

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 10 March 2022

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Laura Clingan (Vice-Chair) in the chair; Councillors Sheila Bailey, Dickie Davies, Philip Harding, Amanda Peers, Andy Sorton, Charlie Stewart, Wendy Wild, Elise Wilson and Matt Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 27 January 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

It was reported that, in relation to minute item 7 'Covent Garden, Stockport – Traffic Regulation Order', although the minutes were accurate insofar as they reflected the decision taken by the Area Committee based on the information it had, it would be necessary for the Cabinet Member to reaffirm the decision before it could take effect. This was due to the decision being the responsibility of the Cabinet Member in discharging this executive function.

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 interest was declared:

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillor

Interest

Charlie Stewart

Agenda item 7 'Toronto Road & Canada Street, Heavily' as a resident of Canada Street.

Councillor Stewart left the meeting during the consideration of the item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

There were no announcements made by the Chair.

(ii) 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.

One public question was submitted in relation to the Area Committee's knowledge of Stockport's local history.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee respond to the questioner in writing.

(iii) Neighbourhood policing

Inspector Ian Ashenden (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting to answer questions from councillors and members of the public in relation to neighbourhood policing issues within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- The Area Committee received an update in relation to Operation Avro. It was previously stated that 17 arrests had been made, but there had in fact been 18 arrests made. Ten search warrants were executed, and four vehicles seized.
- The Chief Constable would be conducting a public consultation exercise in Edgeley in March to understand local policing needs from the community's perspective.
- In March, there would be a focus on Stop and Search to encourage officers to use those powers to prevent violent crime. A Scrutiny Panel, made up of community leaders and members of the public, regularly reviewed the use of Stop and Search powers to provide assurance to the public that the powers were being used appropriately.
- The force were working on a number of priorities at present which included, but were not limited to:
 - Response times to incidents and specifically, how resources were deployed to Grade 1 and Grade 2 incidents in a timely manner.
 - Burglaries in Stockport, and how the force could provide better services to burglary victims.
 - Tackling anti-social behaviour relating to off-road biking - it was noted that an increase in incidents was expected due to the time of year (lighter nights).
 - Antisocial behaviour in the town centre - officers were working closely with partners such as the youth offending service, Stockport Homes Group, the British Transport Police and Trading Standards to prevent anti-social behaviour.
- Concerns were raised in relation to an article recently published in the Manchester Evening News about anti-social behaviour and Brinnington. Inspector Ashenden advised members that antisocial behaviour was an issue across all areas of Stockport and wasn't just focussed in one specific locality.
- Ward councillors were pleased to hear that the Licensing Sub Committee had revoked the license of a trader connected with illicit products. Thanks were expressed to the police for their involvement.
- Work was ongoing in relation to county lines.
- Members noted that PCSO Reagan (Edgeley) was leaving Greater Manchester Police. Thanks were expressed to the PCSO for her work over the years.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Ashenden be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open forum - Anti-Social Behaviour in Brinnington

Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader from Stockport Homes Group (SHG), Byron Kirkley, attended the meeting to answer questions from councillors and members of the public in relation to ongoing work to tackle anti-social behaviour in Brinnington.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- Anti-social behaviour was an issue across all areas of Stockport, not just Brinnington.
- An update was given on numbers and types of cases of anti-social behaviour in Brinnington, which included but was not limited to, verbal harassment, intimidation, threatening behaviour, domestic violence and noise nuisance.
- SHG employed two Positive Engagement Officers that worked with perpetrators to tackle the root causes of anti-social behaviour and resolves issues.
- It was noted that the team worked alongside Inspector Ashenden.
- Support for victims and witnesses was also a key part of the service provided by SHG.
- The team were developing a victim's offer as part of the 2022 - 2025 Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. It was reported that this offer was the outcome of consultation with residents and customers in the local area.

Members thanked the officers at Stockport Homes Group for their work to tackle anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED – That Byron Kirkley be thanked for his attendance.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

No development applications were submitted.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND NOTICES

The Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which summarised recent appeal decisions and listed current planning appeals and dates for local enquiries; informal hearings for planning appeals, and enforcement action within the Central Stockport Area Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. TORONTO ROAD & CANADA STREET, HEAVILEY

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing objections received in relation to the proposed introduction of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Toronto Road & Canada Street, Heaviley.

RESOLVED - That, notwithstanding the objections, the Order be made as advertised.

8. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – ROMILEY TO STOCKPORT WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE OBJECTION REPORT

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an objection received to the proposed introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Urwick Road at its junction with Chadkirk Road / Church Lane junction, and also a response in respect to a technical issue in respect to the wording of road names in the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) schedule for the same roads as the objector.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) be recommended to make the order as advertised.

9. RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME - BATESON STREET AREA, STOCKPORT

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a parking desk-top study of the Bateson Street area of Stockport for information, and sought authorisation and funding to carry out a public consultation for the introduction of a residents parking scheme in the locality.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the release of £4,000 funding from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Brinnington & Central Ward allocation) to enable public consultation and legislative processes as required for consideration of the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order in the form of a residential parking scheme on Alpine Road, Bateson Street, Carlton Crescent, Mountain Street and Peak Street, Stockport.

10. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - CHEADLE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Cheadle Heath Primary School, and seeking approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of pencil bollards, and new school warning signs.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders set out in Appendix A to the report, and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders and associated signage, implementation of pencil bollards, and new school warning signs to be funded from the Road Safety Around Schools programme budget allocation.

11. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - ST MATTHEW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around St Matthew's C of E Primary School, and seeking approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of bollards and dropped kerbs with tactile paving, road markings, speed limit repeater signs and new school warning signs.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders set out in Appendix A to the report, and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders and associated signage, implementation of bollards and dropped kerbs with tactile paving, road markings, speed limit repeater signs and new school warning signs to be funded from the Road Safety Around Schools programme budget allocation.

12. SYDNEY STREET, OFFERTON

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing measures for revised signage on Sydney Street at the junction with Offerton Lane.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the relocation of the existing one-way sign to a new pole on the opposite side of Sydney Street (at the junction with Offerton Lane) and the erection of an advisory sign on the vacant pole to read 'Unsuitable for HGVs' at a cost of £421 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Manor Ward allocation).

13. HARDMAN STREET - POSTS

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which sought approval for the introduction of four posts on the footway area outside Hollywood Towers on Hardman Street to prevent parking on the footway.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee pending further consultation with network management.

14. PARK USE APPLICATION - MERSEY VALE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL HATTERS HALF -MARATHON 04.09.22

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) relating to an application received by Stockport County Supporters Co-operative to hold their annual half-marathon on Sunday 4 September 2022.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from the Stockport County Supporters Co-operative to hold their annual half-marathon on Sunday 4 September 2022, subject to the organiser obtaining and submitting the appropriate papers, event plans, health & safety documentation, licences and/ or insurances and fees and charges.

15. STALLED SITES UPDATE - EDGELEY AND CHEADLE HEATH

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an update on stalled development sites in the Edgeley and Cheadle Heath area.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- Springmount Mill, Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath - some progress had been made at Springmount Mill, and activity had been seen on site.
- St Augustines Church, Edgeley – it was requested that before the site was removed from the report, a survey of the road should be carried out to assess any damage done to road due to the road being used as an access to the development. It was suggested that a report be brought back to the next area committee on status of road and gullies on the road.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

16. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) 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. The report also set out the latest position on the ward flexibility funding and delegated budgets.

Members noted that there were outstanding responses on decisions for determining Ward Flexibility Funding applications from the February period, and an update on decisions would be provided at the next meeting of the Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.58 pm