

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 5 March 2024

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Yvonne Guariento (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Carole McCann (Vice-Chair); Councillors Anna Charles-Jones, Graham Greenhalgh, Ian Hunter, Jilly Julian, David Meller, Tom Morrison and Catherine Stuart.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 23 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 which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:

Personal interests

Councillor

Interest

Anna Charles-Jones	Agenda item 12 'Funding for Greenway Road and Surrounding Roads Heald Green' as a resident of Greenway Road. Councillor Charles-Jones left the meeting for the consideration and determination of the item.
David Meller	Agenda item 6(i) 'DC/088368: Land North of Stanley Green Retail Park, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport' as Councillor Meller was an acquaintance of a member of the applicant team. Councillor Meller left the meeting for the consideration and determination of the item.
Carole McCann	Agenda item 15 'Park Use Application: Outwood Road Recreation Ground – Heald Green Fest Events Committee (Heald Green Fest Event)' as a member of the Heald Green Fest Events Committee.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the committee and its executive Sub Committee, and detailed the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding, the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust, and Delegated Budget.

The Chair of the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Sub Committee, Councillor Ian Hunter, provided an update on the last meeting of the Sub Committee. Members were advised that the fund's surplus amount previously reported to Area Committee, was incorrect, and the surplus amount was approximately £30,000. It was noted that members were exploring ways to promote the availability of the Trust's funds.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. 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.

There were no public questions.

(iii) Neighbourhood policing

Inspector Martin Baker (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:

- It was noted that all crimes were logged by the police and that the statistics regularly provided to members highlighted the top 5 crimes identified by area. Members were assured that all crimes were accurately recorded.
- An update was given on recent arrests and warrants executed which included but were not limited to, warrants executed on a cannabis farm and a vape shop containing illegal vapes, as well as ongoing work to combat shop lifting incidents. It was noted that crime for most areas within Cheadle was on the downtrend.
- The Community Speed Watch Scheme would be re-advertised. It was noted that a successful applicant of the scheme was now in post.

- A safe business initiative to review the safety of people at local shops was expected to be delivered, and it was hoped that this piece of work would deter shop-lifting offenders coming to the area.
- It was reported that 5 members of Inspector Baker's team were due to leave the force, and that the recruitment process has begun to replace those leaving the team.
- Sincere thanks were expressed to PC Moore for his work supporting a resident recently.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Baker be thanked for his attendance.

6. 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 Corporate & Support Services 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/088368: Land North of Stanley Green Retail Park, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport

In respect of application DC/088368 for the proposed construction of a restaurant (Use Class E/Sui Generis) with associated internal access, car parking, servicing, hard and soft landscaping, and other associated works at Land North of Stanley Green Retail Park, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport,

a member of the public spoke in objection to the application, and

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

It was then

MOVED AND SECONDED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit at peak hours in light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation to the public health risk given the proximity of the school to the site, as well as security, planned parking capacity, and traffic management concerns; to include a walk from the school to the site, and an assessment of the 20 additional car parking spaces proposed. Further, that the 24/7 hours of operation and barriers be considered in supporting the deterrence of anti-social behaviour. The committee were also recommended to consider the impact of the proposed development on footfall in nearby local centres.

For the motion 8.

MOTION CARRIED

FURTHER MOTION MOVED AND SECONDED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to refuse planning permission in light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation to the public health risk given the proximity of the school to the site, as well as security, planned parking capacity, and traffic management concerns.

For the motion 6, abstentions 2.

MOTION CARRIED

It was then

RESOLVED (8 for) – (1) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit at peak hours in light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation to the public health risk given the proximity of the school to the site, as well as security, planned parking capacity, and traffic management concerns; to include a walk from the school to the site, and an assessment of the 20 additional car parking spaces proposed. Further, that the 24/7 hours of operation and barriers be considered in supporting the deterrence of anti-social behaviour. The committee were also recommended to consider the impact of the proposed development on footfall in nearby local centres.

(2) (6 for, 2 abstentions) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to refuse planning permission in light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation to the public health risk given the proximity of the school to the site, as well as security, planned parking capacity, and traffic management concerns.

(ii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iii) 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.

(iv) Ward Flexibility Funding - Housebound Too Scooting

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) received on behalf of Housebound Too Scooting for a grant of £50 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget (Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocation) towards the cost of arranging a social gathering and fundraiser day to promote mental wellbeing and to raise the profile of the organisation.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Housebound Too Scooting for a grant of £50 (Cheadle West & Gatley ward

allocation) towards the cost of arranging a social gathering and fundraiser day to promote mental wellbeing and to raise the profile of the organisation.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Tigers Basketball Club

David Ng attended the meeting and had submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) on behalf of Tigers Basketball Club for a grant of £200 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget (£50 from the Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £100 from the Cheadle West & Gatley and £50 from the Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing basketball kits, training equipment and court hire.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Tigers Basketball Club for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget (£100 from the Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £100 from the Cheadle West & Gatley and £100 from the Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing basketball kits, training equipment and court hire.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Samaritans of Stockport & District

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) received on behalf of Samaritans of Stockport & District for a grant of £142.86 (£47.62 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £47.62 from Cheadle West & Gatley, £47.62 from Heald Green) towards the cost of advertisement and promotion, upgrading infrastructure and the purchase of publicity materials.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Samaritans of Stockport & District for a grant of £142.86 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget (£47.62 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £47.62 from Cheadle West & Gatley, £47.62 from Heald Green) towards the cost of advertisement and promotion, upgrading infrastructure and the purchase of publicity materials.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO)

Moz Perkins attended the meeting and had submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) on behalf of Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO) for a grant of £300 (£100 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £100 from Cheadle West & Gatley, £100 from Heald Green ward allocation) towards the cost of delivering an event to celebrate Armed Forces Day in the town centre.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from of Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO) for a grant of £300 (£100 from Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £100 from Cheadle West & Gatley, £100 from Heald Green ward allocation) towards the cost of delivering an event to celebrate Armed Forces Day in the town centre.

7. 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 Cheadle Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' AND RESTRICTIONS AT FRESHFIELD, HEALD 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 findings of a consultation exercise and sought Cabinet Member approval for the

introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order in the form of 'No Waiting at Any Time' and restrictions on Freshfield, to include junction of Formby Drive and Finney Lane.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to approve the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order set out in appendix A, and that subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, that the order be made (to be funded by the Delegated Budget (Heald Green ward allocation)).

12. FUNDING FOR GREENWAY ROAD AND SURROUNDING ROADS HEALD 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) which sought Cabinet Member approval for the allocation of £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Heald Green ward allocation) to investigate measures to alleviate parking problems at Greenway Road and surrounding roads in Heald Green and to improve the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to approve the use of £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Heald Green ward allocation) towards investigating measures to alleviate parking problems and improve the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians at Greenway Road and surrounding roads in Heald Green.

13. PARK USE APPLICATION: BRUNTWOOD PARK - BRUNTWOOD PARK BMX CLUB (NORTH REGIONAL RACE EVENT)

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 the intention of Bruntwood Park BMX Club to utilise Bruntwood Park BMX Track to host their annual competitive North Regional Race on 28 April 2024.

Resolved – That approval be given to the application received from Bruntwood Park BMX Club to utilise Bruntwood Park BMX Track to host their annual competitive North Regional Race on 28 April 2024, 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.

14. PARK USE APPLICATION: BRUNTWOOD PARK - CHEADLE MUSLIM ASSOCIATION WELFARE TRUST (EID IN THE PARK EVENT)

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 the intention of the Cheadle Muslim Association Welfare Trust to utilise Bruntwood Park to celebrate Eid on 16 June 2024.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the application received from the Cheadle Muslim Association Welfare Trust to utilise Bruntwood Park to celebrate Eid on 16 June 2024, 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.

15. PARK USE APPLICATION: OUTWOOD ROAD RECREATION GROUND - HEALD GREEN FEST EVENTS COMMITTEE (HEALD GREEN FEST EVENT)

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 the intention for Heald Green Fest Events Committee to utilise Outwood Road Recreation Ground to host their annual Heald Green Fest event on 29 June 2024.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the application received from the Heald Green Fest Events Committee to utilise Outwood Road Recreation Ground to host their annual Heald Green Fest event on 29 June 2024, 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.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm