

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 10 December 2018

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Chris Gordon (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Lisa Smart (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Angie Clark, Christine Corris, Stuart Corris and Syd Lloyd.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 5 November 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal Interest

Lisa Smart	Agenda Item 4(iv) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Friends of Romiley Station’ as a member of the Friends of Romiley Station.
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Personal and Prejudicial Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Angie Clark	Agenda Item 4(iv) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Friends of Romiley Station’ as committee member of the Friends of Romiley Station and her husband was the applicant. Councillor Clark left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.
Christine and Stuart Corris	Agenda Item 9 – ‘Highways Maintenance Local Initiative Report – New gate for Braddon Road Allotments’ as allotment holders at the site. Councillors Christine and Stuart Corris left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that the Christmas lights has been switched on in Romiley on Saturday, 17 November and extended the thanks of the Area Committee to Council officers for their work in ensuring the event was a success.

The Chair then thanked the 1196 Bredbury, Romiley & Marple Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets and the Stockport Sea Cadets TS Hawkins for their work in removing the large poppies that had been erected on lighting columns throughout the Werneth area for remembrance day.

Finally, it was reported that a community artwork project had been unveiled at Romiley Railway Station on Saturday, 8 December.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

Two public questions were submitted as follows:-

- Relating to the impact on schools from their use as polling stations.

The Chair responded that Woodley Primary School had been used as a polling station for a considerable number of years and was the only building within the locality which was of a sufficient size to accommodate a double polling station. It was further stated that there had been no objection from the governing board or management of the school in relation to its continued use as a polling station.

- Relating to the handling of a petition that had been raised in respect of the former 380/381 bus service.

Councillor Smart stated that she would respond to the questioner in writing.

(iii) Public Realm

Robin Boardman (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 environmental and highways issues within the area represented by the Werneth Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was commented that there were two gullies missing their grid cover adjacent to Woodley Eyecare in Woodley Precinct.
- It was stated that a request had previously been submitted for an investigation into the introduction of waiting restrictions at the junction of Clough Meadow and Pennine

Road, Woodley to prevent parking at school drop off and collection times, however no response had yet been received.

RESOLVED – That Robin Boardman be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Romiley Station

Alf Clark attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of the Friends of Romiley Station for the award of a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of printing.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the award of a grant of £88 to the Friends of Romiley Station towards the cost of printing.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no development applications to consider.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Werneth Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Returning Officer (copies of which had been circulated) seeking the Area Committee's views on the proposed polling arrangements within the area in order to inform the Council meeting's determination of polling districts, polling places and polling stations for forthcoming elections.

It was noted that the proposed arrangements had taken into consideration the comments of the Area Committee expressed at its last meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. STOCKPORT HOMES LTD: NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA ANNUAL REPORT

A representative of the Chief Executive, Stockport Homes Ltd submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on progress in the delivery of Stockport Homes Neighbourhood Action Plans.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was requested that details of the proposed housing surgeries to be held at the Arthur Greenwood Community Centre in the new year be circulated to members of the area committee.
- It was stated that a local resident on the Oldham Drive Estate had been particularly complimentary about the quality of the works to convert her electric heating to gas heating and asked that this be passed on to the relevant officers.
- It was requested that as part of the Winter Welfare Visits to older and more vulnerable people that information be disseminated in relation home security.
- A discussion took place in relation to the work being undertaken by Stockport Homes to address the introduction of Universal Credit in Stockport and mitigate against the impact of this on tenants.
- The introduction of the 'Your Local Pantry' scheme was welcomed.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - NEW GATE FOR BRADDON ROAD ALLOTMENTS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to replace the old main gate at Braddon Road Allotments, Woodley.

RESOLVED – That approval be given the replacement of the main gate at Braddon Road Allotments, Woodley at a cost of £1,250 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation).

10. HIGHER BENTS LANE

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to improve the number of dropped kerb crossing facilities in the Higher Bents Lane area, following an approved feasibility report which was undertaken in response to concerns raised regarding suitable routes for mobility scooter users.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the proposed scheme to introduce a number of dropped kerb crossing facilities in the Higher Bents Lane area, as detailed in the plans appended to the report, at a total cost of £19,985.08 to be funded jointly from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (£19,135.08 from the Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation) and the Highway Improvement Programme (£850).

11. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of 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 the Area Flexibility and the Delegated budget.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Discussions were taking place with legal services to resolve issues with regard to the implementation of parking restrictions on Kimberley Avenue, Romiley.
- Progress was requested with regard to the introduction of 'No Waiting At Any Time' traffic regulations orders at the junction of Birchvale Drive and Peaslake Close, Romiley.
- It was stated that at the last meeting of the Area Committee, proposals to consolidate existing traffic regulation orders on Green Lane, Romiley were deferred pending the completion of the residential development on that part of Green Lane affected by the proposed waiting restrictions. It was stated that it was now anticipated that the houses would begin to be occupied shortly, and that revised proposals should now be brought before the area committee that did not contain any waiting restrictions to the front of these properties.
- It had previously been requested that data obtained from the use of the Mobile Speed Indicator Device be submitted to a future meeting of the area committee, however this had not yet been forthcoming. It was requested that this be brought to the next meeting of the area committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.46 pm