CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 12 November 2020
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 1 October 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 which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor	Interest
Charlie Stewart	Agenda item 10 'Toronto Road and Canada Street, Heaviley – Traffic Regulation Order' (Minute no.11) as a local resident. Councillor Stewart took no part in the discussion or decision on the item.

Personal Interest

Councillor	Interest
Wendy Wild	Agenda item 4 (v) 'Open Forum – FRESH (Food Ready Every School Holiday) (Minute no 9) as a trustee of Chelwood Foodbank.

In addition, Councillor Andy Sorton advised the meeting that Councillor Kerry Waters and himself had attended a presentation on the Stockport College scheme referred to at item 5 on the agenda (Minute no. 6).

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Ian Ashenden 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 issues were raised/comments made:-

- The outcome of discussions between Ward Councillors and Police Officers regarding anti-social behaviour in Brinnington was highlighted.
- Anti-social behaviour in Edgeley, some of which involved arson, was discussed and the outcome of having extra Police Officers in the area was requested.
- The riding of off road bikes in Woodlands Park, Woodbank Memorial Park and into Brinnington continued to be a problem.
- Inspector Ashenden agreed to consider how the local Police could improve its use of social media.
- Members of the public were encouraged to report incidents to enable trends to be established and resources deployed accordingly.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Ian Ashenden be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions submitted.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

5. GM CLEAN AIR PLAN: CONSULTATION

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the consultation information for the statutory consultation on the Clean Air Plan and the taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards, and asking Members to encourage people to participate in the consultation process.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. 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. 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 Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/076785 - Stockport College, Greek Street Campus, Greek Street, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC/076785 for the development of Royal George Village comprising the demolition, refurbishment and change of use of existing buildings, together with new build to provide apartments (Use Class C3), co-working office space (use Class B1) and flexible commercial space (Use Classes A1, A3, B1 and D1 and/or D2), together with new public realm and civic space, shared amenity space, landscaping, car parking, cycle parking, servicing and all other associated works at Stockport College, Greek Street Campus, Greek Street, Stockport

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission, subject to the completion of a Section 106 Agreement/Unilateral Undertaking.

(ii) DC/077008 - War Memorial Art Gallery, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC/077008 for landscaping works, including both hard and soft elements, together with new public realm, civic space, amenity space and all other associated works at the War Memorial Art Gallery, Stockport

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission, subject to the completion of a Section 106 Agreement/Unilateral Undertaking.

7. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcement action within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. ONE STOCKPORT

A representative of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the One Stockport campaign to date, an outline of Phase 2 and also sought to gain support from all wards and set out how Members and their communities could get involved going forward.

As part of the Council's economic recovery work and ongoing engagement with the community and voluntary sectors, the One Stockport campaign had been launched in Spring 2020. The campaign's overarching aims were to support local businesses, connect our communities, and promote health and wellbeing. In addition, the campaign aimed to ensure a coordinated approach to consider how Stockport could build back better.

Kirsteen Roe (Service Director – Citizen Focus, Stockport Council) and Grant Mitchell (Creative Director, Future) also attended the meeting and made a presentation on the One Stockport campaign.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- A Member expressed concern as to whether the initiative would provide any additional information to Members about inequality and deprivation in the Central Stockport area.
- Issues were raised with regard to whether the initiative would achieve what it was trying to, how it would be judged, what the outcomes were and how it would be monitored. The Area Committee was advised that an impact report would be prepared next year.
- There was a lack of understanding about the purpose of One Stockport, for example amongst traders in Edgeley district centre.

RESOLVED – That Kirsteen Roe and Grant Mitchell be thanked for their attendance.

9. OPEN FORUM - FRESH (FOOD READY EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY)

Mr Jeff Bradley from FRESH (Food Ready Every School Holiday) attended the meeting to outline the work of the organisation.

FRESH had been established earlier this year and helped support communities in the most deprived areas of Stockport by delivering food packs directly to schools, an initiative which had expanded during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic and involved working closely with other organisations such as Chelwood Foodbank.

RESOLVED – That Mr Bradley be thanked for his attendance and presentation, and the work that he and FRESH were undertaking in the Central Stockport area.

10. COVENT GARDEN VILLAGE, STOCKPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out proposed experimental Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Covent Garden village in the town centre.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve the statutory legal advertising of the experimental Traffic Regulation Orders detailed in the report relating to Covent Garden village in the town centre and, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the Order be made.

11. TORONTO ROAD AND CANADA STREET, HEAVILEY - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a revised proposal to introduce No Waiting at any Time restrictions at the junction of Toronto Road and Canada Street in Heaviley.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Area Committee be minded to approve the statutory legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order on Toronto Road and Canada Street in Heaviley, at a cost of £610 to be funded from the Area Committee Delegated Budget (Manor Ward allocation):-

No Waiting at Any Time:

Canada Street

South west side from a point 5 metres north west of the north westerly kerb line of Toronto Road in a south easterly direction to a point 5 metres south east of the south easterly kerb line of Toronto Road.

Toronto Road

Both sides from the south westerly kerb line of Canada Street for a distance of 5 metres in a south westerly direction (and to tie in with the above).

(2) That approval be given to the statutory legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order and, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the Order be made.

12. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY - AUDI GARAGE, BRINKSWAY

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Matt Wynne.

Councillor Wynne advised the meeting that when planning permission was granted for the Audi Garage on Brinksway it had been agreed that a public right of way would run through the site of the garage. Over time, as the business had expanded, this had been ignored regularly and cars were now parked over it.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

13. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) 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 8.18 pm