

HEATONS & REDDISH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 31 July 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Holly McCormack (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick (Vice-Chair); Councillors Dena Ryness, Liz Crix, Colin Foster, James Frizzell, Gary Lawson, David Sedgwick, John Taylor, Claire Vibert and Rachel Wise.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 19 June 2023 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

Interests

Rachel Wise

Agenda item 5 (x) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Friends of Reddish South Station' as a friend of the station

John Taylor

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Agenda item 4 (iii) 'Public Question Time' having previously supported the Bowling Club to secure funding.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair wished to express thanks to everyone who took part in Reddfest highlighting that it was the first event in three years and lots of positive feedback had been received and that another event would likely take place closer to Christmas.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Police representative (Greater Manchester Police) was unable to attend the meeting but welcomed any neighbourhood policing questions or issues to be raised.

Members welcomed an update that had been circulated by the Neighbourhood Police representative in advance of the meeting to the Committee members.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Concern was raised over the methods used by police when interacting with the 'travelling' community in the area.
- Members related an incident involving off-road bikes and expressed concern that these could not be reported without registration plates/numbers.
- Members expressed concern over reports they had received of drug offences taking place in the area and encouraged residents to also report matters to the police.
- Members sought to clarify that although not all incidents of crime such as Anti-Social Behaviour were discussed at the Committee this does not mean they are not addressed and members are in regular contact with the police.

RESOLVED – That the issues raised would be communicated to the Neighbourhood Police representative.

(iii) Public Question Time

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

A public question was submitted in relation to the recent anti-social behaviour experienced by members of the Heaton Moor Bowling Club and the practicalities of a fence being installed to curb similar incidents.

It was commented that officers were working on a proposal for the future funding toward the fence of the bowling green with possible options to include the ward discretionary budget and other funding agencies being involved.

A formal response would be shared with the questioner and the Committee.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) reported that no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - New Horizons Windows

A representative of Stockport Canal Boat Trust / New Horizons attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of renewing windows, as part of the New Horizons refurbishment, which offers accessible narrowboat cruises.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Stockport Canal Boat Trust / New Horizons for an overall grant of £190.48 (£47.62 from each wards allocation) towards the cost of renewing windows, as part of the New Horizons refurbishment, which offers accessible narrowboat cruises.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Flourish Together CIC

A representative of Flourish Together CIC attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of training two local members to offer accessible and affordable PAT testing for community groups, charities, and social enterprises.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Flourish Together CIC for an overall grant of £450 (£112.50 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of training two local members to offer accessible and affordable PAT testing for community groups, charities, and social enterprises.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Reddish Community Together

A representative of Reddish Community Together attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of purchasing hi-vis vests for volunteers to take part in litter picking events, as well as purchasing tools for gardening, and paying for access to printing and laminating of posters.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Reddish Community Together for an overall grant of £300 (£150 from Reddish North and £150 from Reddish South ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing hi-vis vests for volunteers to take part in litter picking events, as well as purchasing tools for gardening, and paying for access to printing and laminating of posters.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Heaton Mersey Village Conservation Group

A representative of Heaton Mersey Village Conservation Group attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of developing local park renovation projects, including an artwork launch, which will increase the need to address sustainable developments within the community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Heaton Mersey Village Conservation Group for an overall grant of £999 (Heatons South ward allocation only) towards the cost of developing local park renovation projects, including an artwork launch, which will increase the need to address sustainable developments within the community.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Reddish South Station

A representative of Friends of Reddish South Station attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of replacing two new gazebos and two replacement banners.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Friends of Reddish South Station for an overall grant of £400 (£200 from Reddish North and Reddish South ward allocations) towards the cost of replacing two new gazebos and two replacement banners.

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

(i) DC/088470 - 20 Fullerton Road, Heaton Norris

In respect of plan no. DC088470 for a single storey rear extension to bungalow. Internal alterations and replacement windows and doors.

A member of the public spoke against the application; and

The applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then,

RESOLVED – (6 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit to assess the impact of the development on the neighbouring property at 20 Fullerton Road and 58 Wittenbury Avenue.

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal and 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.

7. CHURCH ROAD, HEATON NORRIS - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed introduction of a series of Traffic Regulation Orders; 'No Waiting at Any Time, No Loading Monday-Friday 7am-10am & 4pm-7pm & Limited Waiting Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, 2 hours no return within 1 hour seeking approval for the advertising/introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to that effect.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order at a cost of £650 to be funded by Traffic Services and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the order:-

Proposed TRO Schedule

No Waiting at Any Time

Church Road, Heaton Norris

North Side:

From its intersection with the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 18.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Church Road, Heaton Norris

North Side:

From a point 42 metres east of the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 18.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Church Road, Heaton Norris

South Side:

From its intersection with the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 15.5 metres in an easterly direction.

No Loading Monday-Friday 7am-10am & 4pm-7pm

Church Road, Heaton Norris

North Side:

From its intersection with the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 18.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Church Road, Heaton Norris South

Side:

From its intersection with the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 15.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Limited Waiting Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, 2 Hours No Return Within 1 Hour

Church Road, Heaton Norris

North Side:

From a point 18.5 metres east from its intersection with the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 23.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Church Road, Heaton Norris

South Side:

From a point 15.5 metres east from its intersection with the easterly kerb line of Wellington Road North for a distance of 23.5 metres in an easterly direction.

8. GAINFORD ROAD, REDDISH

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the revocation of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on part of Gainford Road in Reddish.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members expressed concern that the removal of road markings may lead to parked cars blocking the entrance to the cycle path.
- It was noted that it was not always practical to keep road marking prohibiting parking as residents required parking close to their homes.
- It was suggested that a more effective method of preventing parking issues was through the implementation of no loading zones instead of double yellow lines.
- It was noted that as this concerned a cul-de-sac the issue of motorists stopping for short amounts of time would be minimised.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order at a cost of £700 from Ward Delegated Budget and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the order:-

Gainford Road

Western cul-de-sac end, from a point 41.0 metres West of the North-Western kerblines of Wemyss Avenue for a distance of 19.5 metres covering the entire cul-de-sac end.

9. LONGFORD ROAD, NORTH REDDISH - NEW BUS STOP CLEARWAY MARKINGS

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Council's intentions to upgrade existing bus stop markings with new bus clearway markings and signage on Longford Road, North Reddish to assist bus operations to ensure the safety and amenity of bus passengers, and to ensure parking enforcement can be carried out on vehicles causing an obstruction by parking in the bus stop.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was noted that this was a welcome proposal due to an ongoing issue in the area.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the introduction of new Bus Clearway Markings and associated time plate at a bus stop on Longford Road, North Reddish, as shown in Drawing No. NM8-5229-01 at a cost of £600 to be funded from the Reddish North Delegated Ward Budget.

10. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed governance arrangements for the making of allocations from the Ward Discretionary Budget and the delegation arrangements for the making of decisions with regard to those proposed allocations.

It was asked whether it was possible to use funds from other budgets to pay shortfalls in funding drawn from the Ward Discretionary Budget (WDB). A response would be sought and circulated to members following the meeting.

RESOLVED – (1) That a response be sought relating to the use of other budgets being used to pay for shortfalls in funding drawn from the WDB and be circulated to the Committee following the meeting.

(2) that the Area Committee noted that each ward had been allocated an additional discretionary sum of £10,000 to spend on ward priorities.

(3) That the Area Committee gives approval to the identification of those priorities, or proposed allocations, on a ward-by-ward basis.

(4) That the Area Committee works with officers to draw up formal costed proposals that have the full support of all members of the ward for submission to a future meeting of the Area Committee for recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.

11. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.