

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 24 June 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Sheila Bailey, Laura Clingan, Dickie Davies, Philip Harding, Amanda Peers, Andy Sorton, Charlie Stewart, Kerry Waters, Wendy Wild, Elise Wilson and Matt Wynne.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Kerry Waters be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Kerry Waters in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Laura Clingan be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 22 April 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. 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 declarations of interest were made.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that there would be a 'pop up' Covid-19 vaccination centre at Brinnington Leisure Centre between 9.00am and 4.00pm on 25 June 2021.

(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 comments were made/issues raised:-

- There was concern in the community around the shops in Bramhall Lane in Davenport about an increasing number of homeless people. Reassurance was sought that the Police were liaising with other agencies and taking appropriate action, such as increased patrols.
- With regard to the danger to residents of off-road bikes, the Police representative was asked to provide relevant statistics and the actions they were taking in response. In addition, clarification was sought on how residents should report these incidents to the police. Feedback was requested on the outcome of Operation Camenca that took place earlier in the year and Members requested a detailed breakdown of the data received regarding the incidents of anti-social behaviour which had been reported. Members also requested that they be updated on plans for future targeted action.
- A Member enquired how the Police were addressing the issue of anti-social behaviour from off road bikes in the Davenport and Cale Green Ward. There were problems from off road bikes on Davenport Playing Fields and the surrounding areas in Adswood.
- A Member enquired about incidents of people walking on top of the bridge over the river on Warren Street in the town centre, and how this could be addressed or deterred in the future.
- Further to a child being hit by a car on Neston Grove in Adswood and together with the recent report from Greater Manchester Police on local reported crime that showed several dangerous driving incidents being reported, a Member requested details of what the Police were doing to tackle dangerous driving in the Central Stockport area.
- An update was requested on the operation of the 101 telephone number for reporting crimes and concern was raised with regard to how long some residents had waited to get through to make a report.
- A Member enquired how the communication between local Police Officers and Councillors could be further improved, perhaps by the introduction of weekly e mails providing updates in each Ward.
- The new initiative to recruit more special constables was raised and clarification was provided of their working relationship with the full-time officers and cadets.

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

(iii) 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.

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

Resurfacing of Beech Road, Davenport

Councillor Dickie Davies reported on the receipt of a petition signed by 70 signatories expressing concern about the standard of the standard of the resurfacing of the pavements on Beech Road, Cale Green which is in the Cale Green Conservation Area.

RESOLVED – That a written response be sent to the lead petitioner.

(v) 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.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) reported that, as in previous years, it was necessary for the Area Committee to consider its current practice for determining applications for Ward Flexibility Funding at the start of the Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to delegate the determination of applications for Ward Flexibility Funding for the Municipal Year 2021/22 to the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance), in consultation with Ward Councillors.

7. 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/077298 - Welkin Mill, Welkin Road, Bredbury, Stockport, SK6 2BH

In respect of plan no. 077298 for a grid scale battery storage facility at Welkin Mill, Welkin Road, Bredbury

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application

It was then

RESOLVED – That the application be referred to the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee for determination with further details and clarification provided on the following:-

- The fencing around the proposed site is next to a football pitch and therefore the height of the fencing needs addressing, and the applicant therefore needs to be requested to engage with Spurley Hey Football Club before the application is determined.
- A response from the Local Flooding Authority needs to be received before the application is determined.
- The provision of a Climate Impact Assessment for this and all development applications should be provided.

(ii) DC/077409 - Kingsgate, Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK4 1LW

In respect of plan no. 077409 for outline planning application (access, appearance. Layout and scale) for the erection of a multi-storey car park, amendments to surface level parking and associated works at Kingsgate, Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, it was

RESOLVED – That the application be referred to the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee for determination with further details and clarification provided on the following:-

- The provision of a Climate Impact Assessment for this and all development applications should be provided.
- The Air Quality Assessment report was too technical to understand.
- There was an increase in the number of car parking spaces, but a lack of car parking spaces for disabled people.
- All the car parking spaces should incorporate electric charging points.

8. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & 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 Central Stockport Area Committee.

It was reported that the planning appeal regarding land outside the Aldi Store, Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath had been dismissed.

The following comment was made/issue raised:-

- An update was requested on the enforcement notice served on untidy land at 287 Wellington Road South, Heaviley.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) requesting that the Area Committee give consideration to the arrangements for the 2021 tour.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the residential development at the former St. George's Vicarage site, Bramhall Lane, Davenport be nominated for inclusion on the list of sites to be included on the 2021 Annual Review Tour and should that development not be completed in time then the Committee nominates The Mailbox development on Exchange Street, Stockport.

(3) That, in addition to those Members of the Area Committee who serve on the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee, Councillors Charlie Stewart and Matt Wynne be nominated to attend the Review of Outcomes Tour.

10. MAYORAL CHALLENGE FUND - OFFERTON TO STOCKPORT - REVISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - SALCOMBE ROAD, OFFERTON

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a solution to an issue which had become apparent with regard to vehicles parking within the narrowed section of Salcombe Road, Offerton.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the extension of the No Waiting At Any Time Traffic Regulation Order to the full extent of the narrowed section of Salcombe Road, Offerton, as shown on plan Ref C/0280A/1200/003 attached to the report.

(2) That approval be given to the statutory legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Local Distributor and Local Access Roads, as set out below, to be funded from the MCF Capital Fund:-

No Waiting At Any Time

Salcombe Road (Both sides) – From a point 10 metres south east of the intersection of the north eastern kerbline of Offerton Lane for a distance of 21 metres in a north easterly direction.

(3) That, subject to no objections being received within twenty one days from the advertisement date, the Order be made.

11. YORK STREET, EDGELEY - NO THROUGH ROAD SIGN

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) seeking approval to install a No Through Road sign at the junction of York Street and Pitt Street, Edgeley, to highlight the fact to road users.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the installation of a No Through Road sign at the junction of York Street and Pitt Street, Edgeley, to highlight the fact to road users, as shown on Drawing No. NM36-York Street-Diag 816 attached to the report, at an estimated cost of £471.34 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Edgeley and Cheadle Heath Ward allocation).

12. PARK EVENT APPLICATION: WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK - INFLATABLE FUN ACTIVITY - 29 JULY - 1 AUGUST 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) regarding an application from JK Events to hold an Inflatable Fun Activity in Woodbank Memorial Park from 29 July to 1 August 2021.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from JK Events to hold an Inflatable Fun Activity In Woodbank Memorial Park from 29 July – 1 August 2021, subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place; and subject to more information being provided on the Covid-19 precautions being put in place and an assessment of the impact of the food and drinks being sold at the event on the café at Vernon Park.

13. PARK EVENT APPLICATION: WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK - INFLATABLE ADVENTURE WORLD - 11/12 SEPTEMBER 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) regarding an application from Inflatable Adventure World Ltd to hold its inflatable event in Woodbank Memorial Park on 11/12 September 2021.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Inflatable Adventure World Ltd to hold its inflatable event in Woodbank Memorial Park on 11/12 September 2021, subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place. and subject to more information being provided on the Covid-19 precautions being put in place and an assessment of the impact of the food and drinks being sold at the event on the café at Vernon Park.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated)

requesting the Area Committee to appoint representatives of the Council to local Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED –That the following representatives of the Council be appointed to outside bodies for 2021/2022:-

Cheadle Heath Community Association

Councillor Sheila Bailey
Councillor Philip Harding
Councillor Matt Wynne

Woodbank Community Association

Councillor Laura Clingan
Councillor Amanda Peers
Councillor Charlie Stewart

15. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAYS SPOKESPERSONS

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration could consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters.

RESOLVED - That the following Councillors be appointed as Ward Spokespersons for highways and traffic issues for 2021/22:-

Brinnington and Central	- Councillor Andy Sorton
Davenport and Cale Green	- Councillor Dickie Davies
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	- Councillor Matt Wynne
Manor	- Councillor Charlie Stewart

16. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service and 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. The report also included the current position on the Area Committee's Delegated Budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm