

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 29 November 2021
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Angie Clark (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Chris Gordon (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Stuart Corris, Mark Roberts and Lisa Smart.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 18 October 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 items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interest

| <u>Councillor</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
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| Angie Clark | Agenda Item 4(v) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding - United Stockport Circuit’ as a member of the Methodist Church. |

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair extended the thanks of the Area Committee to the TLC refuse collection team for their work in icy conditions earlier in the day.

The Chair then thanked all of those who had been involved in making the arrangements for, and participated in, the Remembrance Day services at Bredbury and Romiley war memorials on Sunday, 14 November 2021.

The Chair commented that it had been noted that there was a lack of disabled access at the Bredbury War Memorial that may contribute to it being unable to wholly fulfil its commemorative purpose for all sectors of society. It was stated that local councillors would be undertaking further work with officers to assess the feasibility of making improvements in this area.

The Chair then referred to the forthcoming Christmas period and stated that a number of events were due to be held in the area including a carol service held by the Stockport Sea Cadets Unit at Pear Mill on 16 December 2021 at 7.30 pm; Christmas concerts held by Chadkirk Chapel on 12 and 18 December 2021; and performances of Mickey's Christmas Adventure by NK Theatre Arts at the Forum Theatre.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) 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.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - United Stockport Circuit

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of the United Stockport Circuit for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of setting up a Drive-In Carol Service over Christmas.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from the United Stockport Circuit for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of setting up a Drive-In Carol Service over Christmas.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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 & 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. 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 (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/080160 - Romiley Allotments (Birch Avenue) Romiley Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC/080160 for the erection of fencing at Romiley Allotments (Birch Avenue), Romiley, it was

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

6. 5G TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST, CHICHESTER ROAD, ROMILEY

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the process with regard to an application for prior approval for the installation of telecommunications equipment on Chichester Road, Romiley.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was stated that the report provided further clarity and understanding on a number of areas members had previously expressed concern over.
- There would be significant costs incurred by the Council were the mast to be relocated.
- Amendments had been made to the Council's systems to ensure that future such errors would not occur.
- Members expressed their disappointment at the position that residents had found themselves in and that they were understandably angry and frustrated.
- It was commented that the approach of Hutchison 3G UK had been particularly disappointing.
- There needed to be closer working between the planning, highways and legal teams within the Council to provide a more coordinated approach to issues such as this.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND 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 Werneth Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – ROMILEY DISTRICT CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS: JUNCTION OF SANDY LANE WITH COMPSTALL ROAD / REVISED LAYOUT

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposed revisions to the approved 'Romiley District Centre Improvements' scheme, with specific regard to the junction of Sandy Lane and Compstall Road.

It was reported that the revised scheme proposed that the previously approved roundabout be omitted and the junction remain as a priority junction following the undertaking of traffic modelling that had not demonstrated that there would be sufficiently improved operational performance through the modified roundabout junction over the existing layout to warrant the cost of the intervention.

It was further commented that while it was proposed that the junction remains as a priority junction, it would include the widening of the carriageway on the west side of Sandy Lane to allow for the pedestrian refuge to be widened to 2.4m.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration be recommended to give approval to the implementation of the revised layout of the junction of Sandy Lane and Compstall Road, Romiley as detailed in the report and as shown in the drawing listed in Appendix C to the report.

9. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – ROMILEY TO STOCKPORT WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the results of a consultation on the 'Mayor's Challenge Fund Romiley to Stockport Walking and Cycling Route' proposals, in particular by reducing traffic speeds, improving walking and cycling facilities and providing better crossing points of the main road and at side roads.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The pegasus crossing installed on Stockport Road had not yet been switched as work remained ongoing by GMUTC to provide electricity to the lights.
- Improvements to the surfacing of Dark Lane were proposed as part of the scheme which may include flexi-pave.
- The scheme was ambitious and would include several bids for funding to complete it in its entirety.
- It was noted that there had been a significant response to the consultation and residents were thanked for their contributions.
- As many trees as possible would be retained in the development of the scheme, and where it was necessary to remove trees, these would be replaced on a two-for-one basis.
- The Council would work with residents impacted by the scheme to ensure the impact of the proposals were minimised and that they would retain access to driveways.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration be recommended to give approval to the implementation of the scheme and the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders contained in Appendix B to the report and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders to be funded from the MCF Capital Fund.

Councillor Chris Gordon (Vice-Chair) in the chair

10. STOCKPORT ROAD WEST, BREDBURY - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME AND ELM TREE ROAD, BREDBURY - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' & 20MPH LIMIT

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings from a consultation exercise with affected residents for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting At Any Time' and 20mph Limit on Stockport Road West, Elm Tree Road and adjacent roads, Bredbury.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to give approval to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order(s) (TRO) set out in Appendix A to the report and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £3,500 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation).

Councillor Angie Clark (Chair) in the chair

11. STOCKPORT ACTIVE WEEKEND EVENT APPLICATION

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) detailing an application for the use of Daisy Fields on Sunday, 26 June 2022. It was stated that the proposed approval was to be considered as part of a wider application for the Stockport Active Weekend Event which also included the use of Woodbank Memorial Park and Vernon Park that were the subject of separate applications to the Central Stockport and Stepping Hill area committees.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained.

12. 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 on decisions taken by the Area Committee since the last meeting and the current position on the Area Flexibility and the Delegated budget.

It was commented that members were discussing with officers the prioritisation of the outstanding traffic schemes detailed in the report.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm