

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 14 September 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Wild (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Charlie Stewart (Vice-Chair); Councillors Christine Carrigan, Asa Caton, Laura Clingan, Dickie Davies, Sue Glithero, Leah Taylor, Karl Wardlaw and Matt Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 3 August 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 which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

RESOLVED – That agenda item 16 'Park Use application – Event at Woodbank Memorial Park – SJM Concerts (4-6 July 2024)' be withdrawn from the agenda.

(ii) 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.

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Neighbourhood policing

Inspector John Picton (Greater Manchester Police (GMP)) attended the meeting to provide a verbal report and to answer questions in relation to neighbourhood policing issues within the area represented by the Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- Statistics for off-road bikes and vehicle related anti-social behaviour (ASB) between June - September 2023 were relayed:
 - Cheadle Heath: 14
 - Edgeley: 60
 - Alexandra Park: 12

It was reported that there was a Stockport off-road bike operation (Operation Monsoon) working in partnership with other agencies to deter and detect unauthorised use of motor vehicles across Stockport.

- The work of GMP Neighbourhood Officers in making several arrests to tackle ASB throughout August and September were highlighted. Following a plain clothes operation, ASB had fallen in Stockport town centre this summer.
- GMP were aware of the spike in thefts around Edgeley, Cheadle Heath and Alexandra Park and an operation involving plain clothes officers was expected to be put together to address the issue.
- It was confirmed that the police worked closely with the Youth Offender Service and other youth services; GMP met with the Youth Offender Service monthly and other local organisations such as Stockport Homes to support youth offenders.
- A request was made that the monthly figures, to include but not limited to, off-road bikes, be sent to all wards within the Area Committee.
- The most effective avenue to report off-road bikes was through 101 or Crimestoppers.
- A concern regarding a rise in ASB in Adswold was raised.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted, and Inspector Picton thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open forum

No organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the open forum arrangements.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no development applications to consider.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND NOTICES

A representative of Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any recent appeal decisions; lists current planning appeals and dates for local enquiries; informal hearings for planning appeals, and enforcement action within the Central Stockport Area Committee area.

An enforcement notice for 287 Wellington Road South, Heaviley, Stockport, was noted as having passed the compliance date. It was asked what the next steps were for enforcing the notice.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. DRAFT EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS SPD CONSULTATION

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting comments on a Draft Education Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from Wednesday 13 September 2023 to Wednesday 25 October 2023.

RESOLVED – That the proposed consultation documents and intended period of consultation be noted.

8. STOCKPORT COUNTY MATCH DAY PARKING AND EDGELEY RESIDENTS PARKING ZONE

Sue Stevenson (Head of Highways and Transportation, Stockport Council) attended the meeting to answer questions from the Area Committee in relation to the item.

A written report was provided by Tom Mahon, Chief Operating Officer from Stockport County Football Club:

- 'Improved signage/awareness of secure and covered bike racks at the ground.
- Extension of deal for fans to use NCP at the train station on a match day.
- Increased stewarding around car parks to improve flow and minimise impact on local residents.
- Ongoing discussions with external stakeholders about use of offsite facilities such as Network Rail.
- All of the above is a commitment by the club to reduce the number of cars coming to site and minimising the impact of matchday parking on local residents.'

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- A survey in relation to parking was due to be put to residents, with results expected in December 2023. The purpose of the survey was to understand what residents felt the impacts on parking were e.g., match day related.
- The Area Committee thanked officers for their hard work to date.
- It was suggested the agenda item be removed as a standing item.

- The Area Committee would receive a report on the outcome of the consultation in due course.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. MERSEY WAY PHASE 4 - EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the progress of the Mersey Way Phase 4 Highway Scheme and sought Cabinet Member approval for the introduction of Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETRO) for both Moving and Static restrictions on Mersey Way, Stockport.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks and Leisure Services be recommended to give approval to the introduction and advertisement of the following Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (to be funded from the Mersey Way Phase 4 Budget):

Experimental Traffic Regulation Order -Pedestrian and Cycle Zone (Except for authorised Vehicles – No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time.

Introduction of Experimental Prohibition of Vehicles (Except for authorised vehicles)

Mersey Way – from its junction with Bridge Street in a south westerly and south easterly direction for a distance of 51 metres.

Introduction of Experimental Restricted Parking – No Waiting/Loading At Any Time

Mersey Way, Both sides; from its junction with Bridge Street in a south westerly and south easterly direction for a distance of 51 metres.

Suspensions

All existing waiting/loading restrictions to be suspended for the duration of the EXTRO on Mersey Way – from its junction with Bridge Street in a south westerly and south easterly direction for a distance of 51 metres.

10. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' - GARNER'S LANE, DAVENPORT

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise and sought Cabinet Member approval for the introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order (and associated revocations) on Garner's Lane and adjacent roads, Davenport.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to give approval the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order, 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 £1,250 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Davenport & Cale Green ward allocation):

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘No Waiting At Any Time’

Roslyn Road, Adswood – Both Sides

From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Garner’s Lane for a distance of 9 metres in a northerly direction.

Sterndale Road, Adswood – Both Sides

From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Garner’s Lane for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction.

Garner’s Lane, Davenport – North Side

From a point 10 metres west of the intersection of the south western kerb line of Roslyn Road to a point 10 metres east of the north eastern kerb line of Roslyn Road.

From a point 10 metres west of the intersection of the south western kerb line of Sterndale Road to a point 10 metres east of the north eastern kerblines of Sterndale Road.

Garner’s Lane - South Side

From the intersection of the north eastern kerb line of Elmfield Road, for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction.

Revocation of existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) ‘No Waiting At Any Time’

Garner’s Lane – South Side

From the intersection of the north eastern kerb line of Elmfield Road, for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction.

11. BUS PINCH POINTS, DALE STREET OBJECTION REPORT

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a number of objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Dale Street and Vienna Road, Stockport, as part of a bus pinch points scheme.

RESOLVED – That the orders be made as advertised.

12. APPLICATIONS FOR THE USE OF PARKS

(i) Woodbank Memorial Park - Schools Cross Country League (September 2023 - February 2024)

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club for the use of Woodbank Memorial Park between September 2023 and February 2024 for their School Cross Country League races.

RESOLVED – That the application from Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club for the use of Woodbank Memorial Park between September 2023 and February 2024 be granted, subject to the organiser obtaining appropriate papers, event plans, health & safety documentation, licenses, insurances and any fees and charges that apply.

(ii) Woodbank Memorial Park- Stockport 10 Event (10 December 2023)

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club for the use of Woodbank Memorial Park on 10 December 2023 for the Stockport 10 race event.

RESOLVED – That the application from Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club for the use of Woodbank Memorial Park on 10 December 2023 be granted, subject to the organiser obtaining appropriate papers, event plans, health & safety documentation, licenses, insurances and any fees and charges that apply.

13. ALEXANDRA PARK - OPERATION OF PUBLIC TOILETS AND FUTURE INVESTMENT

The item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Wynne.

The Clerk provided the following update from Property Services:

'The advert to the replace the vacant site-based gardener/operative role based at Alexandra Park has recently closed, shortlisting of applicants took place last week, with interviews anticipated this week. The opening/ closing of the toilets continues to be carried out by the mobile team based at Bruntwood Park in the meantime. At present the toilets can be locked as early as 14:30 as the crews will do this as their last task of the day. (Crews work 7am – 3pm). In relation to the concerns raised around the condition of the facilities, the Property Services Manager has committed to do some repair and upgrade work, this is to reduce 'downtime' where toilets are closed due to vandalism etc. The accessible WC will be overhauled, and the others fitted with vandal resistant sanitary ware. Work is expected to begin in September. Councillors will be updated when works are programmed.'

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

14. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

15. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUTCOMES TOUR

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to hold the Annual Review of Outcomes on Friday 24 November 2023.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Battersby Hat Factory be included on the list of sites to be inspected on the Annual Review Tour; and

(2) That Councillor Charlie Stewart attend the Annual Review of Outcome Tour.

The meeting closed at 6.38 pm