

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 14 December 2017
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Andy Sorton (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Charlie Stewart (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Richard Coaton, Dickie Davies, Philip Harding, Daniel Hawthorne,
Wendy Wild and Elise Wilson.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 9 November 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Public Realm

Mark Calderbank, Public Realm Inspector, attended the meeting to report on current issues and to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to public realm issues within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee. A written summary was also provided of the work carried out by the Public Realm Service and Public Protection Enforcement Officers in the Central Stockport area (copies of which had been circulated).

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- The Public Realm Team and the Community Payback Team were thanked for their work to clear the alleyways behind Shaw Road South and Lowfield Road, Stockport. The Public Realm team were also thanked for the installation of the new litter bin on Florist Street.

- A Member requested details of the Community Protection Warning for graffiti that had been served to a building's Managing Agent in the town centre

RESOLVED – That Mark Calderbank be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

5. TOWN CENTRE LIVING DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a presentation (copies of which had been circulated) which provided an analysis of baseline information to establish an understanding of the current housing mix, facilities and amenities within the town centre.

The presentation was made by Alistair Chapman from CBRE consultants.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The aim was to have a mixture of houses and flats in Stockport Town Centre and achieve the right balance of each. At the same time developers had to consider the viability of schemes.
- A significant issue was how the accommodation could be priced so that it could be afforded by young people and those on low incomes. The difference between the situation in Stockport and when Manchester was expanding its housing in the city centre was that Stockport had an existing population in the town centre.
- The next phase of the work would examine where amenities and social infrastructure were in relation to the proposed areas for accommodation.
- One of the other aims of the Scrutiny Review on Town Centre Living was to try and improve facilities and the environment for residents who currently lived in the town centre, for example by the provision of small local areas of play.

RESOLVED - That Alistair Chapman be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

6. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A development application was submitted.

(NOTE: Full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. The Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. In order to reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not

reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planningdecisions. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained from the Place Directorate upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

The Chair outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications

(i) DC/066750 - Change of use of former public house to care home with demolition of side and rear extensions and erection of new side and rear extensions to form 60-bed care home with ancillary community cafe, parking, servicing and landscaping. Adswood Hotel, 60 Adswood Lane West, Cale Green.

In respect of plan no. 66750 for a change of use of a former public house to care home with demolition of side and rear extensions and erection of new side and rear extensions to form a 60-bed care home with ancillary community café, parking, servicing and landscaping at the Adswood Hotel, 60 Adswood Lane West, Cale Green,

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions contained in the report.

7. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcement activity within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE AND LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - CROSBY STREET, STOCKPORT

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a proposal to resurface the footway on one side of Crosby Street (evens) from Adswood Lane East to Wellington Grove, Stockport.

RESOLVED – That the resurfacing of the footway on one side of Crosby Street, Stockport (evens) from Adswood Lane East to Wellington Grove be approved, at an approximate cost of £6,000, to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Davenport and Cale Green Ward allocation).

9. HIGHWAY ADVERTISING – UPDATE OF PRE-EXISTING ARRANGEMENT AND PROPOSED SITES FOR ADDITIONAL BOUNDARY SIGNAGE

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of the pre-existing Highways Advertising arrangements and detailing proposals for the introduction of additional boundary signage for the purposes of identifying additional boundary locations with an accompanying potential for Highway Advertising.

The Area Committee was requested to comment on the proposals and the revised boundary signage arrangements would subsequently be approved by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was clarified that there was no opportunity to have signage without advertising as there was no budget to facilitate this.
- The suggested approach could lead to a lack of consistency across the borough.
- More information was required on the crests for different areas of the borough and what they meant. Different areas of the borough had different historical links.
- The boundary of some of the borough's district and local centres was a community recognition of the boundary of those areas. It was recognised that the boundary between certain areas was unclear. This process presented an opportunity to rectify any areas of uncertainty.
- It was important that quality signage was used which would help to improve the quality of the environment.

RESOLVED –(1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the revised boundary signage arrangements be re-considered by this Area Committee in twelve months' time.

10. ROUTE RECLASSIFICATION

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to comment on the reclassification and declassification of designated routes associated with the Town Centre Access Plan.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- The proposed reclassification and declassification of designated routes associated with the Stockport Town Centre Access Plan would have no effect on the modelling of the different schemes associated with the Town Centre Access Plan. It would make traffic signage easier to direct.
- Residents were encouraged to respond to the consultation.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the outcome of the consultation be reported back to the Area Committee.

11. STOCKPORT ROAD, CHEADLE HEATH - RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a proposal to implement a Traffic Regulation Order for Permit Holders Only Parking on Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing be recommended to approve the statutory legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order, as shown on plan no. NM27/6191/02A attached to the report, at an approximate cost of £750 to be funded from the Parking Budget and, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the Order be made:-

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Residents Permit Holders Only

Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath

South East side - from a point 10 metres north east of the north easterly kerbline of St Lesmo Road for a distance of 58 metres (property numbers to be included in the scheme are 53,55,57,59, 61 and 63 Stockport Road and 121 St Lesmo Road).

12. TOWN CENTRE RIVERS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Philip Harding.

Councillor Harding reported that a large amount of rubbish had been deposited in the River Mersey and as the source of the River Mersey was in the borough, improving the environment in the vicinity of the river was something which the Council should afford a greater priority in conjunction with its partners.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee on improving the environment around the open part of the River Mersey and that the report be also submitted to the Scrutiny Review Panel on Town Centre Living.

13. PARKS EVENT APPLICATION - WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK AND VERNON PARK PARK RUN

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) regarding an application from the organisers seeking permission to hold their free weekly Park Run at Woodbank Memorial Park and Vernon Park each Saturday from the week commencing 3 January 2018 until 28 January 2019.

RESOLVED – That the application from the organisers seeking permission to hold their free weekly park run at Woodbank Memorial Park and Vernon Park each Saturday from the week commencing 3 January 2018 until 28 January 2019 be approved, subject to the organisers providing appropriate papers including event plans, health and safety documentation, licences and/or insurances.

14. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress on decisions taken by the Area Committee since the last meeting and the current position on Ward Flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the Area Committee's Delegated Budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm