

STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 16 June 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Paul Ankers, Lou Ankers, Grace Baynham, Laura Booth, Will Dawson, Charles Gibson, Wendy Meikle, Mark Weldon and John Wright.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor RESOLVED – That Councillor Paul Ankers be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Paul Ankers (Chair) in the chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Grace Baynham be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The following interests were declared:-

Personal Interests

Councillor

Interest

Paul Ankers

Plan no. DC075639 for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a retail convenience store (Use Class A1) together with ATM, plant, satellite dishes, car parking, landscaping, including new bollards and associated infrastructure at 353-365 Buxton Road, Great Moor as a former employee of The Co-operative Group.

Paul Ankers, Wendy Meikle and Mark Weldon.

Plan no. DC075639 for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a retail convenience store (Use Class A1) together with ATM, plant, satellite dishes, car parking, landscaping, including new bollards and associated infrastructure at 353-365 Buxton Road, Great Moor as members of The Co-

operative Group.

Grace Baynham Agenda Item 6(vi) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding - Seven Miles Out Arts Community Interest Company’ as an employee of the NHS.

Will Dawson Agenda Item 6(vi) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding - Seven Miles Out Arts Community Interest Company’ as a former teacher of the applicant.

Agenda Item 6(vii) – ‘Ward Flexibility Budget - Natalies Dance Creative’ as a former teacher of the applicant.

Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor

Interest

Laura Booth Agenda Item 9 – ‘Dial Park Primary School – Road Safety Around Schools’ as a member of the Governing Body of Dial Park Primary School.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that a large number of planned events that were due to take place over the Summer period had been cancelled as a result of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

It was commented that notwithstanding the current climate, there had been a number of street parties held to celebrate VE day and members commented on the sense of community and inclusivity at these events.

(ii) Public Question Time

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

Two public questions were submitted as follows:-

- Relating to the latest position with regards to the parking consultation on the Stepping Hill Parking Zone undertaken earlier this year.

In response it was confirmed that a report was due to be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Committee detailing the results of the Stepping Hill Parking Zone consultation.

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- Relating to road safety near the Banks Lane/ Dialstone Lane junction.

It was noted that the junction in question fell within the boundaries of Manor ward and as such was within the remit of the Central Stockport Area Committee. Ward councillors undertook to work and liaise with Manor ward councillors in relation to the issue.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - KIDS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of 'KIDS' for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of buying an iPad Pro.

RESOLVED – (1) That the application from 'KIDS' for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget be declined on this occasion on the grounds that the application did not sufficiently demonstrate that residents of the Stepping Hill Area would be the primary beneficiaries of the proposed grant.

(2) That the Deputy Chief Executive be requested to make arrangements for the application to be considered by other wards where the application might be more appropriately targeted.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Seven Miles Out Arts Community Interest Company

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of 'Seven Miles Out Arts Community Interest Company' for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget to provide 100 meals free for Frontline NHS Workers from Foodie Friday street food traders.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Seven Miles Out Arts Community Interest Company for a grant of £600 to provide 100 meals free for Frontline NHS Workers from Foodie Friday street food traders.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Budget - Natalies Dance Creative

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of Natalies Dance Creative for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of an awards evening.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Natalies Dance Creative for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward flexibility Budget towards the cost of an awards evening.

7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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 & 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).

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

(i) DC075639 - 353-365 Buxton Road, Great Moor

In respect of plan no. DC075639 for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a retail convenience store (use Class A1) together with ATM, plant, satellite dishes, car parking, landscaping, including new bollards and associated infrastructure at 353-365 Buxton Road, Great Moor,

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 – (9 for) That planning permission be granted.

8. 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 Stepping Hill Area Committee.

It was requested that further information be circulated to councillors in relation to the nature of the Section 215 notice issued at 509 Hempshaw Lane, Offerton.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. DIAL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

With the consent of the Area Committee, this item was withdrawn.

10. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAYS SPOKESPERSONS

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration could consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters.

RESOLVED - That the following Councillors be appointed to act as the Highway Ward Spokespersons for 2020/21 with whom officers would liaise over traffic and highways matters:-

Hazel Grove

Councillor Paul Ankers

Offerton Ward

Councillor Laura Booth

Councillor Wendy Meikle

Stepping Hill Ward

Councillor Grace Baynham

Councillor John Wright

11. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint representatives of the Council to local Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED – That the following representatives of the Council be appointed to outside bodies for 2020/2021:-

Hazel Grove Community Association:-

Councillor Lou Ankers

Councillor Paul Ankers

Councillor Charles Gibson

12. 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 since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Area Flexibility Funding.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.33 pm