to respond to MGs email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB queried the parking figures, particularly in section 02/24 starting on page 2 towards the bottom. There were discrepancies in the numbers related to people parking without permits and other violations. SP explained one set of numbers was a subset of the other. SB stated it was Danesmoor Road, not Danes Moor on agenda item 02/24. <p>Action log discussed and updated.</p>	SP
d	Matters arising	
	<p>Enforcing parking bay rules was highlighted as difficult. The discussion included the legal position of whether moving a car within a bay counts as moving it out of the restricted area. It was noted that this issue would be taken up with the PW at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Follow up with PW regarding the parking scheme figures and enforcement statistics.</p> <p>BI raised the issue of cars parking in cycle lanes, which forces cyclists into the middle of the road, creating a dangerous situation. He suggested that implementing double yellow lines could prevent cars from parking in these lanes.</p> <p>Action: PW to clarify on the enforcement of cycle lanes and parking regulations at the next meeting.</p>	PW PW

02/24	Car Parking Zone	
	<p>PW sent apologies but emailed the parking enforcement data for September, October, and November 2024 which was emailed to members of CNF this afternoon. AS reported that the figures were consistent with the last 3 months figures. The total of PCNs issued was 3343 and the total visits were 54,232.</p> <p>It was mentioned that some people are repeatedly paying fines without changing their behaviour. It was suggested that increasing the number of visits could help get the message across to persistent offenders.</p> <p>It was reported that there isn't a "no loading" sign at the corner of Circular Road and Oak Road therefore the wardens say they cannot ticket people there. It is dangerous for people turning into Circular Road. Could this be reported to the relevant authority? JL stated that he had reported this previously. AS agreed to report it as well. DE agreed to send AS an email regarding the above.</p> <p>Action: AS to report adding a "no loading" sign at the corner of Circular Road and Oak Road to the local authority.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding complaints from a resident on Pine Road and people parking outside their house. DH has been in discussion with the resident and SC who would like Pine Road to be included in the parking scheme. SC has said this isn't an option. SC suggested "H bars" previously to the resident. DH is happy to meet with the resident and Highways to discuss potential solutions for the parking issues on Pine Road.</p> <p>MR discussed the need for a review of the existing parking scheme. AG mentioned that residents on Parkville Road are regularly in touch about parking issues. She noted that some areas are not heavily used by residents and could be adjusted to better meet the needs of the community. Enforcement officers could help identify these areas.</p> <p>BI raised concerns about the effectiveness of the Travel Plan at The Christie, questioning whether staff are using public transport and cycling as encouraged. He mentioned that a doctor had asked to rent a parking space from him, indicating that staff might not be using the provided travel options. RG stated that there is a robust staff parking scheme in place and staff must meet the criteria before being added to the waiting list. WB advised that the Green Plan is still being implemented and actively promoted. There are new cycle compounds. The barriers to sustainable travel are public transport infrastructure and safe cycle lanes and stated that while there are good buses in the area, the wider network is lacking, making it difficult for people to use public transport effectively. They are working with the Withington Village Regeneration Partnership to lobby for improvements in public transport access and cycling infrastructure in the area. AB mentioned that the cycle compounds are well-used during good weather but are only about 50% used during winter.</p>	AS
03/24	Withington Village Regeneration Partnership (WVRP) update	
	<p>AB presented slides and highlighted key points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sole objective of WVRP – The regeneration of Withington • GMCA lobbying forum for funding in public realm being sought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Meeting held with Claire Stocks GMCA Active Travel Strategy Officer 27/09/24 (Christie / WVRP) 	

- Reviewing where do we go next with lobbying for Withington Public realm investment
- Plans for the development can be seen in Withington Library
- MCC new role Head of sustainable Transport (Catrina Swanson) – meeting TBA / highways management planning for Withington area
- Suggestion from GMCA to continue to lobby Local Councillors lobbying recognising they are engaged. Local councillors from Withington do attend regularly
- Indications funds focused on North Manchester deprived areas
- Improving Journeys - Manchester. Engagement Survey completed (open to public)
- Withington Walls regeneration formed own group, reviewing possible proposals for the Christie
- Graffiti concerns of area – making private Landlords aware of their responsibilities / impression of area e.g., Bank graffiti. This was reported to the council to get this removed and is a work in progress

Feedback from recent WVRP Meeting:

- Safer Streets has been amended following public consultation. There is another version which is currently running, and the consultation has just closed on this.
- Copson Street and Rutherford Place regeneration scheme - UK Shared prosperity fund
 - Any queries to: withington.village@manchester.gov.uk.
 - Placing making concept Local consultations held with Q&As
 - Designed to RIBA Stage 4
 - No objections to TROs
 - Timescales indicative
 - Contractor appointment late 24
 - Contractor will present plans and programmes
 - Aim scheme completion 2025
 - Event being planned to celebrate completion
- Car park D – signage queuing deterrent improvements made

JL asked what the definition was on deprived areas in North Manchester. JL stated that the Old Moat estates fell within the top 5% deprivation. If the area of Old Moat and Withington were 2 wards together and was added and worked out the level of deprivation of these would not fall within an area classed as being deprived. However, you could argue that the Old Moat estate was equally deprived as areas of North Manchester.

AG stated that the library Rutherford Place is still part of Copson Street public realm improvements and WRP. The public realm improvements are starting up at the library Rutherford Place first. They are closing off Wellington Road at the side of the library whilst they make it more of an event space. Christmas at Withington will be the Red Lion this year on Friday 6 December at 5pm to 6pm.

DE asked what the responsibilities for private landlords was. AG replied they're responsible for their own buildings. It goes through a legal process if it is not rectified.

There was a discussion regarding people receiving car park tickets for waiting to park on the Wilmslow Road Car Park D.

	<p>Action: PW to clarify if people are receiving car parking tickets for queuing for the Car Park D, Wilmslow Road.</p> <p>DE asked where the cameras were. AB advised that there are cameras pointing down from the Paterson Building directed onto Wilmslow Road; the sign is a deterrent. HD asked whether the mobile cars cover this area or just other streets. AS stated that he didn't feel that the camera on Wilmslow Road are enforcing.</p> <p>Car Park A – Gardens and grounds maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent accredited survey of trees (guidance 3 years) In liaison with Local Authority • Greenery changes • Trees can suffer decay, disease, dying • Keep trees health stock, pruning and pollarding • High level comms issued with letters prior to works • Maximise living areas, flourish & healthy • Taken out car parking space to facilitate more plant screening at rear • Aiming to plant 2 more mature evergreens at rear • Further evergreens and deciduous to replace / maintain existing stock levels like for like • Netting behind wood façade for screening 	PW
04/24	Replacement of Derek Crowther building	
	<p>SP updated on behalf of SK.</p> <p>The Derek Crowther building is a Trust owned modular facility on Trust land with an expired temporary planning permission. This was shown at a past CNF as a redevelopment to form a pathology facility but is now a development driven by the Christie Charity.</p>	
05/24	The Christie Capital development update	
	<p>SP updated on behalf of SK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TIF ward development is complete, open and very well received. • We have some minor internal projects ongoing such as the replacement of the inpatient pharmacy dispensing system and the replacement of linear accelerators together with refurbishment of wards. • The ASIC (Wilmslow Road redevelopment for which planning was granted in 2023) is still in the design phase. 	
06/24	The Christie Golden Lion update	
	<p>SP updated on behalf of SK.</p> <p>Car Park C – The application is still pending, and we have finalised a management strategy including the signage. We are meeting with MCC to review whether they believe it is sufficient progress to address the feedback and hence the way forward for planning. We are hoping we can agree a permanent consent. RG advised there was a meeting last week liaising with the council. There will be future updates.</p>	

	HS2/NPR – no further correspondence received.	
07/24	Christie Charity owned buildings	
	<p>SP updated on behalf of SK.</p> <p>The Bridge Club on Palatine Road is aging and has been used for parking for a number of years, the Grange has also been used for contractor parking but is now fenced off. The next Charity Board is scheduled for w/c 9 December whereby the Christie Charity buildings will be discussed. There would have to be planning permission if the building was going to be used for anything.</p>	
08/24	Any other business	
	None.	
	<p>Date and time of next meetings 2025:</p> <p>4 March 3 June 2 September 2 December</p> <p>5.30pm to 7pm via Microsoft Teams & Meeting rooms 54-00-104 and 54-00-105 in the Paterson Building, The Christie Hospital.</p>	