

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 24 January 2022
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 7 February 2022 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 Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
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Chris Gordon	Agenda Item 4(iv) – ‘Open Forum - Access Control Measures Policy Statement’ as the Chair of the Stockport Disability Forum.
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	Agenda Item 4(vi) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Autisk’ as the Chair of the Stockport Disability Forum.
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Personal and Prejudicial Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
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Chris Gordon	Agenda Item 4(v) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Sea Cadets’ as President of Stockport Sea Cadets.
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	Councillor Gordon left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.
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3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported that a police surgery would be held at Start Point, Woodley on Thursday, 27 January 2022.

With regret, the Chair also reported on the passing of Ged Beatty who had been instrumental in setting up the Woodley and Romiley Towpath Team. On behalf of the Area Committee, the Chair expressed the Committee's condolences to Mr Beatty's family.

Finally, the Chair stated that it was the Area Committee's view that future meetings of the Area Committee should return to its usual venue within the community it served at Woodley Civic Hall.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

One public question was submitted in relation to the operation of the CCTV system at Woodley Precinct.

RESOLVED - That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond to the questioner in writing.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum - Access Control Measures Policy Statement

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining what the proposed new access control policy entailed and seeking feedback from residents about how the policy could be improved or altered to ensure it was 'best practice'.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The draft policy document was welcomed and residents were encouraged to respond to the forthcoming consultation.
- Concerns were expressed in relation to the imposition of those measures that restricted access for those with mobility difficulties.
- There needed to be a more focussed effort on the policing of anti-social behaviour the control of off-road bikes rather than the imposition of physical barriers.
- The balance needed to lie with creating routes that were accessible for everyone.
- It was commented that there needed to be provision for dog waste bins on any new routes created.
- The proposed consultation was being actively marketed among community and interest groups.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Sea Cadets

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Stockport Sea Cadets for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of starting a community Karate & Self-Defence Club for cadet services, families, friends and the wider community.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Sea Cadets for a grant of £200 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of starting a community Karate & Self-Defence Club for cadet services, families, friends and the wider community.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Autisk

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Autisk for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of starting up a primary-aged social group for primary-aged children and young people to attend, make new friendships and access fun activities and a sensory room.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Autisk for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of starting up a primary-aged social group for primary-aged children and young people to attend, make new friendships and access fun activities and a sensory room.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

No development applications were submitted.

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (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.

7. OSBORNE ST, BREDBURY - BUS STOP SG0854 FOOTWAY HARDSTANDING

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the construction of a walkway over a grass verge on Osborne Street in Bredbury to facilitate the bus stop.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the construction of a walkway over the grass verge on Osborne Street between Redhill Drive and Dell Side at a cost of £500 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation).

8. RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME PETITION - COLBORNE AVENUE, ROMILEY

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a desktop survey pertaining the workings of the existing residents permit parking scheme in the Church Lane area of Romiley, whilst also analysing the impact of any potential changes as requested through a local petition.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the undertaking of a formal consultation in relation to the amending of traffic regulation orders and expansion of the existing permit parking scheme to include Colborne Avenue at a cost of £4,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation).

9. PARKS EVENT APPLICATION - MAY DAY ON THE MEADOW 2022 AT TANGSHUTTS PLAYING FIELDS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application received from the Friends of Tangshutt Fields to hold their May Day on the Meadow Event from 12 - 3pm on Monday, 2 May 2022.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

10. 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 had received an updated version of the report that showed that further progress had been made against the schemes identified in the report.

It was further commented that members had previously raised concerns with regard to the footpath on Briarley Gardens and that members were willing to commit the use of their Delegated Budget to a scheme that would propose the covering of the corner of the pavement.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm