

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 14 September 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Graham Greenhalgh (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Carole McCann (Vice-Chair); Councillors Anna Charles-Jones, Keith Holloway, Jilly Julian, David Meller, Tom Morrison and Iain Roberts.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 3 August 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 agenda items for this meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

Jilly Julian

Agenda item 9 – ‘Cheadle and Cheadle Heath Active Neighbourhoods – Results of Trial Consultation’ as she lived in the area of the proposed trial.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. 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) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and details the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding. The report also includes the current position on the Area Committee’s Delegated Budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair and Members of the Area Committee reported on the following events to be held in the Cheadle area over the next few weeks:-

- A litter pick to be held in Heald Green at 10.00am on 18 September 2021.
- A litter pick to be held in Abney Park, Cheadle at 11.00am on 19 September 2021.
- A Macmillan coffee morning to be held at Café Unity in Heald Green on 24 September 2021.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant Jamie Jeffries attended the meeting to report on neighbourhood policing issues in the Cheadle area. He also reported on recent crime committed in the Cheadle area.

Members reiterated their request for assistance in setting up Speedwatch schemes in the area.

RESOLVED – That Sergeant Jeffries be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

Councillor Keith Holloway submitted a petition from 39 residents of Frances Street, Cheadle requesting:-

- CCTV in the car park
- Parking spaces created in the car park
- No fly tipping signage in the car park
- No ball games signage in the car park
- Speed limit signage 20mph at the street entrance
- Residents access only signage at the street entrance.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive be requested to investigate the issues raised in the petition.

(v) Open Forum - Stockport CAN Funding and Summit 2021

Nick Leslie (Head of Climate Action Now, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and made a presentation providing an overview of how Stockport Council was progressing a Stockport Climate Action Now (CAN) Summit (an online event being held on 9 November 2021) and the CAN Funding which was a new funding scheme for microprojects that would directly reduce or mitigate carbon emissions in Stockport.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The proposal to distribute funding through area committees was welcomed. It was clarified that money not spent would go back into the pot.
- It was queried whether the money could be used to fund electric vehicle charging points.
- The document was welcome and aspirational, but there was a lot of things that would cause problems such as the building of new houses necessitated by the Local Plan.
- The Friends of Parks group should be involved in the scheme
- It was clarified that the purpose of the scheme was for the Council to act as a catalyst in the reduction of emissions in the borough, aim to influence residents to adopt best practice and encourage changes in lifestyle.

RESOLVED – That Nick Leslie be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Churches Together in Heald Green

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) reported that this application for Ward Flexibility Funding had previously been considered by the Area Committee.

Non-Executive Business

6. 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 Services to Place Directorate upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

The Chair outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/079400 - 204-210 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green

In respect of DC/079400 for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of three storey building, providing for a Class E retail unit at the ground floor and eight residential apartments (Use Class C3) to the first and second floors, with associated vehicular access, car parking, servicing, cycle parking and wider associated works at 204-210 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green

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 – That planning permission be granted, subject to:-

- Conditions
- The applicant entering into a Section 106 Agreement to secure developer contributions towards the provision of open space.

(ii) DC/077459 - Belmont House, Schools Hill, Cheadle

In respect of plan no. DC/077459 for the partial demolition, refurbishment and conversion of currently vacant 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, it was

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

- Conditions
- The applicant entering into a Section 106 Agreement to:
 - Secure a phasing strategy for the repairs/restoration of Belmont House;
 - To ensure that should the scheme become viable in the future, that developer contributions can be sought at that time; and
 - Secure developer contributions towards the 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions proposed.
- No new substantive issues being raised by an extended public notification period explained at the beginning of the report.

7. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing and outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Cheadle Area Committee.

Members requested an update on the Section 215 Enforcement Notices served at 73 and 106 Crossefield Road, Cheadle Hulme, and the breaches of the condition notices at the former Barnes Hospital (now Barnes Village), Cheadle.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. REPORT OF POLLING STATION CHANGE 2021

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

review of the polling station arrangements in all wards that had been undertaken following the local and Combined Authority Mayoral elections held on 6 May 2021.

RESOLVED – That the Chief Executive be recommended to give approval to the proposed changes to the polling station arrangements as detailed in the report.

Executive Business

9. CHEADLE AND CHEADLE HEATH ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD - RESULTS OF TRIAL CONSULTATION

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) regarding the trial proposals for the Cheadle and Cheadle Heath Active Neighbourhood.

The meeting was advised that the consultation had received 483 responses/ of those who had responded, 121 people (25%) had supported the trial proposals whilst 362 people (75%) objected.

With the agreement of the Area Committee, Lewis McGarty addressed the Area Committee of behalf of local residents and set out their concerns about the proposals.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration be recommended that the currently proposed trial does not go ahead;

(2) That the comments and suggestions from residents be considered by Officers, with further public engagement at a later date.

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

10. BROOKFIELD PARK SHIERS FAMILY TRUST

A representative of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising Members of the financial standing of the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust and requesting Members to formally adopt the Financial Accounts of the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust for the year ending 31 March 2021 where were attached at Appendix One to the report.

The report also provided an update to inform Members of the financial standing of the Trust as at 31 August 2021, indicated the amount of money available for distribution to organisations and provided commentary on the relevant performance of investment funds.

RESOLVED – (1) That the contents of the report be noted;

(2) That the Financial Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, attached as Appendix One to the report be formally adopted;

(3) That the Area Committee's previous decisions be reaffirmed to allocate

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£75,000 from the Trust to support projects from voluntary and community groups which aim to:-

- reduce loneliness for people aged 50 years or older (to include both enhancement of existing projects as well as new projects); and
- support voluntary groups for children and young people, young carers, addressing loneliness amongst children and young people, and supporting sports groups for people of all ages.

(4) That the current investment policy be retained.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm