

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 7 March 2024

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 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.

No declarations were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

No announcements were made.

(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 Barber (Greater Manchester Police (GMP)) attended the meeting to provide an update and answer questions in relation to neighbourhood policing issues within the area represented by the Area Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- An update was given on recent arrests and warrants executed, as well as ongoing work to combat shop lifting and burglary incidents.
- It was noted that several operations to combat shop lifting and burglary specifically were scheduled to be held in March.
- There had been an increase in crime reporting in Edgeley and it was felt that reporting, especially for minor crimes, had improved and was the cause of the increase.
- It was requested that GMP contact Bridge Hall Primary School to support a multiagency approach in tackling the off-road bike issues on Cuddington Crescent.
- Members were advised that a site visit of Stockport Interchange and Viaduct Park was scheduled to be held on 13 March 2024, and that officers were looking to establish routine cover of police presence at the site through Transport for Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED – That Inspector John Barber be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

A petition was submitted electronically in relation to a request for permit parking on Orchard Street and Waterloo Street. The petition had 8 signatories.

RESOLVED – That the petition be referred to the Director of Place Management for investigation and response.

(v) Open forum

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance reported that no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the open forum arrangements.

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. The 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/planningdecisions. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained upon payment of the council's reasonable charges).

The Clerk outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/088401: Land and Buildings at the Corner of Chestergate and King Street West, Stockport

In respect of application DC/088401 for the proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a new residential development together with associated works including

landscaping and parking at Land & Buildings at the corner of Chestergate & King Street West, Stockport.

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

It was then

RESOLVED – That Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission subject to conditions and the satisfactory completion of a S106 agreement.

(ii) DC/075825: Land Adjacent to 1A Abergele Street, Cale Green, Stockport, SK2 6HE

In respect of application DC/075825 for the proposed removal of existing brick piers and part external steps and construction of a two-storey dwelling house and associated works at Land Adjacent To 1A Abergele Street, Cale Green, Stockport, SK2 6HE.

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

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(iii) DC/090152: 48 Brinnington Road, Portwood, Stockport, SK1 2EX

In respect of application DC/090152 for the proposed demolition of single-storey garage, site clearance and erection of a 2-bedroom, 2-storey detached house at 48 Brinnington Road, Portwood, Stockport, SK1 2EX.

A member of the public spoke in objection to the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the application be deferred and delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director (Corporate & Support Services) to grant planning permission and secure a commuted sum.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcement within the area represented by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

Members were advised that the notice had been complied with at 10 Bramhall Lane. It was noted that the report contained two inaccuracies, namely, that information relating to the Area of grass verge Ringmore Street Works, Ringmore Road, Stockport, fell within the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee area. Further, that Elsa Waste Paper Ltd 1-3 Station Road, North Reddish, Stockport, fell within the Heatons & Reddish Area Committee Area.

It was asked that the householder receive an update on the appeals at Clwyd Avenue, Edgeley.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. THE DELIVERY OF BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN THROUGH THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCESS

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) providing an update on the activities relating to the delivery of biodiversity net gain through the planning and development management process.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. INTRODUCTION OF CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CHECKLIST FOR THE VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director (Corporate & Support Services) (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the proposed re-adoption of the council's Application Validation Checklist (AVC) for the validation of planning applications. As a Local Planning Authority, the council must publish a local list of information requirements for submitted planning applications, pursuant to the National Planning Policy Framework.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND THE PLANNING PROTOCOL

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) considering the necessary changes to the scheme of delegation for the determination of planning applications.

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be recommended to approve the proposed changes to the constitution and planning protocol.

10. WOODBANK HALL

James Kington (Assistant Director, Stockport Council) provided a verbal report on the scheme of works to stop the degradation of Woodbank Hall.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Works to stop the further degradation of Woodbank Hall and ensure that the property was watertight were subject to planning permission and listed buildings consent. It was hoped that final approval would be received soon, and that work could begin on site this month.

- Views of the Stockport Heritage Trust had been taken into consideration regarding the scheme of works.
- It was expected that the works would be completed by early summer.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

11. WOODBANK COMMUNITY CENTRE

James Kington (Assistant Director, Stockport Council) provided a verbal report on the status of Woodbank Community Centre and Woodbank Community Association.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was noted that the association were entrusted with the running of the centre. It was also noted that, although the centre was continuing to run as normal, the lease had expired.
- The registering of the association as a charity was overdue and the council continued efforts to contact the current tenants to discuss the new lease, management of the building and minimum performance requirements to be delivered from the building, as well as the status of the association. If no response was received from the current tenants by a deadline set by the council, a number of options were open to the council to move forward. This included but was not limited to, bringing the centre under direct council control.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

12. STOCKPORT TOWN CENTRE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDE

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Support Services (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the council's design expectations for this area of the borough.

Officers were commended for their excellent work on the design guide.

RESOLVED – That the design guide and consultation be noted.

13. CRSTS GREEK STREET (EDGELEY ACTIVE TRAVEL)

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) providing the results of the recent consultation undertaken on proposals put forward as part of Edgeley Active Travel.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to approve the designs associated with the Section A proposals as per the report and advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders and that, subject to no objection being received, that the Traffic Regulation Orders be made as advertised.

14. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS: CRSTS TOWN CENTRE WEST – WELLINGTON ROAD SOUTH/RAILWAY ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

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) providing an update on the scheme and sought Cabinet Member approval for the scheme and introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to approve the legal advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Orders set out in Appendix A, and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, that the orders be made (to be funded by the CRSTS Fund budget).

15. PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: STOCKPORT TOWN CENTRE

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) which sought Cabinet Member approval for the introduction of Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders for Limited Waiting Bays and a Loading Bay in Stockport Town Centre.

It was agreed that further space could be accommodated to enable waste bins to be moved onto the highway without obstruction.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to approve the making of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order as set out in Appendix A and attached drawings.

16. BUS PINCH POINTS, BRAMHALL LANE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS OBJECTION REPORT

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management and Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance (copies of which had been circulated) detailing objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Heathfield Road, Beech Road and Bramhall Lane, Davenport, Stockport, and sought Cabinet Member approval for the order to be made as originally advertised.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to resolve that the Traffic Regulation Order be made as originally advertised.

17. RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME - LILAC STREET, CALE GREEN

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 desk-top study of the parking availability on Lilac Street, Cale Green, following a petition from residents for a Resident Parking Scheme.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the desk-top study be noted and the view of Network Management, namely, that owing to the impact of Bramhall Lane and the A6, it is the view of Network Management that this was a resident-on-resident parking issue be noted.

18. EDGELEY WORKER BEE MARKET DOG SHOW

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Development & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) which sought Area Committee approval for a dog show hosted by Makants Rescue North West as part of organised activity during the Edgeley Work Bee Market on 6 April 2024.

RESOLVED – That the dog show at Edgeley Worker Bee Market on 6 April 2024 be approved.

19. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET - DAVENPORT AND CALE GREEN WARD

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) setting out a request for the allocation of £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Davenport & Cale Green ward allocation) to improve inclusive play opportunities within the Davenport & Cale Green Ward.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to approve the allocation of £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Davenport & Cale Green ward allocation) to improve inclusive play opportunities within the Davenport & Cale Green Ward's equipped play areas.

20. APPLICATIONS FOR THE USE OF PARKS

(i) Woodbank Memorial Park: Inflatable Adventure World event

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the intention of A & B Leisure to host their Inflatable Adventure World event at Woodbank Memorial Park on 11 July (access only), 13 and 14 July, and 15 July (departure).

RESOLVED – That the application received from A & B Leisure to host their Inflatable Adventure World event at Woodbank Memorial Park on 11 July (access only), 13 and 14 July, and 15 July (departure) be granted, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

(ii) Woodbank Memorial Park: JK's Inflatable Fun Weekend event

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the intention of JK Events to host a family inflatable, small rides and games event on 28 June (access only), 29 and 30 June 2024.

RESOLVED – That the application received from JK Events to host a family inflatable, small rides and games event on 28 June (access only), 29 and 30 June 2024 be granted, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

(iii) Woodbank Memorial Park: Family Funfair events

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the intention of Michael Mulhearn Amusements to host two family funfair events and utilise Woodbank Park 3 to 10 June 2024 inclusive, and 12 to 20 August 2024 inclusive.

RESOLVED – That the application received from Michael Mulhearn Amusements to host two family funfair events and utilise Woodbank Park 3 to 10 June 2024 inclusive, and 12 to 20 August 2024 inclusive, be granted, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

(iv) Cale Green Park Summer Event

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the intention of Cale Green Residents Association to host this year's Cale Green Park Summer Fun Day on Sunday the 30 June 2024.

RESOLVED – That the application to hold this year's Cale Green Park Summer Fun Day on Sunday 30 June 2024 be granted, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

21. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & 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 and detailed the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding and the Delegated Ward Budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm