

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP DELEGATED SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 16th January 2020

PRESENT: Councillor O'Neill (in the Chair); Councillors Ali Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Sultan Ali, Cocks, Gartside, Heakin, Massey, Rana, Wazir and Winkler.

OFFICERS: G. Finch, N. McKendrey, J. McAuley (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 18 members of the public.

15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Holly.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved that the following declarations of interest be noted:-

- a. Councillor Rana declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the funding application RP/21/19 (Minute 24 below) (Rochdale TRY – Rochdale Hornets Sporting Foundation) and he took no part in the discussion or determination thereon.
- b. Councillors Massey and Rana both declared a personal interest in minute 22 (Objections to Traffic Order – Spotland Road, Rochdale).

17 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee held 26th September 2019, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18 NORDEN AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Norden Area Forum, held 17th September 2019, be noted.

19 SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Spotland and Falinge Area Forum, held 19th September 2019, be noted.

20 HEALEY AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Healey Area Forum, held 17th October 2019, be noted.

21 CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Central Rochdale Area Forum, held 11th November 2019, be noted.

22 OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC ORDER - SPOTLAND ROAD, ROCHDALE

The Sub-Committee was advised that proposals to introduce some evening peak waiting and loading restrictions on the south side of Spotland Road (A680) have been advertised and two objections had been received. The submitted report, prepared by the Director of Neighbourhoods, explained the background to the proposal and commented upon various points made by the objectors to assist the Sub-Committee in coming to a decision about the proposed Order's introduction.

Alternatives considered:

The restrictions proposed in the submitted report were intended to prevent vehicles parking when the tidal flow out of Rochdale was at its greatest during the evening peak and were the minimum believed necessary to improve approach capacity at the junction and allow the network to operate more efficiently. Also it was reported that widening Spotland Road to create an additional traffic lane was not a possibility without the demolition of property and therefore was far beyond the scope of the proposal to introduce some restrictions for part of the day.

Resolved:

1. The Sub-Committee considered the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.169) Order and resolved to refer the matter to the Cabinet for determination as the Sub-Committee did not feel able to support the proposals detailed in the report.
2. The Chair of the Sub-Committee, Councillor O'Neill, be requested to inform the Cabinet, when the matter is presented at that forum, of this Sub-Committee's reservations in relation to the recommendations detailed in the report.

Reasons for the decision:

The recommendations detailed in the submitted report were presented as it felt that the proposed restrictions would reduce congestion on the network by easing the obstruction issues caused by both right turning vehicles and parked vehicles, allowing westbound ahead movements to flow un-restricted.

Officers in the Council's Highways Service had noted issues with parked vehicles on the south side of Spotland Road between Holland Street and Julia Street. As part of a scheme to improve the efficiency of key routes across the network, funding had been received from Transport for Greater Manchester to promote new restrictions in this location.

Eligible for Call-in: No

23 OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - ROOLEY MOOR ROAD AREA, ROCHDALE

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods advising of objections received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order:

Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.173) Order.

The Sub-Committee was advised that a request had been received from Spotland and Falinge Ward Councillors for the Council's Highways and Engineering Service to investigate the introduction of parking restrictions along Rooley Moor Road to address reported issues of indiscriminate parking. An approved commissioning form was subsequently received requesting that the Council survey the location and devise a scheme promoting new restrictions where appropriate.

A scheme detailing new parking restrictions had been prepared and was approved by Spotland and Falinge Ward members. The restrictions were formally promoted and during the consultation period the Council received 2 letters of support and 40 letters of objection to the proposal, 32 of which were identical.

In considering the proposals the Sub-Committee received representations from Mr. C. Faulkner objecting to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

The Sub-Committee received representations from Mr. J. Sherlock who addressed the Sub-Committee in support of the implementing the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

Alternatives considered:

The Sub-Committee could consider recommending that the proposal be amended or abandoned. An amended proposal would require additional funding to re-advertise additional proposals. If the Sub-Committee decided not to introduce the restrictions, detailed in the report, then the issues with parked vehicles, would still not be addressed.

Resolved:

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.173) Order be implemented as advertised.

Reasons for the decision:

To address the issues reported, namely: obstruction to the free flow of traffic; reduction in forward visibility at various points along the route; reduced visibility at junctions; obstruction at bus stops; and obstruction and damage to footways, it was felt necessary to introduce the proposed Order as originally advertised.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.

24 ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2019/20

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which updated Members on the revenue and capital expenditure commitments and balances of Rochdale North Township Fund 2019/20, to enable the Sub-Committee to allocate funds to proposed projects.

The Sub-Committee were asked to note the expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale North Township Funds 2019/20, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report, the decisions made under delegated authority, as detailed at 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 of the submitted report. Members of the Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee were requested to note that the Townships and Communities Manager had assessed all of the proposed projects that were considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for Rochdale North Township Fund projects and any specific risks were identified within the report.

In considering the funding applications the Sub-Committee received oral representations from the applicant's and/or their representatives, who were in attendance at the meeting.

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.

Resolved:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Rochdale Township Funds 2019/20, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;
2. That the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3 of the submitted report be noted;
3. That the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the Sub-Committee, be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects;
4. That applications for Township Funds 2019/20, (as outlined at Appendix 4 of the submitted report); and be dealt with as follows:-

Ref	Project name/applicant	Decision
RP/14/19	Going Digital – Spotland Community Association	An award of £1,800 from the Projects Fund
RP/21/19	Rochdale TRY – Rochdale Hornets Sporting Foundation	An award of £1,962.50 from the Projects Fund
RP/22/19	Drumming/Cultural Group Workshop – Nigeria Community Association	An award of £1,305 from the Projects Fund.
RP/23/19	Multicultural Parade 2020 – Nigeria Community Association	That consideration of this funding application be referred to the Middleton Devolved Funding and Devolved Services Sub-

		Committee for determination
RP/26/19	Oulder Hill Remembrance Garden – Oulder Hill Community School	An award of £700 from the Projects Fund
W/35/19	Norden Village CCTV – Norden Ward Councillors	An award of £10,000 from the Norden Ward and Member's Fund
TC/02/19	Eden Street Lighting – Councillor Rana	An award of £6,645.96 from the Capital Fund
TC/21/19	Clement Royds Street Salt Bin – Councillor Rana	Application withdrawn
TC/22/19	Rooley Moor Road/Fern Hill Lane Junction Salt Bin – Councillor Rana	Application withdrawn
TC/25/19	Ashworth Road Deer Fencing – Norden Ward Councillors	An award of £8,730 (Option 2)
TC/28/19	Heights Lane 20mph School Zone – Healey Ward Councillors	A award of £31,000 (Option 3)

5. The Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Sub-Committee, be granted delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects;

Reasons for the decision:

The recommendations in the report were presented as management of the Rochdale North Township Fund is a function that is delegated to the Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee. Rochdale North Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township's priorities and which will enable the Sub-Committee to monitor and review the use of the Rochdale North Township Fund to ensure the continued efficient and effective use of the funds.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes