

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 19 April 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Christine Corris (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Angie Clark (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Stuart Corris, Chris Gordon, Mark Roberts and Lisa Smart.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 8 March 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.

The following interest as declared:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

Chris Gordon	Agenda item 4(vi) – 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Etherow Country Park Sailing Club' as a member of the Royal Yachting Association.
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3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that there had recently been an incursion by travellers on the football pitches on Mill Lane, Woodley and Chair expressed the thanks of the area committee to those officers who responded to the incident, and to those residents who assisted in the clean-up of the site afterwards.

Councillors then noted that this would be the last meeting of the Area Committee to be attended by the Chair (Councillor Christine Corris) before her forthcoming retirement from the Council. Members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Councillor Christine Corris for her work on behalf of local residents and the wider borough during her tenure as a member of the Council.

(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.

One public question was submitted relating to parking issues on Mill Lane, Woodley following the reopening of the Life Leisure sports facility.

The Chair responded that it was an issue that local members were aware of. It was stated that anecdotally, it appeared the problem was most prevalent on Saturdays and may be due to the cross-over of activities taking place at the centre. Members undertook to raise the issue with Council officers to assess whether there was any further action that could be taken.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

A representative of Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) 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 - Beacon Counselling

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Beacon Counselling for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of funding the voluntary service for those within the area represented by the area committee for 2021.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Beacon Counselling for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of funding the voluntary service for those within the area represented by the area committee for 2021.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Etherow Country Park Sailing Club

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Etherow Country Park Sailing Club for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing 'introduction to sailing' courses for 10-16 year olds.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Etherow Country Park Sailing Club for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing 'introduction to sailing' courses for 10-16 year olds.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Social Events and Activities (SEA) Group

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of the Social Events and Activities (SEA) Group for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing a day out for those who have been socially isolating in their own homes for the last 12 months.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from the Social Events and Activities (SEA) Group for a grant of £50 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing a day out for those who have been socially isolating in their own homes for the last 12 months.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no development applications to consider.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

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

Members requested that ward councillors be provided with an update with regard to compliance with the tree replacement notice on land adjacent to Unity Mills, Poleacre Lane, Woodley.

It was further noted the report listed an enforcement notice with regard to land at Hillside Farm, Werneth Low Road, Romiley that had since been granted planning permission and it was requested that he report be updated to reflect this.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. CALL FOR BROWNFIELD SITES 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) confirming that the Council has launched a “call for brownfield sites” to support work on the new Local Plan and providing more information on the activities taking place to promote the current call for brownfield sites exercise.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES - COMPSTALL ROAD (BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND CORCORAN DR)

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation

exercise for traffic calming features and resident permit parking on Compstall Road, Romiley, and seeking comments regarding the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for a Residents Permit Parking Scheme and the introduction of 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions with associated signage; amendments to road markings, three build outs and provision of a vehicle activated sign.

Members discussed the potential of providing a refuge in the centre of the carriageway to better facilitate pedestrian movements across the road at this location.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to give approval to the legal advertising of the traffic regulation orders set out in appendix A (and the associated works) and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders to be funded from the Capital Budget.

(2) That the Corporate Director be recommended to undertake a feasibility study to establish whether it is possible to provide a pedestrian refuge in the centre of the carriageway on Compstall Road to facilitate pedestrian movements across the highway at this location.

9. RESIDENT PARKING POLICY UPDATE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the updated Residents Parking Policy that had been approved by the Cabinet in December 2020.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The cost of each scheme to the Area Committee's Delegated Budget was prohibitively expensive and consideration should be given to providing an additional budgetary allocation to Area Committees for this specific purpose.
- Resident permit parking schemes needed to receive a level of enforcement commensurate with expense incurred by local residents.
- Concern was expressed in relation to the arrangements for residents' carers to attend properties the subject of a residents permit parking schemes and the expense associated with this.
- Clarity was requested on how the level of the financial contribution to be made by Area Committees was calculated.
- It was not proposed that there would be a budgetary reimbursement of the initial investment made by Area Committees resulting from the fees levied on residents.
- The flexibility provided for within the scheme was welcomed.
- It was queried whether any additional officer time would be allocated to clear the backlog of schemes resulting from the moratorium on new schemes that had been introduced pending the introduction of the policy. It was clarified that recruitment was taking place to provide additional capacity in this area.
- It was queried what the arrangements were for amendments to existing schemes and whether this would incur the full costs to the Area Committee's budget identified in the report.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. FORUM THEATRE DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to upgrade the directional signage from the former Romiley Forum to Forum Theatre.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the manufacture and installation of upgraded tourist directional signage for the Forum Theatre at a cost of £900 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation).

11. 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 Area Flexibility Funding.

It was requested that a breakdown be provided of the work undertaken with regard to the feasibility study previously approved by the Area Committee with regard to a change in the road layout at Mill Lane and Rodney Drive, Woodley/

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.51 pm