

HEATONS & REDDISH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 October 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 13 September 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

Councillors

Interest

Dean Fitzpatrick

Agenda Item 4(vi) – ‘Stockport Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club’ as an appointed ex-officio of the Armed Forces.

Tom McGee

Agenda Item 4(vii) – ‘St Winifred’s Monday Club’ as a member of St Winifred’s.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee informed the Heatons and Reddish Residents that:

- Clock-tober event in Reddish – there will be a community procession for the Clock Centenary celebrations on Saturday 30 November 2021 involving local churches and clubs.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Val North attended the meeting to report on neighbourhood policing issues within the Heatons and Reddish area. She also reported on recent anti-social behaviour in the Heaton and Reddish area, the local policing team and speeding in the area.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was proposed that consideration be given to the installation of a camera to monitor the breach of the 'no entry sign' on Egerton Road North and at the junction of Ellesmere Road North. In response it was commented that it would be looked at within the Police Authority.
- It was commented that the quality of driving along the A6 between Manchester Road junction and the Manchester boundary has been reckless within recent times.
- Members thanked the Police for their ongoing support and efforts to deal with numerous complaints and concerns within the local community as well as attending community group meetings.
- Residents' concerns were raised relating to speeding around the Heatons and Reddish areas and whether it was possible for mobile cameras to be placed in various locations around the wards to act as a deterrent. It was also commented that the criteria for installing these cameras were quite difficult to meet and if consideration could be given by the Police Force Command to 'relax' the criteria to assist with the speeding in the area. In response, it was stated that speeding complaints were being looked at by the Police and local residents were encouraged to continue to lodge their complaints via the Heatons and Reddish police inbox. These would then be collated by the police admin officers and sent to the relevant officers for action.
- It was commented that off-road bikes, speeding bicycles on pavements and e-scooters were a concern for local residents. In response, it was reported that the police were aware of the concerns and were looking into specialist support to deal with the off-road bikes. The public were encouraged to report to the police about where the off-road bikes were being stored so warrants could be issued accordingly.
- Residents' concerns were also raised regarding Denby Lane and the 'weight limit' on the narrow road which was continuously being ignored by larger vehicles using that lane through the day and night to make deliveries to supermarkets.
- It was commented that moped enabled robberies had been taking place across Stockport with information being shared on social media by the police. 'Operation Luster' was taking place in response to the robberies with the divisional team making some arrests with proactive action being taken in the Stockport area.
- It was stated that members of the public should be contacting "Crimestoppers" or dialling '101' anonymously if they prefer to report any crimes or complaints relating to speeding in the borough.
- Members thanked the police for their donations towards litter picking equipment for the Reddish South ward which had been put to good use in the parks and streets.
- Local residents were encouraged to submit applications to the "Aris Fund" which was a fund that had been taken off criminals under the "Proceeds of Crimes Act" which could be put back into the community.

Inspector Val North informed the Area Committee that the following activities had taken place in the Heatons and Reddish area: -

Speed Enforcement

- 15th September 2021 between 9.20am – 11.45am on Wellington Road North with five traffic offences reports being issued, eight people given advice and a top speed recorded of 47mph.
- 13th September between 5.25pm – 6.10pm on the junction of Broadstone Road and Briarfield Road with three traffic offences reports issued and a top speed of 39mph being recorded.
- 13th September between 11.10am – 11.50am on Wellington Road with three traffic offences reports being issued and a top speed of 42mph being recorded.

Anti-Social Behaviour Operation – since 01 October 2021

- Drug Dealing – Sandy Lane & McDonalds, outside Broadstone Primary School and the alleyway at the side of the fields, Broadstone Hall Road South and North, Durham Street (off Station Road), West Heatons Bowling and Tennis Club, Heaton Moor Golf Club, playground off Harmsworth Drive, Vale Close Heatons Mersey, Lodge on Mauldeth Road and Priestnall Common.
- Off Road Bikes & motorbikes – Lambeth Road and Naysbury Road

RESOLVED – That Inspector Val North be thanked for her 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.

Six public questions were submitted as follows: -

- Relating to the ecological report for the Green Lane footpath and the 'local bat population', wildlife and biodiversity of the area.
- Relating to the number of trees to be felled as part of the delivery of the Green Lane footpath improvements.
- Relating to street lighting in the Thornley Lane area.
- Relating to a business location on Battersea Road, Heaton Mersey Industrial Estate.
- Relating to the Elisabeth Mill traffic calming scheme.

Formal responses would be shared with each of the questioners and the Committee.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

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

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Stockport Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club towards the cost of replacing two pull-up banners and purchasing two large feather banners for signposting the venue used for the Breakfast Club.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Stockport Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club for a grant of £104.68 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£26.17 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of replacing two pull-up banners and purchasing two large feather banners for signposting the venue used for the Breakfast Club.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - St Winifred's Monday Club

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of St Winifred's Monday Club towards the cost of a Christmas meal to bring everyone together and repair the loneliness and the damage caused by the pandemic to the minds and friendships of all our members.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from St Winifred's Monday Club for an increased grant of £1,500 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£1,000 from Heatons South and £500 from Heatons North ward allocations) towards the cost of a Christmas meal to bring everyone together and repair the loneliness and the damage caused by the pandemic to the minds and friendships of all our members.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Cash for Kids Charity

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Cash for Kids Charity towards the cost of their appeal to bring the magic of Christmas to children who would otherwise go without. Throughout November and December they are based in a warehouse in Hazel Grove where they rely on volunteers to help them achieve their mission. Children are identified by social services, teachers, Greater Manchester Police, and other charitable organisations, and we fulfil as many applications as possible depending on the donation levels.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Cash for Kids Charity for a grant of £1,332 from the Heatons and Reddish Area Committee (£333 from each ward) towards the cost of their appeal to bring the magic of Christmas to children who would otherwise go without. Throughout November and December they are based in a warehouse in Hazel Grove where they rely on volunteers to help them achieve their mission. Children are identified by social services, teachers, Greater Manchester Police, and other charitable organisations, and we fulfil as many applications as possible depending on the donation levels.

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 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) DC080351 - Tesla Garage, 396-398 Wellington Road North, Heaton Chapel,

In respect of plan no. DC/080351 for the proposed siting of external smart repair booth to the back of the site on existing car park.

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

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC081396 - Mercedes Benz of Stockport, Units 7 and 8 Brighton Road, Heaton Mersey

In respect of plan no. DC/081396 for the variation of Condition 21 (Opening Hours) attached to planning permission DC/066233 to allow the extension of the permitted operating hours for the site,

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

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit in the light of the Area Committee's concern with regard to the potential negative impact on residential amenity by virtue of vehicles entering and exiting the site between the hours of 7.00pm and 10.00pm; the movement of vehicles around the site and consequent light and noise pollution.

(iii) DC081938 - 190 Broadstone Road, Heaton Chapel

In respect of plan no. DC/081938 for the erection of two storey side extension, part single/part two storey rear extension, dormer on rear of roof and erection of outbuilding in rear garden.

It was then

RESOLVED - That planning permission be granted.

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND 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.

7. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (BROOK ROAD AND MANCHESTER ROAD, HEATON CHAPEL) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2021

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Committee of objections received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TROs) at Brook Road and Manchester Road, Heaton Chapel.

Councillor Jude Wells welcomed the report and thanked the local residents and officers for the work done to date to get the necessary implementation.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee has agreed that notwithstanding the objections the order be made as advertised.

8. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (WOODVILLE GROVE & NEWARK ROAD REDDISH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (REVOCATION) ORDER 2021

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Committee of objections received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TROs) at Woodville Grove and Newark Road.

It was commented that the report was welcomed and that all the key stakeholders involved be thanked for the work done to date.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee has agreed that notwithstanding the objections the order be made as advertised.

9. ELISABETH MILL S106 TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the results of the consultation on the North Reddish Traffic Management Scheme and seeking a recommendation that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approves the scheme.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- The Committee welcomed the report and were happy with the responses from members of the public that were taken into account.
- It was commented that regarding David Street local Councillors were working with local residents for a proposed resident parking scheme.
- Clarification was sought regarding the on-site disabled parking at Elisabeth Mill and Elisabeth Gardens. In response, it was stated that the information was not available and would be shared with the Committee.
- The specifications regarding the road humps and cushions were identified in the existing plan with more detail to follow in due course.
- It was commented that consideration could be given to 'community filters' within the neighbourhoods to prevent 'rat-runs'. In response, it was noted that 'community filters' were not within the scope or part of the Section 106 scheme and has not been designed for these neighbourhoods.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member (Economy & Regeneration) be recommended to approve the proposed measures and the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders contained in Appendix B (TRO Schedule) and Appendix C (TRO Drawings) contained in the report and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date to be funded by the Elisabeth Mill S106 monies the orders can be made.

10. GREEN LANE FOOTPATH

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Area Committee following the Area Committee Meeting of 21st June 2021 and the request by the Area Committee for an Ecology Report to be submitted in relation to the Green Lane Improvement scheme, this report details the updated recommendations for the scheme

Councillor Colin Foster informed the Committee regarding the background to the proposals including the initial proposal for a 3m footpath which had since been reduced to a 2.5m footpath with five trees being removed and replaced with ten trees.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Area Committee approves the recommendations as referred to in the report (page 188, paragraph 7).

(3) That the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration be requested to conduct a feasibility study for 'on demand' lighting and a brief report be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

(3) That approval be given for the proposals including the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the following order can be made.

No Waiting At Any Time

Green Lane (Eastern Side)

From a point 46 metres to the north of the northern kerblines of Kennedy Way in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.

Green Lane (Northern Side)

From a point 52 metres to the north of the northern kerblines of Kennedy Way in a westerly direction for a distance of 7.3 metres (full kerb length).

Green Lane (Western Side)

From a point 48 metres to the north of the northern kerblines of Kennedy Way in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.

11. DRAKE COURT, REDDISH

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to revoking a section of No Waiting at Any Time on part of Drake Court in Reddish. Also, to approve the cost for a direction plate to No's 74 – 77.

RESOLVED – That approval be given for the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date at a cost of £760 to be funded from the Delegated Ward Budget the following order can be made:

Revoke No Waiting at Any Time:

Drake Court

South Easterly side from the North Easterly kerb line of the cul-de-sac end for a distance of 4.5 metres in a South Westerly direction; including the return of 2.5 metres in a North Easterly direction.

Not forming part of the Traffic Regulation Order, the cost for a direction plate to No's 74 – 77 Drake Court.

12. ONE STOCKPORT FROGS

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the Area Committee with an update on One Stockport frogs and to seek the authorisation of Ward Discretionary Budget towards the costs.

RESOLVED – That the approval be given to the Area Committee to:-

- (i) the allocation of £2,400 from the Place Directorate Reserve Budget for the full cost of the “Farm Frog” that had been located in Reddish Vale country Park.
- (ii) the allocation of £2, 400 from the Ward Discretionary Budget for the full cost of the “River Frog” that had been located opposite the Heaton Mersey shops.

13. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LAY WREATHS AT REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES ON 14 NOVEMBER 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint Councillors to lay wreaths on behalf of the Council at the Remembrance Day Services at Heaton Mersey War Memorial, Reddish War Memorial and at St Paul's Church, Heaton Moor on Sunday 14 November 2021.

Councillor David Wilson requested that the removal of wreaths in the Reddish area following Remembrance Day be looked into as the preference would be for the wreaths to remain in place for as long as possible and not be taken away so soon after the event.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) be requested look into the removal of wreaths in the Reddish area following Remembrance Day as the preference would be for the wreaths to remain in place for as long as possible and not be taken away so soon after the event.

(2) That the following Councillors be appointed by the Area Committee to lay wreaths on behalf of the Council at the following sites on Sunday 14 November 2021: -

Heaton Mersey – Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick

Reddish War Memorial – Councillor David Wilson

Heaton Moor - Councillor Dena Ryness

14. 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 detailing the current position on area flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

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RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.