

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 20 June 2024

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Christine Carrigan, Asa Caton, Jon Byrne, Dickie Davies, Karl Wardlaw, Wendy Wild, Paul Wright and Matt Wynne.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Karl Wardlaw be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Karl Wardlaw (Chair) in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jon Byrne be elected Vice Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 18 April 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the inclusion of Bridgehall, Cale Green and Shaw Heath on the further motion moved and seconded at minute item 10 'Bridgehall, Cale Green, Edgeley and Shaw Heath Parking Survey'.

4. 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.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's announcements

It was reported that Armed Forces Day was on Saturday 29 June 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.

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

Additional signatures to the petition to support the safeguarding of Edgeley's Wildlife Reserve were submitted to the Area Committee. The petition had 400 signatories.

A further petition was submitted in relation to permit parking for Dona St. The petition had 17 signatories.

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

(iv) 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.

7. 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 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).

(i) DC/082052: former Hope Mill site, Water Street, Portwood, Stockport

RESOLVED – That consideration of application DC/082052 former Hope Mill site, Water Street, Portwood, Stockport, be deferred.

8. 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Area Committee agreed to defer the appointment of councillors to Woodbank Community Association outside body whilst clarity continued to be sought in relation to outside body.

RESOLVED - The Councillors Matt Wynne, Leah Taylor and Asa Caton be appointed to the Cheadle Heath Community Association.

10. ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION - EDGELEY PARK STADIUM

James Kington (Assistant Director, Stockport Council) attended the meeting to speak to the report and respond to any questions.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the addition of Edgeley Park Stadium to the List of Assets of Community Value in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 and The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, for a further period of five years.

11. EDGELEY PARKING PLAN

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of members following a motion which sought further discussion on the adoption of and a forward plan on progress of the Edgeley Parking Plan and costs associated.

Sue Stevenson (Head of Highways and Transportation, Stockport Council) attended the meeting to support the discussion and respond to any questions.

The following comments were made/issues raised.

- The Area Committee had received a report on the outcome of the survey at their meeting held on 18 April 2024. Members were advised that resources were limited but the team, in liaison with members, could investigate what affordable measures could be put in place to assist.
- Members welcomed a meeting. It was suggested that a meeting take place to include ward members from the Edgeley and Davenport & Cale Green wards.
- It was noted that the planning application which sought to double the capacity of the ground was now live on the website, and time was of the essence to find solutions to the problems faced by residents.

12. RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME - ORCHARD STREET, STOCKPORT

The report detailed a desk-top study of the parking availability on Orchard Street, Stockport, following a petition from the residents of Orchard Street & Waterloo Road for a Resident Parking Scheme.

Sue Stevenson (Head of Highways and Transportation, Stockport Council) attended the meeting to support the discussion and respond to any questions.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was questioned why Orchard Street had been included within the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and asked that the CPZ be reviewed to determine whether it was still fit for purpose. Members were advised that this was a substantial piece of work that would require significant resource. It was agreed that the CPS needed to be reviewed, and members noted that the team would investigate the best way to achieve this given constrained resources.
- In response to a query as to the council's parking standard within the town centre e.g., one car parking space for a three-bedroom property, members were advised that resident's living in the town centre should not have need for a car owing to the sustainable location but recognised that this was not always the case. It was noted that the council had worked hard to improve transport modes and promote sustainable living in the town centre.
- When the time came for a review of the CPZ, the team would meet with local ward councillors to gain a full understanding of all the issues.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the desk-top study and the view of Network Management be noted.

13. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' ON WOODLANDS DRIVE AND OFFERTON LANE, OFFERTON

To report detailed the findings of a consultation exercise and sought Cabinet Member approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on Woodlands Drive and Offerton Lane, Offerton.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to approve the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order 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 £1,200, to be funded from the Manor Delegated Ward Budget).

14. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - BLACKBERRY LANE AND CADET STREET, BRINNINGTON

The report sought to address an administrative oversight following initial proposals in 2017 to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Blackberry Lane and Cadet Street, Brinnington.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order on Blackberry Lane and Cadet Street, Brinnington (appendix A) and, subject to no objections being made within 21 days from the advertisement date, that the order be made:

Revocation of existing TRO Schedule

'Disabled Badge Holders Only Bay'

Blackberry Lane, Brinnington (South Side)

From a point, 69 metres from the easterly kerb line of Lapwing Lane for a distance of 3.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Proposed TRO Schedule

'No Waiting at Any Time'

Blackberry Lane, Brinnington (South Side)

From a point, 57.5 metres from the easterly kerb line of Lapwing Lane for a distance of 36 metres in an easterly direction.

Blackberry Lane, Brinnington (North Side)

From a point 57.5 metres from the projected easterly kerb line of Lapwing Lane for 38 metres in an easterly direction.

Cadet Street, Brinnington (Both Sides, Entry & Exit)

From the northerly kerb line of Blackberry Lane for a distance of 8 metres in a northerly direction.

15. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET: REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR PERMANENT AERATION FOR SYKES RESERVOIRS

The report detailed a request for funds (£10,000) from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Edgeley ward allocation) for permanent equipment to maintain healthy oxygen levels in Sykes Reservoirs.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to approve the allocation of £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Edgeley ward allocation) towards maintaining safe oxygen levels in Sykes Reservoirs.

16. PARK USE APPLICATIONS

(i) 'Fun in the Park' - Alexandra Park

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the intention of Stockport Baptist Church to host a three-day summer scheme 'Fun in the Park' in Alexandra Park from Tuesday 27 August to Thursday 29 August 2024.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Baptist Church to host a three-day summer scheme 'Fun in the Park' in Alexandra Park from Tuesday 27 August to Thursday 29 August 2024, subject to the organiser obtaining appropriate papers, event plans, health & safety documentation, licenses, insurances and any fees and charges that apply.

(ii) Schools Cross Country League - Woodbank Memorial Park

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the intention of Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club to use Woodbank Memorial Park on six Saturday mornings to host their Schools Cross Country League races.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Harriers & Athletics Club to use Woodbank Memorial Park on six Saturday mornings (21/9/24, 5/10/24, 2/11/24, 30/11/24, 25/1/25 and 01/3/25) to host their Schools Cross Country League races, subject to the organiser obtaining appropriate papers, event plans, health & safety documentation, licenses, insurances and any fees and charges that apply.

17. DETERMINATION OF CAN SEED FUND APPLICATIONS

The report sought to formalise the process for the determination of Climate Action Now (CAN) Seed Fund applications by the Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the determination of applications for CAN Seed Fund be delegated to the Director for Place Management, in consultation with ward councillors, for the duration of the fund.

18. AREA COMMITTEE WARD SPOKESPERSONS

RESOLVED - The Area Committee has nominated Ward Spokespersons with whom the Director of Place Management can consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters:

Councillor Kerry Waters (Brinnington & Stockport Central)
Councillor Asa Caton (Edgeley)
Councillor Jon Byrne (Manor)
Councillor Wendy Wild (Davenport & Cale Green)

19. 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 6.38 pm