

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 9 March 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Anna Charles-Jones (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Keith Holloway (Vice-Chair); Councillors Graham Greenhalgh, Carole McCann, Adrian Nottingham, John Pantall and Iain Roberts.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 2 February 2021 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.

No interests were declared.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) 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.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that a Covid-19 secure litter pick would be taking place in Heald Green on Saturday 20 March 2021. If people wished to take part, it would be necessary to register. Details were available from Councillor Adrian Nottingham.

The Chair also announced that Christians against Poverty at All Hallows Church were offering free support and advice for anyone who was struggling with debt. There was a helpline available on 0800 3280006 which was open five days a week. Further details could also be found at capdebthelp.org.uk.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to submit 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 in connection with regard to the removal of railings separating the footpath from William Scholes Playing Fields in the vicinity of Burnside Road, Gatley.

The meeting was advised that the decision had been taken by Officers, but that neither senior managers nor the relevant Cabinet Member had been consulted. It had now been agreed that the Neighbourhood Manager would meet with the three Ward Councillors to review the issue.

RESOLVED – That the response be noted.

(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 - Friends of Wright's Wood

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of the Friends of Wright's Wood for plant, tools and training to replace non native and dangerous species which have been removed by the Council and repair the boundary edge.

RESOLVED – that approval be given for Ward Flexibility Funding of £1,000 to the Friends of Wright's Wood for plant, tools and training to replace non native and dangerous species which have been removed by the Council and repair the boundary edge, to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Cheadle Hulme North Ward allocation).

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC)

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC) for a grant towards the cost of holding a virtual LGBT+ History Month.

RESOLVED – That approval be given for Ward Flexibility Funding of £300 to Forward (Stockport LGBT + Centre CIC) for a grant towards the cost of holding a virtual LGBT + History Month, to be funded as follows:-

Cheadle and Gatley Ward - £100
Cheadle Hulme North Ward - £100
Heald Green Ward - £100

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Help the Hatters

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Help the Hatters for a grant towards the cost of providing food and toys for the Handy Ladies Charity.

RESOLVED – That the application be deferred.

6. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

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 Services to 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/078317 - Sports Pavilion, Cross Road, Heald Green

In respect of plan no. 78317 for the use of the existing building as a club house with members' bar (Sui Generis Use) and associated external alterations including installation of windows, and the reconfiguration of outdoor amenity space and car park to create an outdoor seating area at the Sports Pavilion, Cross Road, Heald Green

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 – (1) That planning permission be granted, subject to conditions and agreement to the management and operational strategy, and noise management plan.

(2) That the detailed wording of the conditions be agreed in consultation with the three Heald Green Ward Councillors.

7. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) 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 Cheadle Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. COUNCILLOR LANE / DEMMINGS ROAD, CHEADLE HULME - ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which sought approval for the supply and installation of the following:-

- Additional Advanced Warning signage on Councillor Lane, Cheadle Hulme, highlighting the weight restriction for the weak bridge located on Demmings Road/Queens Road, Cheadle.
- Additional directional signage on Demmings Road, Cheadle Hulme directing traffic to the Demmings Road Industrial Estate.
- An Automated Traffic Counter (ATC) to be installed on Demmings Road/Queens Road on the bridge itself, in order to evidence whether HGV drivers are breaching the weight restriction.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve the installation of the additional signage as shown on Drawing No. NM36 – Demmings Road, Cheadle Hulme – 01 Rev B attached to the report and for an automated traffic count to be carried out on the weak bridge.

9. SERVICE ROAD FOR 162 TO 188 KINGSWAY - TWO WAY TRAFFIC AHEAD WARNING SIGNAGE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which set out a proposal for the supply and installation of advanced warning signage in order to highlight to motorists that they were approaching two-way traffic.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the installation of the advanced warning signage on the Kingsway Service Road, as shown on Drawing No. BNM36-Kingsway Service Road-01 attached to the report, at a cost of £750 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Cheadle and Gatley Ward allocation).

10. PEOVER WALK, CHEADLE HULME - INSTALLATION OF X 2 DROPPED KERBS

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which sought approval for the supply and installation of two non-tactile dropped kerbs on Peover Walk, Cheadle Hulme to assist wheelchair/mobility scooter users encountering difficulties accessing Peover Walk in order

to cut through Councillor Lane as there were no dropped kerbs to enable wheelchair/mobility scooter access.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the supply and installation of two non-tactile dropped kerbs on Peover Walk, Cheadle Hulme to assist wheelchair/mobility scooter users, at a cost of £2,600 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Cheadle Hulme North Ward allocation).

11. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - LUM HEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, GATLEY

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which updated Members on the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Lum Head Primary School and sought approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; and implementation of dropped kerbs.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Lum Head Primary School, Gatley, to be funded from the Road Safety around Schools programme budget allocation, and the statutory legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders set out in the report and, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the Orders be made.

(2) That approval be given to the associated signage and the implementation of dropped kerbs.

12. CHEADLE TOWNS FUND - GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Councillor Holloway reported that Cheadle Towns Fund had secured £13.9m from the Government's levelling up fund towards a package of projects promoting connectivity, clean growth and economic recovery including the project for a new train station for Cheadle. However, this was less than the £25 million which had been requested, the High Street Innovation Zone had been removed completely and the total amount for the other funding elements reduced.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- The funding which had not been allocated related to the regeneration of the High Street in Cheadle which may not now be feasible and this matter was of particular concern to local residents.
- The main priority remained the Cheadle Rail Station project, but concerns were expressed that this may prove to be more expensive than originally anticipated.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.33 pm