

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 April 2024

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Wild (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Charlie Stewart (Vice-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 7 March 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 of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

The following announcements were made:

- As this was the last Area Committee meeting of the municipal year, the Chair expressed thanks to Councillors Charlie Stewart and Janet Mobbs for their hard work and service to the council.
- The Area Committee congratulated Stockport County Football Club on their recent successes and securing their promotion to League 1.

(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 Barber (Greater Manchester Police (GMP)) was unable to attend the meeting due to the pre-election period and a written update was circulated to members of the Area Committee by email.

In response to a question as to how GMP intended to address a spike of criminal behaviour in Alexandra Park, it was noted that the crimes were being suitably investigated and that Neighbourhood Officers had been tasked to increase patrols in the park.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

(iv) Petitions

A petition was presented to the meeting in relation to the proposed removal of double yellow lines on Orchard Street, SK1 1YR. Members were advised that the petition would be considered together with the report at agenda item 12 'Resident Parking Scheme – Orchard Street, Stockport'.

The Area Committee were advised that a petition for permit parking on Dona Street, SK1 4EH, had not met the required number of signatories for the council to act. The Clerk would contact the petition organiser to discuss next steps.

(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

There were no development applications to consider.

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.

It was noted that the report contained an error, namely, that Elsa Waste Paper Ltd 1-3 Station Road, North Reddish, Stockport, fell within the remit of the Heatons & Reddish Area Committee Area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. 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.

Liz Atherton (Climate Action Now Programme Manager, 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:

- Members were asked to encourage members of the public to make applications to the CAN Seed Fund for their projects, which could focus on reduce and repair, community climate action days, planting for biodiversity and more. The funds could also be considered for projects that had a climate connection, and where a group might not consider themselves as a 'climate group'.
- The CAN team were able to support prospective applicants with their applications, should help be needed.
- It was asked that the grant allocation process for the CAN Seed Fund mimic the Central Stockport Area Committee Ward Flexibility Funding grant allocation process, where applications were considered by members independently of Area Committee meetings. It was agreed that a CAN Seed Fund statement form part of the 'progress on area committee decisions' report to enable members to monitor the fund and its effectiveness.
- It was advised that prospective applicants could apply for a grant for existing projects, if they could demonstrate how the grant would support climate action.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - NO STOPPING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM ON SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS

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 findings of a consultation exercise and sought approval for the introduction of a 'School Keep Clear' Traffic Regulation Order and associated pedestrian guardrail, 'pencil' bollards and footway remedial works at Neston Grove.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order set out below and at Appendix A and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, that the order be made (at a cost of £2,600, to be funded in part by the Davenport & Cale Green Delegated Ward Budget):

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule

School Keep Clears – No Stopping Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Neston Grove (South Side)

From a point, 13 metres south west from the intersection of the south western kerb line of Rostherne Road for a distance of 63.12 metres in a south westerly direction.

9. EDGELEY ROAD, EDGELEY - UPGRADE OF SIGNAGE

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 approval for the supply and installation of upgraded School 'WigWag' signage.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to approve the supply and installation of upgraded School 'WigWag' signage on Edgeley Road (at a cost of £1,600, to be funded by the Edgeley Delegated Ward Budget).

10. BRIDGEHALL, CALE GREEN, EDGELEY AND SHAW HEATH PARKING SURVEY

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 Bridgehall, Cale Green, Edgeley and Shaw Heath Parking Survey.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was advised that the survey had been carried out between October 2023 and December 2023. The survey was conducted to gather data from residents about perceived issues faced in their local area regarding access to parking and what might be exacerbating any issues.
- It was noted that, with critical projects happening in and around the town centre, parking problems would persist and perhaps worsen, with time.
- It was felt that the results of the survey demonstrated an appetite for a solution to the parking problems faced by residents.
- Thanks were expressed to officers for their work on the survey.

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Wynne, and seconded by Councillor Asa Caton

MOVED AND SECONDED –

- 1) That it be noted that there is a clear and persuasive indication from the holistic parking survey carried out that there are a number of existing day to day and future concerns with parking in the Edgeley Ward area
- 2) That this Area Committee therefore resolves that the Director of Place Management be recommended to proceed with a package of proposals named the Edgeley Parking Plan to address match day and commuter parking in Edgeley without delay:

A provisional Edgeley Parking Plan includes:

- a. Reviewing and reforming the Trader parking arrangements on Edgeley District Centre.

- b. Exploring the day to day usage of Pay and Display car parks on Edgeley District Centre and the feasibility of trialling contactless payment facility on public pay and display machines on Edgeley District Centre.
 - c. Requesting to expand the current Match Day Parking zone to cover the North of Edgeley. Explore the feasibility and options for the creation of an Edgeley residents parking zone that will also address day time commuter parking and problem parking associated with the Town Centre and regeneration work in the East and North East section of the Ward.
 - d. Considering reforming the current permit parking administration and enforcement regime to ensure it is fit for purpose.
- 3) That, in line with the Council's constitution, the Cabinet Member responsible and Head of Service responsible be formally invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to discuss the adoption of and a forward plan on progress of the Edgeley Parking Plan and costs associated.
- 4) That it be highlighted that Stockport County's promotion to League 1 (having now been in the Football League for two years with week to week attendances rising alongside this and associated extra parking influx) is a benefit for the Borough, however it has taken two years to secure a survey alone.
- 5) That it be noted that the success of Stockport County Football Club and the benefits for the Town and regeneration work planned cannot and will not be a burden to ordinary day to day life for Edgeley residents in that perennial parking related concerns are negatively affecting the fabric of the neighbourhood area as confirmed through the survey.

For the motion 12.

MOTION CARRIED

It was then proposed by Councillor Janet Mobbs, and seconded by Councillor Dickie Davies

FURTHER MOTION MOVED AND SECONDED -

- 1) That the Area Committee asks that the council look to develop potential schemes to the issues raised and in particular the concerns around match day parking.
- 2) To explore options to expand the match day parking zone to those areas impacted.
- 3) To seek funding to support any potential schemes.

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RESOLVED (12 for) – (1) That it be noted that there is a clear and persuasive indication from the holistic parking survey carried out that there are a number of existing day to day and future concerns with parking in the Edgeley Ward area

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(5) That it be noted that the success of Stockport County Football Club and the benefits for the Town and regeneration work planned cannot and will not be a burden to ordinary day to day life for Edgeley residents in that perennial parking related concerns are negatively affecting the fabric of the neighbourhood area as confirmed through the survey.

(6) And further, in relation to Bridge Hall, Cale Green and Shaw Heath, the Area Committee asks that the council look to develop potential schemes to the issues raised and in particular the concerns around match day parking.

(7) To explore options to expand the match day parking zone to those areas impacted.

(8) To seek funding to support any potential schemes.

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) 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.

12. RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME - ORCHARD STREET, STOCKPORT

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 Orchard Street, Stockport, following a petition from the residents of Orchard Street and Waterloo Road for a Resident Parking Scheme.

Members queried the Controlled Parking Zone and the impact (if any) it could have on a parking scheme and requested that an officer attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to speak to the report and respond to any questions from members. Further, to address the further petition received proposing the removal of double yellow lines on Orchard Street, SK1 1YR.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the agenda item 'Resident Parking Scheme – Orchard Street, Stockport', be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Committee to enable an officer to attend to speak to the report and respond to any questions from members. Further, to address the further petition received proposing the removal of double yellow lines on Orchard Street, SK1 1YR.

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm