

CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 16 April 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, Tom Morrison and Catherine Stuart.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 5 March 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Personal interests

Councillor

Interest

Carole McCann

Agenda item 5(vi) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – PTFA at Bolshaw Primary School' as a governor at Bolshaw Primary School. Councillor McCann left the meeting for the consideration and determination of the application.

Tom Morrison

Agenda item 8 'DC/090553: Phoenix House, Bird Hall Lane, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, SK3 0RA' as a member of Cheadle Towns Fund Board.

Jilly Julian, Tom Morrison
and Ian Hunter

Agenda item 5(vii) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – The Emma Cosgrove Foundation' as members of the Cheadle Civic Society. The Cheadle Civic Society were helping to organise the event, along with The Emma Cosgrove Foundation and the Cheadle & Gatley Women's Institute.

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.

Members received a verbal update on the progression of a project which was in receipt of a grant from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust:

Friends of Scholes Park

'Our project is to install a small section of fencing with an access gate to separate the children's play park in Scholes Park Gatley from the wider fields. This is to provide some separation between dogs being exercised on the field and the children's play area to improve safety.

The council green space and parks officers agreed to the need for the gate and fence, but were unable to fund it, originally quoting £3500. We were very kindly awarded the £2500 grant from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust and were able to fund the remaining cost from our existing funds, including a £500 donation from the Dudley Trust to our general funds for park improvements and events. The council have now informed us that the cost has reduced to £2,706.50 due to a reduction in material prices and because the council are placing the order along with additional work required at other parks. They have now placed the order and are going to inform us of the installation date as soon as this is set. We hope it will within the next two months.'

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

Members noted that a job fair was scheduled to take place at All Hallows Church, Cheadle, on 25 April 2024.

(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.

A public question was asked at the meeting in relation to a sink hole on Queen's Road. Ward members responded that United Utilities had, this afternoon, begun to repair the problem.

Two public questions were submitted in relation to parking issues around Greenway Road as a result of people parking to attend the mosque.

RESOLVED – That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond to the questioners in writing.

(iii) Neighbourhood policing

Inspector Baker (Greater Manchester Police) was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances and sent his apologies for the meeting.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(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.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - PTFA at Bolshaw Primary School

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) received on behalf of PTFA at Bolshaw Primary School for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget (Heald Green ward allocation) towards the cost of obtaining blinds for the school hall and dictionaries and thesauruses for the children.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from PTFA at Bolshaw Primary School for Ward Flexibility Funding for a grant of £1,000 (Heald Green ward allocation) towards the cost of obtaining blinds for the school hall and dictionaries and thesauruses for the children.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - The Emma Cosgrove Foundation

Andrew Frazer attended the meeting to speak to the application, having previously submitted the application (copies of which had been circulated) on behalf of The Emma Cosgrove Foundation for a total grant of £700 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of hosting a community event 'Cheadle on the Green' featuring a diverse range of activities to foster a sense of unity and camaraderie within the community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from The Emma Cosgrove Foundation for Ward Flexibility Funding for a grant of £500 (£250 each from the Cheadle West & Gatley and Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North ward allocations) towards the cost of hosting a community event 'Cheadle on the Green' featuring a diverse range of activities to foster a sense of unity and camaraderie within the community.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Pakistani Resource Centre

Tahir Abbasi attended the meeting to speak to the application, having previously submitted the application (copies of which had been circulated) on behalf of the Pakistani Resource Centre for a total grant of £1000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of setting up a Peer Support Group to reduce isolation and promote socialisation and healthy living in women of South Asian background.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Pakistani Resource Centre for Ward Flexibility Funding for a grant of £1000 (£200 from the Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £200 from the Cheadle West & Gatley and £600 from the Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of setting up a Peer Support Group to reduce isolation and promote socialisation and healthy living in women of South Asian background.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Shahnameh

Shahireh Sade attended the meeting to speak to the application, having previously submitted the application (copies of which had been circulated) on behalf of Friends of Shahnameh for a total grant of £330 from the Ward Flexibility Funding budget towards the cost of their annual celebration event and regular online poetry and literature events.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Friends of Shahnameh for Ward Flexibility Funding for a grant of £330 (£120 from the Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North, £140 from the Cheadle West & Gatley and £70 from the Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of their annual celebration event and regular online poetry and literature events.

(x) Application for funding from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust - Friends of Shahnameh

Shahireh Sade spoke to the application, having previously submitted the application (copies of which had been circulated) on behalf of Friends of Shahnameh for a total grant of £855 from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust towards the cost of their annual celebration event and regular online poetry and literature events.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to application received from Friends of Shahnameh for a grant of £256 from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust towards the cost of their annual celebration event and regular online poetry and literature events.

6. 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 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/091222: 50 Windsor Avenue, Gatley, Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 4DU

In respect of application DC/091222 for the proposed two storey extension to side and rear part single storey rear extension. Attic conversion with dormer, porch, at 50 Windsor Avenue, Gatley, Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 4DU,

a member of the public spoke against the application.

It was then

RESOLVED - (1) That no specific recommendation be made in relation to the determination of the application; and

(2) that the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit in the light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation the scale of the proposed development, aesthetics and street scene.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19.26, it was

RESOLVED – That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 19.33.

(ii) DC/089576: 153 Stanley Road, Heald Green, Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 6RF

In respect of application DC/089576 for the proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at 153 Stanley Road, Heald Green Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 6RF,

the agent for the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission, subject to conditions and the satisfactory completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure developer contributions toward open space.

(iii) DC/090553: Phoenix House, Bird Hall Lane, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, SK3 0RA

In respect of application DC/090553 for the proposed demolition of buildings and structures to construct an employment development (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)(ii)(iii)) with ancillary office space (Use Class E(g)(i)) and associated service yards, car parking, landscaping and infrastructure works at Phoenix House, Bird Hall Lane, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, SK3 0RA,

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

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission, subject to conditions, informative and the signing of a legal agreement to secure £50,000 towards improvements to Pedestrian and Cycling.

Thanks were expressed to the Cheadle Towns Fund Board for their good work on the consultation process.

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.

It was asked 5 Merwood Avenue remain on the report for monitoring purposes.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. STOCKPORT CLIMATE ACTION NOW FUND

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 provided detail on the launch of two new Climate Action Now (CAN) Funds: the CAN Seed Fund and the CAN Catalyst Fund.

Nick Leslie (Head of Climate Action Now, Stockport Council) attended the meeting to speak to the report and respond to any questions from the Area Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was noted that the grant allocation process for the CAN Seed Fund would mimic the Ward Flexibility Funding grant allocation process.
- Members were asked to encourage members of the public to make applications for their projects, which could focus on local/seasonal growing, encouraging local and sustainable travel, planting for biodiversity and more.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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The meeting closed at 8.06 pm