

MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 16 December 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Colin MacAlister (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Malcolm Allan (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Tom Dowse, Steve Gribbon, Becky Senior and Aron Thornley.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 November 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.

No interests were declared.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee: -

- Informed Marple residents that the new school term dates and the carers survey were available on the Council website for anybody who wished to view it.
- Informed Marple residents that there were three schemes for Marple baths that could be viewed at Marple baths or at the side of Marple library as well as being available online. Residents were also invited to contact their local Councillors or the Council direct to register their views before the consultation ends in January.

(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.

One public question was submitted regarding a site off Cross Lane which had become a source of anti-social behaviour and arson over a number of years.

In response, the Committee were made aware that officers were aware the property was vacant but were satisfied it was secured and no plans were in place to intervene further.

Councillor Steve Gribbon informed the Committee that in his capacity as a Firefighter he would raise the issues with his organisation in terms of the safety of residents and request that signs are placed on the site to prevent local residents from entering.

Members supported the resident comments on the issues raised and welcomed any action that would be taken on the site.

A formal response would be shared with the questioner and the Committee.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Support Garrick Theatre Limited

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Stockport Garrick Theatre Limited for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of completing a basement renovation project.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Garrick Theatre Limited for a grant of £100 (£50 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of completing a basement renovation project.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Community Active Stockport CIC

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Community Active Stockport CIC for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of establishing a "Virtual Village" in Marple to serve the older community residents, and especially those living alone and in sheltered accommodation such as Rectory Court and Queen's Court, in walking distance of the village centre.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Community Active Stockport CIC for a grant of £600 (£300 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of establishing a "Virtual Village" in Marple to serve the older community residents, and especially those living alone and in sheltered accommodation such as Rectory Court and Queen's Court, in walking distance of the village centre.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Canal Boat Trust/New Horizons

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Stockport Canal Boat Trust/New Horizons for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of

organising a full year of celebrations, events and trips accordingly. Events at the mooring, on the canal and as a part of other local activities and have planned community trips linked to the Co-op local causes scheme and also to supply banners / signage for the mooring for the 2021 season and a permanent commemorative plaque to enhance the boat.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Canal Boat Trust/New Horizons for a grant of £250 (£125 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of organising a full year of celebrations, events and trips accordingly. Events at the mooring, on the canal and as a part of other local activities and have planned community trips linked to the Co-op local causes scheme and also to supply banners / signage for the mooring for the 2021 season and a permanent commemorative plaque to enhance the boat.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Kids Community Closet

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Kids Community Closet for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of purchasing equipment needed for the project as follows:-

- Storage Crates – to store clean clothing, avoid risk of any pests or rodents getting access to clothes.
- Shelving and Racking - to house storage crates so clothing does not go damp.
- Stationery - labelling for crates, delivery tags for drop offs and markers.
- Basic mobile phone – I am currently using my own personal number.
- Promotional Material - posters and leaflets for outreach.
- Bags - packing and delivering bundles of clothes.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Kids Community Closet for a grant of £66 (£33 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing equipment needed for the project as follows:-

- Storage Crates – to store clean clothing, avoid risk of any pests or rodents getting access to clothes.
- Shelving and Racking - to house storage crates so clothing does not go damp.
- Stationery - labelling for crates, delivery tags for drop offs and markers.
- Basic mobile phone – I am currently using my own personal number.
- Promotional Material - posters and leaflets for outreach.
- Bags - packing and delivering bundles of clothes.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - The CPR Group

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of The CPR Group for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of donating lifesaving billboards to 13 high schools in Stockport. The billboard contains Northwest Ambulance Services step by step guide to learn CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) and also features a QR code that allows pupils to download the Northwest ambulances lifesaving video onto their mobile phone.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from The CPR Group for a grant of £370 (£185 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of donating lifesaving billboards to 13 high schools in Stockport. The billboard contains Northwest Ambulance Services step by step guide to learn CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) and also features a QR code that allows pupils to download the Northwest ambulances lifesaving video onto their mobile phone.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no development applications to consider.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Marple Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. PROPOSED SCHEME TO INCREASE PARKING SPACE CAPACITY FOR HIGH LANE CAR PARK, HIGH LANE

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the details for the options available to the Area Committee as part of a feasibility study to increase the amount of parking spaces, whilst maintaining good accessibility for High Lane Car Park.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee give approval following a feasibility study for Option 3 - F/4271/Opt3 to burn off existing spaces and changing layout (converting some spaces to angled bays) to increase capacity, whilst maintaining good accessibility for High Lane Car Park at a cost of £3,375 to be funded by this Area Committee's Delegated budget (Marple South & High Lane ward allocation).

8. EDWARDS WAY 20MPH LIMIT

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings from a consultation exercise with affected residents for the proposal of 20mph speed restriction on Edwards Way and surrounding streets as attached plan NM8/5138/01/001

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee give approval to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days from the advertisement date the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £3,778.25 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated budget (Marple South & High Lane ward allocation):

Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order “20mph Speed Limit Order”

<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Edwards Way	From a point 36 metres north west of its junction with Hibbert Lane for its entire length to the junction of Cross Lane
Carver Drive	For its entire Length
Edwards Close	For its entire Length
Carver Road	For its entire Length
Ash Grove	For its entire Length
Windsor Drive	For its entire Length
Leigh Avenue	For its entire Length
Westbury Drive	For its entire Length
Shirley Avenue	For its entire Length
Avon Close	For its entire Length

9. ONE STOCKPORT BOROUGH PLAN

A representative of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing how the Council was proposing to progress the development of the borough plan; the approach to capturing the views of residents, businesses and the workforce; the data and insight that would be considered, and how this would inform the priorities for the future.

Holly Rae (CSS Service Head, Stockport Council) attended the meeting to present the item and to respond to questions from councillors.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was noted that while the campaign was based on a correct assessment of opportunities the Committee were of the view that many residents would identify more with their local area (e.g. High Lane) than Stockport as a whole.
- It was commented that active community groups have been established over COVID-19 such as in Marple and discussions with these groups would be useful to progress the campaign.
- It was stated that Stockport was a polarised borough and some 'One Stockport' activity may cross into what should instead be part of a local plan and there was a need to tackle inequality while still reflecting on local positions and the responsibilities of normal Council/Cabinet activity.
- Members expressed their concerns that the campaign should seek to understand local groups better and what they do as this would provide a greater understanding of what needs to be done in the Marple area for the plan to be successful.
- It was noted that the 'One Stockport' campaign should recognise that Stockport is not an all-encompassing community but was an amalgamation of many independent local areas and communities.

Holly Rae welcomed the comments from the Area Committee and reassured the Committee that the feedback would be taken on board to continue to shape the plan going forward and would seek to identify a shared place and shared identity. She also stated that

the work being done by the community and mutual aid groups in Marple was great and it would be useful to link in with those local groups.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. 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) providing an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and details the current position on ward flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

Councillor Dowse enquired about the Ridge Avenue and whether officers would investigate a road replacement scheme with costs for the next meeting.

Members sought clarification regarding the balance of the delegated budget for the Area Committee as follows: -

- Marple South - High Lane car park spend when no work has commenced to date.
- Marple North – ward budget spend being met by the Safer Streets, Save Lives campaign, so the budget from the Marple North Ward should be reinstated as it was no longer required.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be recommended to investigate Ridge Avenue road replacement scheme with costs and provide an update to the Area Committee.

(3) That the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be asked to investigate balance of the Ward Delegated Budgets for both Marple South and Marple North as follows: -

- Marple South - High Lane car park spend when no work has commenced to date, meaning the balance should reflect this.
- Marple North – ward budget spend being met by the Safer Streets, Save Lives campaign, meaning the budget from the Marple North Ward should be reinstated as it was no longer required.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm