

## **HEATONS & REDDISH AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 19 April 2021

At: 6.00 pm

### PRESENT

Councillor Roy Driver (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dena Ryness (Vice-Chair); Councillors Kate Butler, Dean Fitzpatrick, Colin Foster, Yvonne Guariento, Tom McGee, Janet Mobbs, David Sedgwick, John Taylor, Jude Wells and David Wilson.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 19 April 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 they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

#### Personal Interests

##### Councillor

##### Interest

Janet Mobbs

Agenda item 6 'Residents' Parking Report' as she lived in an area where there was a residents' parking scheme.

David Wilson

Agenda Item 4 (vii) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Beacon Counselling' as a participant in an "Abseil" to raise money for the charity.

#### Personal & Prejudicial Interest

##### Councillor

##### Interest

Dean Fitzpatrick

Agenda Item 4 (vii) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Beacon Counselling' as the Mayor named in the application.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair informed the Committee of the two additional items that were on the agenda as follows: -

- Residents Parking Policy Update
- Mersey Vale Nature Park – Replacement Barrier

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

The Chair reported that a representative of the Greater Manchester Police was unable to attend the meeting on this occasion.

There was a discussion relating to Crime and Disorder in the Houldsworth Street area of North Reddish.

Harinder Thind (Management Agent, Elisabeth Mill) and Adam Cunningham (Neighbourhood Team) were in attendance.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- There has been a lot of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the area, but also across the borough.
- The situation in the area needs to improve and the organisations involved needs to work together to improve the area.
- It was reported that vehicles have been vandalised, bins set on fire at the site and in the area and the CCTV should be working at all times on the estate. In response, it was stated that the Neighbourhood Team dealt with 'placed based ASB' involving young people hanging around cars parks with Stockport Homes dealing with 'neighbourhoods to neighbourhoods' ASB.
- The Committee were informed that a list of places has been collated by the Neighbourhood Team with the main issue being identified including youths gathering in the area which has been reported by the Police and local residents.
- There was privately owned CCTV near the site which has now been reactivated and the Police have been patrolling the area since the complaints were made and issues raised.
- North Reddish area has three 'Mills' side by side with damage being done to vehicles, empty gas canisters, evidence of fires (including blue bins) and general litter.
- Members enquired about the use of the CCTV and the accessibility to the bins by non-residents and the damage to cars in the area. In response, it was stated that the issues raised would be looked into and a response would be sent to Councillors and the Management Agent. It was also stated that the concerns regarding the bins would also be looked at and replaced.

It was suggested that meeting be held with all parties involved including the Police, the Neighbourhood Team, the ASB representative and the Management Agent of the site.

**RESOLVED** – That the Neighbourhood Team co-ordinate with all parties concerned and arrange a meeting to look at the issues raised that can be addressed urgently.

(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.

Two questions were submitted in relation to: -

1. the parking problems being experienced by residents in Heaton Morris in the vicinity of the Mercedes garage and
2. reducing household waste.

In response to question one, it was stated that council officers met with the senior management of the Mercedes garage to discuss the offsite parking issues raised by the questioner. A formal response would be shared with the questioner.

In response to question two, a formal response would be shared with the questioner.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(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 - 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 Social Events and Activities (SEA) for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of organising two days out for those who have been socially isolating in their own homes for the last 12 months to Tiffany Hotel in Blackpool for a meal, (£28 before donations) and the other is to Llangollen, Wales, for a canal trip (£22 before donations).

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Social Events and Activities (SEA) Group for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£500 from the Reddish South ward allocation) towards the cost of organising two days out for those who have been socially isolating in their own homes for the last 12 months to Tiffany Hotel in Blackpool for a meal, (£28 before donations) and the other is to Llangollen, Wales, for a canal trip (£22 before donations).

(vii) 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 anticipating even higher levels of demand for 2021 as financial hardship, isolation, and particularly bereavement, continue

to impact mental health and support towards funding the voluntary service for those within the ward for 2021.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Beacon Counselling for an increased grant of £2000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£500 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of anticipating even higher levels of demand for 2021 as financial hardship, isolation, and particularly bereavement, continue to impact mental health and support towards funding the voluntary service for those within the ward for 2021.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Cheshire Theatre School

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of The Friends of Cheshire Theatre School for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of Cheshire Theatre School having been selected to represent Team England at the Dance World Cup. This is a massive opportunity for them to travel and compete against other teams from all around the world (subject to covid restrictions). The physical and educational benefit from doing this at their age is immense.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from The Friends of Cheshire Theatre School for a grant of £840 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£280 from Heatons North ward, £350 from Heatons South ward, £105 from Reddish North ward and £105 from Reddish South ward allocations) towards the cost of Cheshire Theatre School having been selected to represent Team England at the Dance World Cup. This is a massive opportunity for them to travel and compete against other teams from all around the world (subject to covid restrictions). The physical and educational benefit from doing this at their age is immense.

## **5. 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 changes are huge from a free scheme to a paid scheme and would impact the Area Committee's Delegated Budgets. In response, it was noted that the increase in costs is associated to the scheme and there would be a consultation followed by the development of the scheme.
- Clarification was sought regarding the charges and whether it would be to the company or the employee. In response, it was stated that the details were not known, but clarification would be sought and communicated to the Committee.
- It was queried as to the schemes that would be deemed to predate the moratorium. It was clarified that this information would be sent to ward councillors.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **6. MERSEY VALE NATURE PARK - REPLACEMENT BARRIER**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) proposing the highway maintenance scheme at Mersey Nature Park Vale.

RESOLVED – That approval be given for the proposed highway maintenance scheme at Mersey Vale Nature Park and authorises the Corporate Director to order the work in the Heatons South area at a cost of £2,640 to be funded by the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Heatons South ward allocation) as follows: -

- The manufacture, supply and installation of a more robust barrier to replace the existing 2 leaf entrance gates to site.
- Specification - manufacture and fit 1 No. low level single leaf heavy duty swing beam vehicle control barrier to suit a 3metre opening.
- Hanging post in 120 x 120 x 5 RHS, Barrier in 80 x 80 x RHS c/w Integral padlock enclosure to allow locking in both open and closed positions. Hung from M24 Gr. 8.8 High tensile fabricated adjustable screw eye hangers and 25mm Diameter gudgeon pins c/w Anti-lift collars. All complete with 120 x 120 x 5 locking post and 1no 80 x 80 locking post for open position. Allow for lock cover.
- All to be Hot-Dip Galvanised and finished in Corporate Green.

## **7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

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](http://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) DC078979 - The Elsa Group, Units 1-3 and Climax Works, Station Road, North Reddish, Stockport, SK5 6ND

In respect of plan no. DC/078979 for the redevelopment including partial demolition of existing units at 1-3 Station Road and Climax Works, Reddish to create new enlarged general industrial (Use Class B2) premises and alteration of existing access from Durham Street.

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 – (For 7, Against 3) That planning permission be refused.

## **8. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Heatons and Reddish Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **9. 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.

## **10. STREET LIGHTING - ALDERLEY ROAD**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the proposed lighting upgrade on Alderley Road in Reddish.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to install a new lighting column with an LED lantern outside 37/39 Alderley Road in Reddish at a cost of £1,700 to be funded by the Area Committee’s Delegated Budget (Reddish South ward allocation) with additional works to be carried out to relocate and replace two other lighting columns which would be funded separately.

## **11. STREET LIGHTING - MAYPOOL DRIVE**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to a proposed lighting upgrade on the footpath between Maypool Drive and Brentford Road in Reddish.

REOSLVED – That approval be given to install a new lighting column with an LED lantern along the footpath between Maypool Drive and Brentford Road in Reddish at a cost of £2,000 to be funded by the Area Committee’s Delegated Budget (Reddish South ward allocation).

## **12. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

The Area Committee considered a report of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance) providing an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and detailing the current position on area flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **13. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)**

(i) DC078979 - The Elsa Group, Units 1-3 and Climax Works, Station Road, North Reddish, Stockport, SK5 6ND (continued)

At this stage in the proceedings, a representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive requested that the Area Committee clarify its reason for refusing this application (see Minute 7(i) above) as the grounds had not been specified at the time the committee had made its decision.

In response, it was stated by the mover of the motion that the grounds for refusal were due to the detriment to residential amenity.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.