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HEATONS & REDDISH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 20 June 2022

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Kate Butler, Liz Crix, Roy Driver, Dean Fitzpatrick, Colin Foster, Tom McGee, Janet Mobbs, Dena Ryness, David Sedgwick, John Taylor and David Wilson.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Janet Mobbs be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Janet Mobbs in the chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Dena Ryness be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 4 April 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. 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:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

John Taylor

Agenda Item 6 (vii) – Friends of Reddish Vale Country Park as a member of the Woodland Trust.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Jamie Jeffries (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 Heatons and Reddish Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Burglaries in the last 6 weeks have significantly decreased in the Heatons and Reddish with only 11 reported in Reddish and 15 reported in Heatons.
- District priority team has worked really hard in the remand of a particular person and also worked in the area to decrease burglaries through visual presence.
- Another safer summer campaign will be launched to reduce violence, ASB and youth disorder with hotspot policing in parks and working with the youth offending service and other local charities groups.
- Concern was expressed by councillors regarding the off road bikes in the area. It was stated that a site was being looked out for the use of off-road bikes.
- In response, it was stated that the teams were still working locally and gathering intelligence regarding off road bikes to take the appropriate action.
- 'The Bee' sculpture was on display and signifies the importance of reducing violence to the community and will be taken around schools in the borough.
- Speeding was highlighted as areas of concern by councillors across the Heatons and Reddish area.
- In response, it was stated that additional resource would be looked into to address the concerns raised including previous projects e.g. "bike crusher" to deter anti-social behaviour.
- Concern was expressed regarding the gates in Reddish Park (Longford Road West) and possibly monitoring it being open and closed to reduce the access to off-road bikes.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Jamie Jeffries be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum - Stockport Climate Action Now (CAN) Fund Update

Liz Atherton (Climate Action Now, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) regarding the progress of the Stockport Climate Action Now (CAN) Fund since it launched in November 2021 and providing an overview of how the funding scheme worked, examples of projects already funded by the scheme, eligibility for funding, details of how the fund had been allocated and where, and how Members could help promote the take-up of the CAN Fund.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members welcomed the report and the details provided.
- It was commented that members were continuing to advertise and direct local residents to the fund scheme and opportunities relating to the local projects that could apply for funding.
- It was noted that some wards had not suggested any projects yet, but were aware of ongoing projects and ideas being developed to apply for funding.
- Members expressed their thanks and gratitude for the work that had been done in relation to the recent schools climate assembly as well as the approval of funding for the projects that had applied to date.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Belle Vue Brass Band

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of the Belle Vue Brass Band for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of raising funds for new uniform.

RESOLVED – That the application from the Belle Vue Brass Band for Ward Flexibility Funding on this occasion be deferred to the next meeting and that the applicant be invited to attend to provide further information to the Committee relating to their Child Protection Policy and funding requested.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Reddish Vale Country Park

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of the Friends of Reddish Vale Country Park towards the cost of routine upkeep, maintenance and fuelling of the Reddish Vale Van.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Friends of Reddish Vale Country Park for an increased grant of £2,333.32 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£500 each from Heatons North & Heatons South ward allocations, and £666.66 each from Reddish North & Reddish South ward allocations) towards the cost of routine upkeep, maintenance and fuelling of the Reddish Vale Van.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Walk Ride Heatons

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Walk Ride Heatons towards the cost of printing some A5 flyers, a large banner and a couple of reusable laminated maps of the Heatons. Summerfest is a popular, free, family-friendly, community-focused event, which will provide an excellent opportunity for us to engage with the community about how they can make short local journeys more sustainably in Heaton Moor Park on Sunday 10th July 2022.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Walk Ride Heatons for a grant of £250 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£125 each from the Heatons North and Heatons South ward allocations) towards the cost of printing some A5 flyers, a large banner and a couple of reusable laminated maps of the Heatons. Summerfest is a popular, free, family-friendly, community-focused event, which will provide an excellent opportunity for us to engage with the community about how they can make short local journeys more sustainably in Heaton Moor Park on Sunday 10th July 2022.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding Update - Heatons Post, Drawing Board Productions

Representatives of the Heatons Post Drawing Board Productions (Mel Page & Amanda Fourie) attended the meeting to provide an update on its community projects following ward flexibility funding approval from the Area Committee as follows: -

- Heatons Post publication update – first issue was in February 2020 with 3,000 copies circulated with 12 pages, now up to the 30th issue with one being produced each month. Most recently 14,000 copies have been circulated with 24 pages. Articles include poetry, competitions, community updates and articles provided by the local community.
- Established a bank of 30 volunteers to distribute the Heatons Post to around 9,000 homes directly across the area.
- Newspaper for Cheadle has also been established since July 2021 with 6,000 copies in circulation
- Two other newspapers are distributed as well including one for Didsbury and Chorlton Post starting in September 2022
- Heatons Post Hub operates as an office base and other activities that operate from the space.
- Other activities including community projects e.g. 'In Bloom'
- Reddish Roaring Sculpture Trail event involving 10 Lion sculptures placed around the area.
- SummerFest – 30 market stalls and games involving the community and other groups.
- Halloween Trail – being run in October.
- Social impact report has been produced to look at those being engaged and the impact on the community.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members welcomed the update and enquired about long term plans.
- In response, it was stated that the organisation was looking at publishing newspapers in other communities and a hub, working more closely with the Council, building relationships across the borough with other organisations, building partnerships with businesses and developing the hub.
- Members enquired about the plans for the north of the ward. In response, it was stated that over the last five months a number of activities were carried out including newsletter circulation and the 'Lions Sculpture' but also looking for volunteers for further distribution in the coming months.
- Clarification was sought on how the organisation could increase its revenue. In response, it was stated that businesses advertising in the newsletters would help to ensure sustainability and to continue to make connections.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Greater Manchester ACF

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of Greater Manchester A.C.F towards the cost of purchasing better equipment (e.g. protective boots, gloves, high-visibility vests, litter pickers, goggles and a selection of gardening hand tools) to use when helping out in the community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Greater Manchester A.C.F for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£250 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing better equipment (e.g. protective boots, gloves, high-visibility vests, litter pickers, goggles and a selection of gardening hand tools) to use when helping out in the community.

(xi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Heatons Runners

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf Heaton Runners towards the cost having gait tests done and purchasing running trainers for members of the club.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Heaton Runners for a grant of £400 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£100 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of having gait tests done and purchasing running trainers for members of the club.

(xii) Ward Flexibility Funding - The Friends of Darley Street

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received on behalf of The Friends of Darley Street towards the cost of purchasing top soil, a water butt and a public noticeboard to be used in the Darley Street Community Garden.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from The Friends of Darley Street for a grant of £450 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Heatons South ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing top soil, a water butt and a public noticeboard to be used in the Darley Street Community Garden.

7. 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 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/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 Democratic Services Manager outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC083249 - Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Greg Street, South Reddish, Stockport, SK5 7BR

In respect of plan no. DC083249 for the demolition of existing buildings and structures on site, and proposed industrial estate redevelopment to provide approximately 19,118.22sq.m (205,787 sq.ft) of employment floor space (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)) over 28 no. employment units together with associated parking and infrastructure.

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

It was then

RESOLVED - That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

8. 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 Heatons and Reddish Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. ELISABETH MILL AREA DEVELOPMENT, REDDISH

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing information on formal objections which have been returned in relation to the legal advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order (Elisabeth Mill S.106 Measures).

Members welcomed the report.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport) be recommended to approve the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised; subject to the removal of the elements listed below from the schedule:

Revocation of No Waiting at Any Time

David Street, both sides, from the eastern kerbline of St. Elisabeth's Way for a distance of 5.0 metres in an easterly direction.

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time

David Street, southern side, from the eastern kerbline of St. Elisabeth's Way for a distance of 67.2 metres in an easterly direction.

10. RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME PETITION - DAVID STREET, REDDISH

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the findings of a desktop parking survey carried out on David Street, Reddish, following the receipt of a petition requesting the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the release of funds to the amount of £4,000 from the Reddish North Ward Delegated Budget to enable a residents' consultation, investigation and parking survey to be undertaken on David Street, as per Stockport's Residential Parking Scheme Policy.

11. RUSKIN ROAD & BROWNING ROAD, REDDISH

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the experimental order for 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction of Ruskin Road and Browning Road in Reddish.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders 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 £760 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget:-

No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time (Experimental):

Browning Road

South side from a point 10 metres West of the Western kerb-line of Ruskin Road to a point 10 metres East of the Eastern kerb-line of Ruskin Road.

Ruskin Road

West side from the Southern kerb-line of Browning Road in a Southerly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

East side from the Southern kerb-line of Ruskin Road in a Southerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

12. THE PROVISION OF BULBS TO FRIENDS' GROUPS AND OTHER PARTIES

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) providing an update on bulb provision to local community groups and for local initiatives.

It was stated that while members agreed in principle with the proposal to provide an element of funding from the Delegated Budget to bulb planting schemes, it would be necessary to see the detail of such schemes before funding was committed as well as a breakdown of the funding.

RESOLVED – That the report be deferred to the next meeting pending additional details being provided relating to the schemes and a breakdown of the funding.

13. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAY SPOKESPERSONS

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Director of Place Management can consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters.

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed as Ward Spokespersons for highways and traffic issues:-

Heatons North – Councillor John Taylor

Heatons South – Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick

Reddish North – Councillor Kate Butler

Reddish South – Councillor Janet Mobbs

14. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint representatives of the Council to local Outside Bodies.

It was noted that representatives were no longer needed on the Heaton Chapel Community Association and the Heaton Chapel Community Council organisations.

RESOLVED – That the following representatives of the Council be appointed to outside bodies for 2022/2023:-

Prescotts Charity

Councillor Janet Mobbs

Councillor Gary Lawson

15. CHRISTMAS TREE IN HEATON CHAPEL 2022

The Chair reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor David Sedgwick.

Councillor Sedgwick informed the Committee that the Christmas Tree in Heaton Chapel had been previously privately funded and that last year it was funded by the Area Committee. However, going forward he proposed that it should be funded by the Council as other Christmas trees across the borough.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Consideration should be given to permanent tree being planted on the site.
- Clarification should be sought regarding which areas/district centres currently receive a Christmas tree funded by the Council.
- It was commented that if the Council were to fund the Christmas tree in Heaton Chapel it may be that some other area may have theirs taken away due to the number of trees provided each year.

RESOLVED – That the Director for Development & Regeneration be requested to undertake an investigation in response to the proposals outlined and to submit an update to a future meeting of the Area Committee in advance of Christmas 2022.

16. 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 the Area Flexibility Funding and the Delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

17. SAFER STREET SAVES LIVES - REDDISH DISTRICT CENTRE 20MPH ZONE

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of the consultation exercise undertaken with residents, businesses and users of Reddish District Centre and to seek approval for the introduction of a permanent Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) and investigations into alternative traffic calming measures to replace temporary road cushions introduced as part of the Covid response within the District Centre.

RESOLVED – (1) That the 20mph zone be made permanent and officers identify alternative traffic calming measures to replace the temporary cushions and report back to the Area Committee.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) to implement a 20mph Zone and Officers identify alternatives forms for Traffic Calming to replace the temporary speed cushions. The temporary speed cushions are to remain insitu until alternative measures are agreed with the Area Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.