

## **CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 26 September 2019

At: 6.00 pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Philip Harding (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dickie Davies (Vice-Chair);  
Councillors Sheila Bailey, Laura Clingan, Amanda Peers, Charlie Stewart, Kerry Waters,  
Wendy Wild and Elise Wilson.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 15 August 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

The following interest was declared:-

#### **Personal Interest**

#### **Councillor**

#### **Interest**

Wendy Wild

Agenda item 8 'Davenport and Cale Green – Proposed Permit Parking Zone' as a Governor at Cale Green Primary School.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **(i) Chair's Announcements**

No announcements were made.

#### **(ii) Neighbourhood Policing**

Sergeant Philip Lowe attended the meeting to report on neighbourhood policing issues within the Central Stockport area. He also reported on recent crime committed in the Central Stockport area.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- The police patrols whilst the Little Moor Local Centre Improvements were taking place had been successful in preventing motorists travelling the wrong way down temporary one way roads.
- The combatting of pickpockets in the town centre was raised.
- The publicity surrounding trying to prevent anti-social behaviour on halloween and bonfire night was welcomed.

RESOLVED – That Sergeant Lowe be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) 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.

Six public questions were submitted as follows with regard to parking proposals for the Davenport and Cale Green Permit Parking Zone :-

- The first public question asked whether Members would reconsider the 'Compstall Model' at least as a pilot.

Councillor Dickie Davies, the Ward Spokesperson for Highways and Traffic Management Issues in the Davenport and Cale Green Ward, referred to paragraph 9.3 of the report. The 'Compstall scheme' was a street-by-street scheme with a car park for residents only. There were 47 on street parking spaces for 79 properties and car ownership in Compstall from the 2011 Census was 1.3 to 1.5 per property. Complaints had been received from residents included in the Compstall scheme as they would like a zone to be able to park on adjacent streets instead of having to park on the car park when their street is full, which is considered restrictive. This option had been discounted in Davenport and Cale Green as there was no car park nearby.

- Two questions were submitted with regard to whether parking restrictions within a zone could be in operation all the time.

Councillor Davies stated that the proposals consulted on in 2019 were for the scheme to be operational Monday – Saturday 8.00am – 6.00pm, giving maximum opportunity for visitor parking during quieter periods. Evidence had suggested that the parking problems were mainly caused by people working at local businesses and were, therefore, less of a problem during the evenings and on Sundays.

The other three public questions related to the whole process leading to the submission of this report, the consultation process, in particular, and the situation regarding a registered disabled person who needed to park near to their home.

RESOLVED – (1) That the responses to the first three public questions be noted.

(2) That the Deputy Chief Executive be requested to arrange for written responses to be sent to the questioners with regard to the other three questions.

Executive Business

(iv) Davenport and Cale Green – Proposed Permit Parking Zone

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) presenting the findings from a consultation undertaken in June and July 2019 on a proposed Permit Parking scheme in Davenport and Cale Green, and seeking approval to implement the proposed scheme.

The feedback from the consultation had been carefully considered. The implementation of a zonal scheme would allow flexibility and the introduction of controlled business parking permits. The 'Compstall Scheme' had been put forward by residents as a solution for this area. This was a street-by-street scheme with a car park for residents only and had been discounted because there is no car park nearby.

With the agreement of the Area Committee, a member of the public who was opposed to the proposals was permitted to address the Area Committee for three minutes.

RESOLVED – That the proposed zonal scheme be implemented on a pilot basis, to be funded from the parking budget, comprising the updates referred to in Section 7 of the report, and shown on drawing NM27-6228-04 at Appendix C to the report.

(2) That the scheme be subject to ongoing monitoring and reviews to be undertaken:-

- after three months to consider any impact on the areas surrounding the zone.
- after ten months to consider the operation of the zone itself, associated permits and any impact on the surrounding areas.

Community Engagement (Continued)

(v) 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.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Fly tipping in the vicinity of Grimshaw Street and Glebe Street, Offerton was raised.
- The success of the work of the Grow Edgeley community group and the Olive Branch Community Café on Castle Street were highlighted in the Edgeley and Cheadle Heath Ward, and Officers thanked for their help with these projects.
- The issue was raised of the serving of a formal warning letter as part of an enforcement process on a business on Oakfield Road in relation to them using the public footpath and highway for the storage of stock as it was a danger to pedestrians and cyclists. Monitoring of the site would continue to ensure compliance.

RESOLVED – That Mark Calderbank be thanked for his attendance.

(vi) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(vii) Open Forum - Rising Stars NW CIC

Solomon Onaolapo from the Rising Stars group attended the meeting to discuss the work of the organisation and the impact they were having in Stockport and specifically in the Central Stockport area.

The organisation was currently delivering a project funded through heritage lottery funding on 'Black History Stockport'. The project was researching Stockport's Black Heritage and history over the last 100 years to create the first archive which would be exhibited at Stockport Art Gallery, Stockport Libraries, Manchester Central Library and schools from October – December 2020.

As a way of generating interest and building appetite for the main exhibition, a series of interactive workshops and events was planned throughout October 2019 including a weekly radio show and podcasts, a live painting workshop and a live music event.

RESOLVED – That Solomon Onaolapo be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

**5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

Development applications were 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/planning](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/planning). 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).

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/073258 - Land rear of 178 to 184 Lowndes Lane, Offerton

In respect of plan no, 73258 for the erection of five houses on land to the rear of 178 to 184 Lowndes Lane, Offerton

a member of the public spoke against the application

It was then:-

RESOLVED – (Five for, three against) That planning permission be granted, subject to conditions.

(ii) DC/073476 - 29 Hanson Mews, Offerton, Stockport

In respect of plan no. 73476 for a change of use from dwelling to children's home, it was:-

RESOLVED – That the application be deferred and a representative of the applicant be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to respond to questions from Members.

## **6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & 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 enforcement activity within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That an update on the enforcement notice served on 287 Wellington Road South, Heaviley be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

## **7. PERMANENT CHANGE OF POLLING STATION - MANOR WARD, POLLING STATION VB**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) seeking the views of the Area Committee on a proposal for a permanent change of polling station for all future elections in the Manor Ward, Polling District VB.

RESOLVED – That the Deputy Chief Executive be advised that this Area Committee supports the permanent change of polling station for all future elections in the Manor Ward, Polling District VB from the Union United Reform Church, Maitland Street to Stockport Lads Club, Hempshaw Lane.

## **8. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the operation of the Speed Indicator Devices operated by Road Safety on behalf of the Cabinet Member and the Area Committees.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members queried whether the Central Stockport area had received value for money from the devices. Concern was expressed that the Area Committee had provided funding to ensure that the Speed Indicator Devices could be re-sited on at least ten occasions per year, and this had not been achieved.
- Two of the devices in the Edgeley and Cheadle Ward had malfunctioned. Members asked for a report on the number of devices that had not worked

- Some of the devices had been showing speeds in kilometres not miles per hour which had been problematical.

RESOLVED – That a representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to respond to Members' concerns.

## **9. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm