

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 22 June 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Anna Charles-Jones, Keith Holloway, Graham Greenhalgh, Jilly Julian, Carole McCann, David Meller, Tom Morrison, Adrian Nottingham and Iain Roberts.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

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

Councillor Graham Greenhalgh in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Carole McCann 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 20 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 which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor

Interest

Tom Morrison

Agenda Item 7(iii) 'Petitions: New Hey Road, Cheadle – Permit Parking' as a resident of New Hey Road.

Councillor Morrison left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote on the item.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. 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. The report also includes the current position on the Area Committee's Delegated Budget.

The Area Committee considered a proposal to introduce a residents' parking scheme on Vaudrey Drive, Cheadle Hulme. A report on the new Residents Parking Policy had been considered at the last meeting of the Area Committee and Members considered passing a resolution to trigger the first stage of the process for implementing a Residential Parking Scheme on the road.

RESOLVED – (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That, with regard to the proposed Residential Parking Scheme on Vaudrey Drive, Cheadle Hulme:-

- the process for potentially implementing a scheme, which follows the flow-chart on page three of the report entitled Residential Parking Policy Update which was considered at the meeting of the Area Committee on 20 April 2021, be initiated.
- discussions be held between relevant Officers and Ward Members as soon as practicable.
- to ensure that as part of any scheme, potential measures be also considered for Woodthorpe Drive, Cheadle Hulme to address any issues around the highway being blocked by 'double parking'.

(iii) That the Area Committee be advised of progress with the No Waiting At Any Time Traffic Regulation Order on Bannister Drive and Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting which was the first meeting of the Area Committee to be held in a physical environment since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chair congratulated Councillor Adrian Nottingham on becoming Mayor of Stockport for 2021/22 and welcomed newly elected Member, Councillor Jilly Julian to the meeting. The Chair also congratulated Councillors Anna Charles-Jones and Keith Holloway on being re-elected to the Council and Councillor Charles-Jones on becoming Leader of the Independent Ratepayers.

As the meeting of the Area Committee was taking place during Armed Forces Week, the Chair expressed his thanks and gratitude to all those in the armed services, past and present, for their service and support to the people of Stockport.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Rob Hawksley attended the meeting to report on neighbourhood policing issues within the Cheadle area. He also reported on recent crime committed in the Cheadle area.

Members were advised of the following:-

- following a serious incident that had taken place a few days prior to the meeting on Worcester Road, Cheadle Hulme, a complex police investigation was ongoing.
- burglary remained an ongoing issue in the Cheadle area and targeting the theft of high value vehicles was a particular problem.
- catalytic converter thefts were continuing, however there had been some arrests.
- a number of people had been charged with handling stolen goods.
- there had been a lot of problems with robberies and anti-social behaviour earlier in the year. A lot of work had taken place with known offenders and as a result there had been a reduction in the number of offences in May/June.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members commended the police funding schemes. The Police had awarded approximately £5,000 for various community projects.
- In response to a Member question regarding the weekly report, Inspector Hawksley advised that the police were keen to reinstate this but that there were staffing issues at the present time which were preventing this from happening. However, it was hoped that the report would be available in the near future.
- Members raised the issue of off-road bikes and were advised that an operation with regard to this was ongoing. Stockport had one of the highest prevalence of people using off-road bikes in Greater Manchester. The police were working with partners including Stockport Homes and Mosscaire Housing on this issue, but were in need of more intelligence.
- In response to questions from Members relating to establishing a speed watch group, Inspector Hawksley advised that this was a complex area. A project was currently taking place in Wigan and Inspector Hawksley advised that he would try and obtain more information on this. Members requested that this information be forwarded to all Members of the Area Committee to try and establish some momentum in relation to setting up groups in the area.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Hawksley be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Petitions

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) reported on the receipt of a petition which had been received from 46 signatories requesting permit parking on New Hey Road, Cheadle.

RESOLVED – That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive for investigation.

(iv) 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 a collision on Styal Road on 7 May 2021 when a person was seriously injured, and requesting the Council to take action to improve safety on Styal Road either by reducing the volume of traffic using Styal Road as an alternative to the A34/M56 or by lowering the speed limit and enforcing it.

Members were advised that similar concerns had been raised in the recent past and the current incident data did not support any further action or interventions for an incident reduction scheme that could be justified through First Year Rate of Return (FYRR). Lowering the speed limit would not be appropriate without changing the road environment at this location and was unlikely to obtain support from Greater Manchester Police without substantial infrastructure changes such as traffic calming.

Officers did not have official recorded details of the incident on 7 May 2021 and so could not establish factors involved in the collision. Officers constantly monitored road traffic collisions especially where Killed and Seriously Injured Incidents had occurred and reviewed previous incident history at all of these locations including undertaking site visits.

RESOLVED – That a written response be sent to the questioner and local Ward Members from the Heald Green and Cheadle & Gatley Wards meet with Officers to discuss the problems further at this location.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) reported that no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Drawing Board Productions CIC - Cheadle Post

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Drawing Board Productions Community Interest Company towards the launch of Cheadle Post in July 2021, a free community newspaper covering Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme and Gatley.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to Ward Flexibility Funding of £500 to Drawing Board Productions Community Interest Company towards the launch of Cheadle Post in July 2021, a free community newspaper covering Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme and Gatley, to be funded as follows:-

Cheadle and Gatley Ward allocation - £300
Cheadle Hulme North Ward allocation - £200.

Non-Executive Business

8. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A development application was 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/077459 - Belmont House, Schools Hill, Cheadle

In respect of plan no. DC/077459 for the partial demolition, refurbishment and conversion of currently vacant locally listed building, Belmont House, to 4 no. residential apartments and 1 no. residential townhouse. Plus erection of new build elements comprising: 7 no. residential apartments, 3 no. 3 storey residential townhouses and 2 no. 2 storey residential townhouses, plus additional landscaping and amenity spaces. Total of 17 no. new residential units at Belmont House, Schools Hill, Cheadle

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee be requested to grant planning permission, subject to

- conditions.
- the applicant entering into a Section 106 Agreement to:-
 - secure a phasing strategy and scheme for repairs/restoration for Belmont House; and
 - to ensure that should the scheme become viable in the future, that developer contributions can be sought at that time
- the resolution of the objection raised by the Highways Engineer in respect of site access arrangements; and
- no new substantive issues being raised by an extended public notification period explained at the beginning of the report.

9. 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 Cheadle Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR 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) requesting that the Area Committee give consideration to the arrangements for the 2021 tour.

RESOLVED – (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the former Tatton Cinema site, development at Outwood Road and Curzon Road, Heald Green and the former Queens Arms site, Cheadle be considered for inclusion on the Review of Outcomes Tour.

(iii) That in addition to those Members of the Area Committee who serve on the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee, Councillor Tom Morrison be nominated to attend the Review of Outcomes Tour.

Executive Business

11. OAKMERE ROAD, CHEADLE HULME - WOODEN POST & RESEED VERGE

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) which sought approval to install five wooden posts and reseed/regrade the grass verge at Oakmere Road, Cheadle Hulme. The installation of bollards would act as a preventative measure and may help alleviate the issue of overrunning the verge by heavy goods vehicles which created rutting and a mud hazard.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the installation of wooden posts at Oakmere Road, Cheadle Hulme, as set out in Appendix A of the report, at an estimated cost of £1,140 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated budget (Cheadle Hulme North Ward allocation).

12. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (ASHFIELD ROAD, CHEADLE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LIMITED WAITING) ORDER 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive which set out the objections received to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Ashfield Road, Cheadle.

RESOLVED – That, notwithstanding the objections received, the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Ashfield Road, Cheadle be made as originally advertised.

13. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAYS SPOKESPERSONS

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive 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:-

Cheadle and Gatley Ward – Councillor Keith Holloway
Cheadle Hulme Ward – Councillor Jilly Julian
Councillor David Meller
Heald Green Ward – Councillor Carole McCann

The Area Committee acting in its capacity as trustee of the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust

14. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE BROOKFIELD PARK SHIERS FAMILY TRUST SUB-GROUP

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Councillors to serve on the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Sub-Group for 2021/22.

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Sub-Group for 2021/22:-

Councillor Anna Charles-Jones
Councillor Keith Holloway
Councillor Tom Morrison

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm