

## **MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 21 April 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 Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Becky Senior	Agenda Item 6 – DC074161: The Cottage, Adjacent to Hollywood Chapel, Gird Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5LP as a local resident.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### (i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee: -

- Extended best wishes to Councillor Tom Dowse on his retirement as a Councillor from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council.
- Expressed concerns relating to eating establishments across the area relating to the use of pavement space and the impact on the movement of pedestrians and the disabled community. In response, it was stated that there was an updated policy for establishments that had been published online providing further details on the 'public highway' for businesses operating outside/on the pavement.

#### (ii) Public Question Time

No questions were submitted.

(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 - 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 Funding 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 a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£250 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.

(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 Funding 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 Funding Budget (£250 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of providing 'introduction to sailing' courses for 10-16 year olds.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Mellor Open Gardens

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Mellor Open Gardens for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of this year's Mellor Open Gardens taking place on two consecutive afternoons: Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July from 2 till 6pm for advertising, the cost of printing tickets, posters and the provision of minibuses and another expenses.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Mellor Open Gardens for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Marple North ward allocation) towards the cost of this year's Mellor Open Gardens taking place on two

consecutive afternoons: Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July from 2 till 6pm for advertising, the cost of printing tickets, posters and the provision of minibuses and another expenses.

## **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](http://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) DC074161 : The Cottage, Adjacent to Hollywood Chapel, Gird Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5LP

In respect of the demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 no. dwelling-house.

The applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

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

(ii) DC079216 : 8 Manor Road, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6PW

In respect of the demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 no. dwelling-house.

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

## **6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & 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. 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.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members welcomed the report and informed the Committee that it was noted at Scrutiny without any disagreement.
- Discussions were continuing with Council officers relating to Eastwood Drive and the site and it was hopeful that the landowners would want to develop it in the future.
- It was commented that the deadline for submitting any recommendations would be 23 May 2021.
- Discussions were also ongoing regarding the Compstall Mill site.
- It was noted that it would be useful to have a mechanism in place to link the various developments to the neighbourhood plans and inform the council officers and discussions accordingly.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **8. 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:-

- Members expressed concern regarding the change to the scheme from a free to a paid scheme and the associated costs from £4,000 to £6,000 and would impact the Area Committee’s Delegated Budgets.
- Concern was expressed regarding the fairness and bureaucracy of the process relating to existing schemes and new schemes and the potential for charges that would apply.
- The associated costs should not be put on the Area Committee’s Delegated Budgets.
- Members sought clarification regarding the fairness, equality and democratic process of the report and the impact it would have on communities, as the size of the areas vary across the borough and the smaller communities would be impacted the most.
- It was suggested that the payment process be updated and that consideration be given to ‘parking scratch-cards’ and additional parking permits being issued to residents to assist with care workers, nurses and builders visiting etc

- 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.

## **9. 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.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members requested that officers look into an earlier agreement of installing 'dropped curbs' on the corner of Shepley Lane and Upper Hibbert to assist wheelchair and motor scooter users.
- The 'Quiet Lane Status' signs that were previously agreed in January 2020 for Marple North should be revisited and installed as soon as possible.
- Coombs Avenue in the Ward Delegated Budget should be attributed to Marple South.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

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

- 'Dropped curbs' on the corner of Shepley Lane and Upper Hibbert.
- The 'Quiet Lane Status' signs for Marple North.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.