

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 17 June 2024
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Joe Barratt, Rosemary Barratt, Mark Roberts and Sue Thorpe.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED (3 for, 2 abstentions) – That Councillor Smart be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED (3 for, 2 abstentions) – That Councillor Angie Clark be appointed 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 15 April 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interest was declared:-

Personal & Prejudicial Interest

Councillor

Interest

Angie Clark

Agenda Item 11 – ‘Park Event Application – Chadkirk Well Dressing Event’ as a member of the friends of Chadkirk Estate.

Councillor Clark left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that council was in the pre-election publicity period up to and including the General Election on 4 July 2024 and reminded the Area Committee that,

during that time, the council cannot be seen to be supporting any political campaigning of any political group or party.

The Chair announced that Romiley Forum had reopened, following its closure over RAAC issues. The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Area Committee for the work of NK Theatre Arts, council officers and contractors in achieving the reopening of the theatre.

The Chair reminded residents that the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming General Election was midnight on 18 June 2024, and the deadline to apply for a postal vote was 5 pm on 19 June 2024.

An environmental event was scheduled to take place at Mosscares St Vincent on Wednesday, 19 June 2024. The event was open to all, not just to tenants at Mosscares. Anyone interested in participating in a green event was encouraged to attend between 5 and 7 pm and to speak with the Sustainability Manager.

Last month Bredbury Library had held a 'Dig It' day event which had encouraged visitors to work on the beds in front of the library to help make them more sustainable. Another Dig It day event was planned for next month.

A PC drop-in session was scheduled to take place at the Start Point Cafe in Woodley on Wednesday, 19 June at 11 am to 12.30 pm. The session provided an opportunity for residents to speak to the Woodley PC.

The New Beaches annual art exhibition was scheduled to take place at St Barnabus Church on 5 and 6 July 2024.

The Woodley and Bredbury Community Neighbours Drop-In was scheduled to take place at 6.30 pm on 9 July 2024 at Bredbury St Marks Cricket Club.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Girlguiding UK - 2nd Worsley Holy Rood Guides

A representative of Girlguiding UK - 2nd Worsley Holy Rood Guides attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £50 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of a 7-day Girlguides trip to the Azores.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Girlguiding UK - 2nd Worsely Holy Rood Guides for a grant of £50 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of a 7-day Girlguides trip to the Azores.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Disability Opportunities in Sport UK (DOSportUK) CIC

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted an application on behalf of DOSportUK for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of Stockport Jets Basketball sessions aimed at people with a learning disability and/or autism, but also open to all ages and abilities.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from DOSportUK for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of Stockport Jets Basketball sessions aimed at people with a learning disability and/or autism, but also open to all ages and abilities.

7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no development applications to consider.

8. APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS

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 enforcements within the area represented by the Werneth Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE REPORT - EDWARD AVENUE, BREDBURY

The Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report on behalf of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposed highway maintenance scheme on Edward Avenue, Bredbury.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this report be deferred pending consultation with local residents on the proposed scheme.

10. BREDBURY GREEN AND ROMILEY DELEGATED WARD BUDGET

The Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report on behalf of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a request for the allocation of £8,500 from the Delegated Ward Budget for the purchase and installation of a ground level roundabout to improve accessible play at Goyt Valley Play Area.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the purchase and installation of a ground level roundabout to improve accessible play at Goyt Valley Play Area at cost of £8,500 to be funded from the Ward Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green and Romiley ward allocation).

11. PARK USE APPLICATION - CHADKIRK WELL DRESSING 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) detailing an application from Friends of Chadkirk to host their annual Well Dressing Community Event at Chadkirk Country Estate on Saturday, 27 July 2024, between 12 pm and 5 pm (with set up 26 July and close down 29 July 2024).

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Friends of Chadkirk to host their annual Well Dressing Community Event at Chadkirk Country Estate on Saturday, 27 July 2024, between 12 pm and 5 pm (with set up 26 July and close down 29 July 2024), subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

12. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAY SPOKESPERSONS

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Director of Development & Regeneration (Place) can consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters.

RESOLVED - That the following Councillors be appointed as Ward Spokespersons for highway and traffic management issues:-

Bredbury & Woodley Ward - Councillor Joe Barratt

Bredbury & Woodley Ward - Councillor Sue Thorpe

Bredbury Green & Romiley - Councillor Angie Clark

13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint representatives of the Council to local Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED - that the following representatives of the Council be appointed to outside bodies for 2024/2025:-

Barrack Hill Educational Trust

Councillor Angie Clark

Councillor Lisa Smart

Civic Hall, Woodley User Group Management Committee

Councillor Joe Barratt

Councillor Rosemary Barratt

Councillor Sue Thorpe

14. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant 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 Area Committee and the current position on Area Flexibility Funding.

The representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance stated that there were some errors in the published figures for the Delegated Budget 2024-25 and corrected the figures as follows:

Ward	Balance b/fwd from 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Present to next cttee schemes	Approved Schemes	Balance
Bredbury & Woodley	4,178	10,750	10,000	300	4,628
Bredbury Green & Romiley	606	10,750		496	10.860
Area Committee Totals	4,784	21,500		796	15,488

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.32pm.