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MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 10 March 2021

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 10 March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interest was declared:-

Personal & Prejudicial Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
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Malcolm Allan	Plan no. DC078918, 10 Oakdene Crescent, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6NZ for the erection of 1 no. detached residential dwelling-house as a local resident involved in the consultation.
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Councillor Allan left the meeting during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

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 of the recent tragedy that occurred in the Marple area and reported that local councillors were working with the Canal River Trust and the Samaritans to assist and support people in the community. Local residents were thanked for their support and response. It was stated that health & wellbeing concerns were being looked at and raising awareness in schools, signage around the ward and improvements to lighting and maintenance of the area going forward. Local residents were also informed of the establishment of a Marple Men's Group on Facebook and also "Men-tell" as a 'safe place' for men to talk.

(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 question was submitted relating to Windlehurst Road Traffic Calming Consultation: -

In response, it was stated that in relation to the recent Windlehurst Road Traffic Calming public consultation, the feedback was appreciated. As highlighted by the questioner, and indeed within the Executive Report – Summary Sheet, the majority of respondents to this public consultation support the removal of the existing traffic calming measures. It was however important to consider a number of factors before any decision was made regarding the existing traffic calming features.

The traffic calming features were initially introduced, in 2017/2018, further to a previous 2015 public consultation, where concern was raised in relation to the speed and behaviour of the traffic flow along Windlehurst Road. Support was received from local residents at the time for the introduction of traffic calming measures to address these issues. Consideration should be given to whether these issue would likely return should the traffic calming be removed.

The postcode plots for respondents have also identified that approximately half of the responses received to this public consultation were from residents who live outside the High Lane area. It was considered likely that these residents utilise Windlehurst Road as a driving route and would not experience the impacts of speeding along Windlehurst Road to the same extent as the residents who live alongside or adjacent to the road, or vulnerable road users such as cyclists, pedestrians and the mobility impaired who are directly affected on a daily basis. It was recommended that additional analysis was undertaken to better understand the various perspectives received within the public consultation based on geographical locations prior to any decisions being made regarding the retention or removal of the existing traffic calming measures along Windlehurst Road. A formal response would be shared with the questioners 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 - Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC)

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC) for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of holding a Virtual LGBT+ History Month in February 2021 for 28 days of events and activities.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC) for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£100 from the Marple North ward allocation) towards the cost of holding a Virtual LGBT+ History Month in February 2021 for 28 days of events and activities.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Help the Hatters

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

Members expressed concern about the application being made on behalf of another organisation and invited the organisation to make an application directly to the Area Committee.

RESOLVED - That the application from Help the Hatters for Ward Flexibility Funding on this occasion be declined on the basis that the application was made on behalf of another organisation.

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

(i) DC078620 : 41C Winnington Road, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6PT

In respect of the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 no. dwellings with associated access, infrastructure and landscaping.

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

Moved and seconded that planning permission be granted –

For the motion 3

Against the motion 3

Upon there being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC078918 : 10 Oakdene Crescent, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6NZ

In respect of the erection of 1 no. detached residential dwelling-house (Resubmission of planning application DC075917).

a member of the public spoke against the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(iii) DC079221 : 18 Ley Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5DD

In respect of the demolition of existing dwelling-house and outbuildings and erection of 1 no. replacement detached dwelling-house, outbuildings and associated landscaping.

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) (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. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE AND LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - HIGH LANE CRICKET CLUB ACCESS ROAD OFF MIDDLEWOOD ROAD

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed Local Initiative Scheme relating to the contribution

towards complimentary highway scheme package – High Lane Cricket Club access road off Middlewood Road, High Lane.

Members welcomed the report and thanked the officers for the hard work and progressing the scheme.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to a package of works to the access road leading to High Lane Cricket Club comprising the resurfacing of Middlewood Road and associated accommodations work including drainage and structural repairs at a cost of £4,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Marple South & High Lane ward allocations).

8. THORNWAY AREA - NO MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details of objections received to a proposed introduction of 'No Motor Vehicles Except for Access' restrictions at the junction of Thornway from Wybersley Road, Beechway from Carr Brow, Daisy Way and Meadway from Andrew Lane, High Lane.

Members welcomed the report and noted the objections.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee has considered a number of objections to the proposed traffic regulation orders, and has agreed that notwithstanding the objections, the Order be made as advertised.

9. WINDLEHURST ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING CONSULTATION

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the findings of a consultation with residents and businesses of High Lane in relation to the existing traffic calming measures on Windlehurst Road.

The following comments were made/ issues raised: -

- Members welcomed the report and the work completed to date by the officer team.
- Work was underway to explore average speed cameras being installed across the ward and Councillor MacAlister was thanked for his involvement to date.
- The results of the consultation was clear and Members understood what the local residents wanted.
- Everyone's views would be taken into account.
- There would be various potential options for costs that would be presented at a future meeting detailing all the relevant information.

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 onward flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

Members expressed their concerns regarding not having the updates as requested at the last meeting relating to: -

- The Atkins Report;
- Residents Parking Permits; and
- Ridge Avenue and the road replacement scheme.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be requested to provide updates relating to: -

- The Atkins Report;
- Residents Parking Permits; and
- Ridge Avenue and the road replacement scheme.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm