

## **STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 10 March 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Weldon (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Lou Ankers, Grace Baynham, Will Dawson, Charles Gibson and Wendy Meikle.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 January 2020 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 interests were declared:-

#### **Personal Interests**

##### **Councillor**

##### **Interest**

Wendy Meikle      Agenda Item 4 (vii) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Warren Wood Primary School’ as a Governor of the Warren Wood Primary School.

Agenda Item 4 (x) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Help the Hatters’ as a Stockport County fan.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Councillor Will Dawson updated the Committee regarding two meetings that were held in the local community regarding the Stepping Hill parking issue that had over 500 local residents in attendance to let their views known. Councillors Weldon, Ankers and Wright were also in attendance to listen to the local residents. Members expressed their thanks to the Council officers in attendance.

#### **(ii) Public Question Time**

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Neighbourhood Service Structure

Charlotte Nicholls (Neighbourhoods Manager, Stockport Council) and Adam Cunningham (Senior Neighbourhood Officer, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the restructure of the Neighbourhoods Team and outlining the duties of the officers within the new team.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Concern was expressed in relation to reporting overgrown hedges, minor flooding on verges, new bin requests, fly-tipping, litter on verges and repetitive complaints. In response, it was stated that any complaints relating to overhanging hedges from private properties onto the public highway would be considered an obstruction and would be investigated by the Highways Team. Any repetitive complaints and flooding on verges should be reported through the contact centre via the councillor hotline or through the online portal. It was also stated that any new bin requests, litter or fly-tipping complaints would still be dealt with by the Neighbourhood Team and should also be reported through the online portal.
- It was commented that the Area Committee had been well served by the former Public Realm Inspector, Carolyn Turner that had been assigned to the area and members expressed their gratitude for her hard work and dedication.
- While acknowledging the move towards driving the reporting of issues online, members expressed the view that it was important for councillors to maintain a personal relationship with officers through emails and direct telephone calls.

RESOLVED – (1) That Charlotte Nicholls and Adam Cunningham be thanked for their attendance.

(2) That a list of neighbourhood officers and contact details relating to the various issues that are raised locally be circulated by email to the Committee.

(v) Open Forum - Friends of Woodsmoor Station

A representative of the 'Friends of Woodsmoor Station' was in attendance and provided the Committee with an update relating to Woodsmoor Station, fund raising and related activities.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - KIDS

The Area Committee considered an application for Ward Flexibility Funding on behalf of 'KIDS' towards the cost of purchasing an ipad pro for the club.

RESOLVED – That, the application from 'KIDS' for Ward Flexibility Funding be deferred to the next meeting subject to a representative attending.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Warren Wood Primary School

Jonny Cooke attended the meeting and submitted an application for Ward Flexibility funding on behalf of Warren Wood Primary School towards the cost of buying 'school kits' for Infants and Juniors.

RESOLVED – That, approval be given to an application from Warren Wood Primary School for a grant of £867.91 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of buying 'school kits' for Infants and Juniors.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Shahnameh

Mrs Sadegholnejat attended the meeting and submitted an application for Ward Flexibility funding on behalf of Friends of Shahnameh towards the cost of events for the local Persian community during the year, but particularly the annual celebration of The Book of Kings/Shahnameh.

RESOLVED – That, approval be given to an application from Friends of Shahnameh for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of events for the local Persian community during the year, but particularly the annual celebration of The Book of Kings/Shahnameh.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - African Caribbean Community Association

Tolu Fiberesima attended the meeting and submitted an application for Ward Flexibility funding on behalf of African & Caribbean Community Association towards the cost of a laptop and projection equipment.

RESOLVED – That, approval be given to an application from African & Caribbean Community Association for a grant of £138.42 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget to the African & Caribbean Community Association towards the cost of a laptop and projection equipment.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Help the Hatters

Eddie Powell attended the meeting and submitted an application for Ward Flexibility funding on behalf of Help the Hatters towards the cost of a number of initiatives at Stockport County Football Club.

RESOLVED – That, approval be given to an application from Help the Hatters for a grant of £142.83 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget to Help the Hatters towards the cost of a number of initiatives at Stockport County Football Club.

(xi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Fut5sport

Craig McKay attended the meeting and submitted an application for Ward Flexibility funding on behalf of Fut5sport towards the cost of providing futsal classes, to create a futsal team, to attend competitions, enter league and host competitions and further education through the FA.

RESOLVED – That, approval be given to an application from Fut5sport for a grant of £1500 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget to Fut5sport towards the cost of providing futsal classes, to create a futsal team, to attend competitions, enter league and host competitions and further education through the FA.

## **5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

There were no applications to consider.

## **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 Stepping Hill Area Committee.

Members expressed concern relating to the officer site visits scheduled for after the Area Committee meeting. It was stated that the Area Committees are held every six weeks and officers should make arrangements to conduct site visits before the Area Committee meeting in order that the updates could be provided to the Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **7. HEMPSHAW LANE, OFFERTON**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for amended Traffic Regulation Orders on Hempsshaw Lane, Offerton as part of the Battersby Hat Works Development.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following traffic regulation orders, within the purview of this Area Committee at a cost to be funded by the Developer and, subject to the receipt of no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent Orders be made: -

Revoke No Waiting at Any Time:

Hempsshaw Lane

South Westerly side from a point 7 metres North West of the South Westerly kerb line of Garth Road for a distance of 12 metres in a North Westerly direction.

Southerly side from a point 7 metres East of the North Easterly kerb line of Garth Road for a distance of 24 metres in an Easterly direction.

(2) That it be noted that the following element of the scheme was subject to the separate approval of the Central Stockport Area Committee:-

Introduce No Waiting at Any Time:

Hattersby Lane

Both sides from the Northerly kerb-line of Hempshaw Lane for a distance of 10 metres in a Northerly direction (to tie in with existing).

Sydney Street

Both sides from the Northerly kerb line of Hempshaw lane for a distance of 5 metres in a North Easterly direction.

Hempshaw Lane

North side from a point 1.5 metres West of the North Westerly kerb line of Sydney Street in an Easterly direction to a point 5 metres East of the South Easterly kerb line of Sydney Street.

(3) That it be noted that the scheme would be implemented upon the completion of the redevelopment of Battersby Mill.

**8. MAGDA ROAD, EYAM GROVE & HARTINGTON ROAD, OFFERTON**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' traffic regulation orders on parts of Magda Road, Eyam Grove & Hartington Road in Offerton.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders and, subject to the receipt of no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date at a cost of £800 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Offerton ward allocation), the Order be made: -

"No Waiting at Any Time":

Magda Road

South Westerly side from a point 10 metres South West of the South Westerly kerb line of Eyam Grove in a North Easterly direction to a point 10 metres North East of the North Easterly kerb line of Eyam Grove.

South Westerly side from the South Westerly kerb line of Hartington Road for a distance of 10 metres in a South Westerly direction.

Eyam Grove

Both sides from the South Westerly kerb line of Magda Road for a distance of 10 metres in a South Easterly direction.

Hartington Road

South Westerly side from the South Westerly kerb line of Magda Road for a distance of 10 metres in a South Easterly direction.

North Westerly side from a point level with the South Westerly building line of No. 28 in a South Westerly direction to the cul-de-sac end (Inc. Turning Head).

South Easterly side from a point 0.5 metres South West of the projected boundary line between Numbers 26 & 28 in South Westerly direction to the cul-de-sac end and to tie in with the above.

**9. APPLICATIONS FOR THE USE OF PARKS**

(i) Parks Event Application - The Beach at Torkington Park 2020

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 an application received from SKC Leisure to hold an event called 'The Beach comes to Hazel Grove' at Torkington Park from the 30th July until the 9th August 2020.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

(ii) Parks Event Application - Woodsmoor Classic Car Show

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 an application received from the Woodsmoor Classic Car Show to hold the 'Woodsmoor Classic Car Show' at Woodsmoor Playing Fields on Monday 31st August 2020.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

(iii) Parks Event Application - Offerton 5 Mile Race

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 an application received from the Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club to hold the 'Offerton 5 mile Race' at Woodbank Memorial Park, Vernon Parks and Poisebrook Nature Reserve for this event on Wednesday 17th June 2019 between 7.00p.m - 8.30p.m.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

**10. 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. The report also included the position on the ward delegated budgets.

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It was requested that the following updates be noted: -

- Stepping Hill Parking consultation – has now been completed.
- Passageway between Hurstfield and Henbury Road – request for it to be resurfaced currently with the Highways Team.

RESOLVED – That the report and the updates be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm