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HEATONS & REDDISH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 27 November 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 16 October 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.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

Colin Foster

Agenda item 4(iii) - 'Public Question Time' as a family friend of the questioner in attendance. (see Minute 4 (iii) below).

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee informed the Heatons and Reddish local residents regarding the Reddish Christmas Lights switch on event that was due to take place on the 30 November 2023. The event would take place between 4.00pm – 6:30pm.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting, but welcomed any neighbourhood policing questions or issues to be raised.

It was commented that members received regular emails from Greater Manchester Police and that the number of burglaries in the area had reduced.

(iii) 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, relating to Agenda Item 8 –‘Clifton Road and Alan Road, Heaton Moor’ and signage relating to the Moor Top car park in Heaton Moor.

RESOVED – (1) That the issues raised by the questioner be considered as part of the discussion on Agenda Item 8 –‘Clifton Road and Alan Road, Heaton Moor’.

(2) That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond to the questioner in writing.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation has indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding – African and Caribbean Community Association

Tolu Fiberesima attended the meeting and submitted an application received on behalf of African and Caribbean Community Association for a grant of £215.20 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£53.80 from Heatons North, £53.80 from Heatons South, £53.80 from Reddish North and £53.80 from Reddish South ward allocation) towards the cost of organising a celebration of International Men’s Day, with health talks and activities regarding prostate cancer, diabetes and high-blood pressure.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from African and Caribbean Community Association for a grant of £215.20 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£53.80 from Heatons North, £53.80 from Heatons South, £53.80 from Reddish North and £53.80 from Reddish South ward allocation) towards the cost of organising a celebration of International Men’s Day, with health talks and activities regarding prostate cancer, diabetes and high-blood pressure.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding – Feel Good Feminist Fightclub CIC

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Feel Good Feminist Fightclub CIC for a grant of £200 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£50 from Heatons North, £50 from Heatons South, £50 from Reddish North and £50 from Reddish South ward allocation) towards the cost of organising an event for World Women’s Wellness Day, to promote physical, mental and emotional wellness amongst women in the Stockport community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Feel Good Feminist Fightclub CIC for a grant of £200 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£50 from Heatons North, £50 from Heatons South, £50 from Reddish North and £50 from Reddish South) towards the cost of organising an event for World Women’s Wellness Day, to promote physical, mental and emotional wellness amongst women in the Stockport community.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding – Hurricanes Cheerleading

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Hurricanes Cheerleading for a grant of £182 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£28 from Heatons North, £14 from Heatons South, £70 from Reddish North and £70 from Reddish South) towards the cost of purchasing new club member uniforms for their members.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Hurricanes Cheerleading for a grant of £182 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£28 from Heatons North, £14 from Heatons South, £70 from Reddish North and £70 from Reddish South ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing new club member uniforms for their members.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Sustainable Living in the Heatons

Diana Scotcher attended the meeting and submitted an application received on behalf of Sustainable Living in the Heatons for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£500 from Heatons North ward allocation only) towards the cost of wood to repair and strengthen the damaged herb bed in Heaton Moor.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Sustainable Living in the Heatons for an increased grant of £529 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£529 from Heatons North ward allocation only) towards the cost of purchasing wood to mend and strengthen the damaged sides of the raised herb bed in Heaton Moor.

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. Deputy Chief Executive 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 upon payment of the Council’s reasonable charges).

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/089747 - Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Greg Street, South Reddish, Stockport, SK5 7BR

In respect of plan no. DC/089747 for advertisement consent for the installation of a mixture of illuminated and non-illuminated signage across the site at Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Greg Street, South Reddish, Stockport, SK5 7BR, including:

- Non-illuminated individual lettering signs to the elevations of the Units within Blocks 5 and 6 facing onto Greg Street;
- Internally illuminated light box signs to the front elevations of the new industrial units facing the internal courtyards;
- An internally illuminated entrance totem sign;
- An externally illuminated site and tenant directory sign; and
- Two small non illuminated directional signs.

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

It was then,

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That wording be added to the approved plans to include a condition which states that the colours shown on the tenant directory sign for the individual blocks are not included.
- 2) That the illuminated signs are to be switched off at night outside of the site operational hours.

6. APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance 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. REDDISH DISTRICT CENTRE ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Development and Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the delivery of the Reddish District Centre Action Plan, initial thoughts on how the £5,000 from UK Shared Prosperity Fund was to be allocated and support for Large Local Centres.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members expressed thanks to residents and local groups for their hard work and involvement. It was noted that there was a buzz and a lot of positive feeling in the area as a result and that members were looking forward to future work.
- The contribution a business would need to make towards the cost of the Urban Front project following a successful application was queried. In response it was clarified that with previous applications this had been a 50% contribution up to a total value of £600.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. CLIFTON ROAD & ALAN ROAD, HEATON MOOR

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed prohibition of waiting and restricted waiting on parts of Clifton Road and Alan Road in Heaton Moor.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders as shown in Appendix A and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £950 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Heatons North ward allocation):-

Revocation

No Waiting Mon to Sat 8.00 – 6.00pm:

Clifton Road

North East side from the North Western kerb line of Heaton Moor Road for a distance of 63 metres in a North Westerly direction.

South West side from the North Western kerb line of Heaton Moor Road for a distance of 63 metres in a North Westerly direction.

Extend No Waiting Mon to Sat 8.00 – 6.00pm:

Clifton Road

North East side from a point 63 metres North West of the North Western kerb line of Heaton Moor Road for a distance of 46 metres in a North Westerly direction.

South West side from the North Western kerb line of Heaton Moor Road for a distance of 63 metres in a North Westerly direction.

No Waiting at Any Time:

Clifton Road

North East side from a point 10 metres South East of the South Eastern kerb line of Alan Road in a North Westerly direction to a point 10 metres North West of the North Western kerb line of Alan Road.

South West side from the (projected) South Eastern kerb line of Alan Road for a distance of 7 metres in a South Easterly direction.

Alan Road

Both sides from the North Eastern kerb line of Clifton Road for a distance of 10 metres in a North Easterly direction.

9. COMBINED SCHOOL STREETS - PROPOSED PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - PROHIBITION OF DRIVING (EXCEPT FOR PERMIT HOLDERS)

A representative of the Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposals to change the existing Experimental Prohibition of Driving (except for Permit Holders) when Temporary Road Signage is in place between the hours of 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.50pm, Monday to Friday Traffic Regulation Order to that of a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

Members discussed the potential to use Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras to 'police' such schemes in the future rather than to rely largely on the goodwill of parents and volunteers.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to approve the Traffic Regulation Order set out in Appendix A and it be established on a permanent basis.

10. REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO PURCHASE BULBS FOR HEATON SOUTH

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a request by the Neighbourhood Team for £700 to purchase Spring Flowering Bulbs for Heaton South. The bulbs would be shared with community groups to plant in the Heaton South Ward.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to funding the purchase of additional bulbs for Heatons South at a cost of £700 from the Delegated Ward Budget (Heatons South ward)

11. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for 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.

The representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance also requested that the Area Committee give consideration to the nomination of projects or schemes for funding from the Ward Discretionary Budget.

In response it was stated that Reddish South ward councillors wished to pursue a scheme to improve biodiversity in Reddish Vale through the rejuvenation of two ponds within the park.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

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(2) That the Director of Place Management be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee detailing proposals for the use of Ward Discretionary Funding for the making of improvements to biodiversity in Reddish Vale through the rejuvenation of two ponds within the park.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.