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MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 24 January 2024
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Becky Senior (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Colin MacAlister (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Geoff Abell.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 29 November 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

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee informed the Marple residents regarding The Marple Neighbourhood Plan which had passed through the approval stages and was now at the referendum stage. The referendum was due to take place on Thursday 21 March 2024. Full details of the referendum were due to be announced on 12 February 2024.

(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 had written to the Police to express their concern with non-attendance.

(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 a proposed pedestrian crossing on Compstall road.

RESOLVED – 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 had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Ride of Remembrance Poppy Appeal

Kevin Murray attended the meeting and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the 'Ride of Remembrance Poppy Appeal' to the Area Committee, John Headlam and Jon Browne for the continued support and funding.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - BeOne Mindset

Ben Eastwood attended the meeting and submitted an application received on behalf of BeOne Mindset for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£150 from Marple North, £150 from Marple South & High Lane) towards the cost of supporting local men referred to CBT and other therapies with their mental well-being, through continuing updates to their online platform.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from BeOne Mindset for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£150 from Marple North, £150 from Marple South & High Lane) towards the cost of supporting local men referred to CBT and other therapies with their mental well-being, through continuing updates to their online platform.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding – Twisted Trees Production

Aimee Horrocks and Melanie Cove attended the meeting and submitted an application received on behalf of Twisted Trees Production for a grant of £970 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£485 from Marple North, £485 from Marple South & High Lane) towards the cost of organising an Art Trail exhibition in Marple, with workshops and materials provided to engage members of the local community.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Twisted Trees Production for a reduced grant of £800 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£400 from Marple North, £400 from Marple South & High Lane) towards the cost of organising an Art Trail exhibition in Marple, with workshops and materials provided to engage members of the local community.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications were 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) DC072663 : Whitebotton Farm, Etherow Country Park, Compstall, Stockport, SK6 5JQ

In respect of plan no. DC/072663 for the change of use of barns and hardstanding to a mixed use comprising agricultural use and for events.

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

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

It was then,

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC090703 : The Cottage, Gird Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 8HR

In respect of plan no. DC/090703 for the erection of replacement dwelling (Resubmission of planning application DC074161, to include dormer roof extension to rear elevation) (Part Retrospective).

It was then,

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

(iii) DC090379 : Small Holding to East of Wybersley Road, High Lane, Stockport, SK6 8HB

In respect of plan no. DC/090379 for the demolition of existing mess room building and erection of replacement mess room building, to include restoration and repair of existing farmyard hardstanding.

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then,

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

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 Marple Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. ONE STOCKPORT: ONE FUTURE UPDATE

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) describing the Neighbourhoods and Prevention Programme.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Marple was thriving, however, was at risk of becoming more isolated from Stockport town centre as a consequence of the limits of and cuts to public transport and did not receive funding from the Bee Network as this was an urban fund.
- Members expressed a desire to protect the green belt in favour of developing on brown space.
- The ambition of the plan was well received.
- It was noted that Marple residents were invested in the area they lived in and benefitted from the involvement of well-informed stakeholders with whom members engaged.
- Members expressed a need for the plan to target pockets of deprivation and address issues such as lack of access to services for residents.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. NEIGHBOURHOODS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMME

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) describing the Neighbourhoods and Prevention Programme.

Members welcomed the report.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That further updates to the programme be submitted to future meetings of the Area Committee.

9. ADDITIONAL PARKING - GEORGE STREET, COMPSTALL

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the review of parking concerns on George Street, Compstall outside the local post office and to consider changing the usage of the current bays.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders as shown in Appendix A of the report and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £2000 to be funded from the Delegated Ward Budget:-

Limited Waiting 1 hour, no return 1 hour

George Street

North West Side

From a point 6 metres southwest of the northeast building line of 229 Market Place for a distance of 5.5 metres in a south westerly direction.

George Street

Southwest Side (adjacent to Market Place)

From a point 4.5 metres from the northwest kerb line of George St for a distance of 6m (3no, 2-metre-wide perpendicular parking bays) Measurements from George St kerb line are taken from the east side of Market Place.

10. LUDWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the findings of a consultation exercise for Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) amendments associated with the extension of Ludworth Primary School.

RESOLVED - (1) That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highway and Transport Service be recommended to approve the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order as set out in Appendix A of the report and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, that the orders be made.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Service be recommended to give consideration to the means by which the effect of the above traffic regulation orders would be communicated to parents/ guardians and other affected residents to ensure that the orders had the anticipated impact.

(3) That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Service be recommended to consider the implementation of the above traffic regulation orders on a phased basis to ensure that appropriate targeted enforcement could be put in place during the introductory phase while the new arrangements were embedded.

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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm.