

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP ACTION AND RESOURCES SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 1st December 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Shakil Ahmed (in the Chair); Councillors Jane Gartside, Nickson, O'Neill, Rashid, Sheerin, Sullivan, Zaheer and Zaman. Councillor O'Neill substitute Member for Councillor Heakin, Councillor Rashid substitute member for Council Sultan Ali and Councillor Sameena Zaheer substitute Member for Councillor Cecile Biant.

OFFICERS: N Afzal, V White and J Ashley (Neighbourhoods Directorate) S Shahid (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Sultan Ali, Councillor Cecile Biant and Councillor Heakin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

49 In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, Councillor O'Neill declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to application RP/15/15 (Hornets Sporting Foundation Club Origin Series) and therefore did not take part in the discussion or vote.

MINUTES

50 **DECIDED – that the minutes of the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Committee held on 4th November 2015 be approved as a correct record.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

51 **DECIDED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Rochdale Area Forum held on 5th October 2015 be noted.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALEY AREA FORUM

52 **DECIDED- That the minutes of meeting of the Healey Area Forum held on 8th October 2015 be noted.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORDEN AREA FORUM

53 **DECIDED – That the minutes of meeting of Norden Area Forum held on 30th September 2015 be noted.**

GIBSON STREET, BELFIELD. PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF DRIVING. CONSULTATION REPORT

54 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Neighbourhoods updating Members on a recent consultation carried out in relation to a proposed Prohibition of Driving on Gibson Street. Members were requested to decide on whether to proceed with the Traffic Order in the light of the responses received.

The recommendation presented was for Members to consider the results of the consultation and make a decision as to whether the Gibson Street Scheme should be formally advertised as part of the traffic regulation order procedure.

There were no alternatives outlined in the report.

Members discussed the plans (appended to the submitted report) which highlighted the proposed locations for the physical features and the costings involved.

**DECIDED – that (1) approval be granted for the Gibson Street Scheme to be formally advertised as part of the traffic regulation order procedure.
(2) £7,500 be approved from the Capital Fund for the Scheme.**

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2015/16

55 The Committee considered the report of the The Director of Neighbourhoods which updated the Sub-Committee on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale Township Fund 2015/2016, to enable the Sub-Committee to allocate funds to proposed projects.

The recommendations contained in the report were presented as the management of the Rochdale Township Fund was a function delegated to this Sub-Committee to determine. The Rochdale Township Funds were designed to be allocated to projects that benefit the Township's communities and environment and which realise the Township's stated priorities. The Sub-Committee monitors and reviews the use of the Rochdale Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of the Township's Funds.

The Sub-Committee were asked to note the expenditure, commitments and balances for Rochdale Township revenue and capital funds as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2, the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3 to the submitted report and to consider and approve, defer or refuse the allocation of funds to proposed projects detailed in Appendix 4.

Members of the Rochdale Township Action and Resource Sub-Committee were requested to note the Principal Townships Officer's assessment of the proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for the Rochdale Township Fund, priorities of the Township and any specific risks identified.

Alternatives considered - in considering the report, Members were asked to decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to projects/schemes as appropriate.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of Andre Murphy who addressed the Sub-Committee in relation to application RP/13/15 – IT Classes and Advice Service.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of representatives of the Friends of Tourcoing Association who addressed the Sub-Committee in relation to application RP/14/15 – Celebration of 50 Years of civic twinned town friendship.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of Ryan Bradley who addressed the Sub-Committee in relation to application RP/15/15 – Hornets Sporting Foundation Origin Series.

DECIDED – That (1) the expenditure, commitments and balances for Rochdale Township Revenue and Capital Funds, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;

(2) the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed at Appendix 3 of the submitted report be noted;

(3) it be noted that the Principal Township Officer had assessed the proposed projects to be considered for funding, against the criteria of the Rochdale Township Fund, priorities of the Township Plan and any specific risks had been identified, (as detailed in Appendix 4 of the submitted report);

(4) the summaries of evaluation information for projects funded as detailed in Appendix 5 to the submitted report be noted.

(5) the Principal Townships Officer, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokespersons of the Committee, be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects

(6) applications for Township Funds, (as outlined in appendix 4 of the submitted report); and as, verbally updated by the Township Management Officer, be dealt with as follows:-

APPLICANT	PROJECTS/SCHEME	DECISION
Spotland Community Association	RP/13/15 IT Classes and Advice Service	Declined
Friends of Tourcoing Association	RP/14/15 Celebration of 50 years of civic twinned town friendship	£500 be approved from the Projects Funds – Revenue.
Rochdale Hornets Sporting Foundation	RP/15/15 Hornets Sporting Foundation Origin Series	Declined – Applicants requested to submit a detailed application
Councillor Cecile Biant	TC/04/15 Cutgate Road Traffic Calming and 20mph Zone	Deferred due to insufficient funds
Principal Townships Officer	TC/26/15 Cutgate Precinct Car Park Resurfacing	Declined
Highways	TC/27/15 Drake Street Loading Bay and Limited Restrictions	Deferred pending Ward Members consultation with local businesses.
Highways	TC/28/15 Marlborough Street/Rooley Moor Road Waiting Restriction	Deferred – no Ward Members present
Highways	TC/29/15 Turf Hill Road Waiting Restrictions	£3,500 be approved from the Capital Fund
Highways	TC/30/15 Malcolm Street Waiting Restrictions	£3,500 be approved from the Capital Fund

Eligible for Call-in : Yes

COMMUNITY CENTRE MONITORING

56 The Committee considered the report of the Director of Neighbourhoods providing Members with community centre performance management information for the first two quarters of 2015 (April, May and June 2015 and July, Aug and September 2015).

The recommendation was presented to provide a view on whether to continue with

current funding and monitoring arrangements for community centres as detailed in the report.

Alternatives considered: Community Centres could apply for funding in the form of an application form at the start of the new financial year and considered by a panel.

Members scrutinised a range of information including forecasts, outputs and outcomes for each quarter, a breakdown of activities delivered by staff at the community centre, activities for which the community centre had been hired along with a breakdown of funding grants approved and the monitoring process in relation to the following community centres:-

BACP, Castlemere Community Centre, Deeplish Community Centre, KYP, North Area Partnership, Rochdale Women's Welfare, Sparth Community Centre, Spotland Community Centre, Sudden Community Centre, Turf Hill Community Centre and Wardleworth Community Centre

Members received an updated in relation to an incident at Castlemere Community Centre. The Committee was informed that Ward Members and the Community Centre Co-ordinator had some concerns regarding the monitoring information provided. It was reported that the Community Centre would continue to be monitored and feedback would be provided at a future meeting of this Committee.

DECIDED – that the recommendation to continue with the current funding and monitoring arrangements for the Rochdale Township Community Centres be supported.

Eligible for Call-in: No.