

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP DELEGATED SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 10 March 2020

PRESENT: Councillor O'Neill (in the Chair); Councillors Sultan, James Gartside, Heakin, Massey, O'Neill, Rana, Wazir and Winkler

OFFICERS: G. Finch, N. McKendrey, (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and N.Suleman (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public.

25 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received by Councillor Cocks and Holly.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved that the following declarations of interest be noted:

- a. Councillor Rana declared a personal and prejudicial in the funding application RP/29/19 (Minute 11 below) (Projecting badminton in the community) and he took no part in the discussion or determination thereon.

27 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee held on 16th January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as the correct record.

28 NORDEN AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Norden Area Forum, held 10th December 2019, be noted.

29 SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Spotland and Falinge Area Forum, held 9th January 2020, be noted.

30 CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Central Rochdale Area Forum, held 3rd February 2020, be noted.

31 HEALEY AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Healey Area Forum, held 6th February 2020, be noted.

32 OBJECTION TO TRAFFIC ORDER - BURY AND ROCHDALE OLD ROAD, ROCHDALE

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which detailed proposals to introduce some 'No Waiting At Any Time and Loading Restrictions' on part of Bury and Rochdale Old Road (B6222), that have been advertised and one objection was subsequently received ,however the objector was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Committee's report explained the background to the proposal and commented upon the points made in the objection to assist Members in coming to a decision about the proposed Orders' introduction.

The Committee was advised that unusually the location of the proposed restrictions was situated in two wards (Norden and North Heywood) and in different townships, and the submitted report was being considered by both of Heywood Township Committee and this Delegated Township Sub Committee.

Alternatives considered:

The measures proposed were believed necessary to alleviate some identified parking problems affecting and obstructing traffic flow, pedestrians, and junction visibility along Bury and Rochdale Old Road. Scaling down the proposals or not implementing them in the opinion of highways officers would not address the issues raised. Similarly partial introduction of the scheme on just one side of Bury and Rochdale Old Road by introducing only one of the two proposed Traffic regulation Orders, it was felt, would not address the identified problem with immediate displacement onto the opposite side of the road.

Resolved:

The Sub Committee recommends that the Traffic Regulation Order 'Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.172) Order', be implemented as advertised.

Reasons for the decision:

Bury and Rochdale Old Road B6222 was one of the Rochdale Borough's Strategic Highways linking Bury and Rochdale town centres and was situated to the north of the parallel A58 route which passed through Heywood town centre. It was served by frequent bus services (7 buses per hour in each direction) and used by traffic to and from Fairfield General Hospital situated to the west in Bury Council's area. Bury and Rochdale Old Road was not on the Key Route Network. It formed the boundary between Norden Ward (Rochdale North Township) and North Heywood Ward (Heywood Township).

Indiscriminate parking was causing difficulties for traffic in the vicinity of its junction with Elbut Lane. Service requests from members of the public had described difficulties to the west of Elbut Lane where traffic (including emergency ambulances) is being obstructed by parked vehicles preventing safe passage past a centrally placed pedestrian refuge island.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes

33 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/29/19	Projecting Badminton in the Community	An award of £1700.52 from the Projects Fund subject to clarification of DBS checks.
RP/32/19	Caldershaw Road Play Area Path	An award of £2656.50 from the Projects Fund.

RP/39/19	Mayfield Sports Centre Refurbishment	An award of £4713.89 from the Projects Fund.
W/67/19 & M/88/19	Taylor Street Waiting Restrictions	An award of £4,000 from the Ward/ Members Fund.
TC/34/19	Veteran Tree Interpretation Panels & Fencing	An award of £3569.81 from the Capital Fund.
TC/35/19	Woodhouse Lane Litter Bin	An award of £399.30 from the Capital Fund.
TC/36/19	Mitchell Street and Ashworth Street Junction Salt Bin	An award of £1006.46 from the Capital Fund.
TC/37/19	CCTV for Falinge Park	An award of £4877.00 from the Capital Fund approved subject to the council signing off all the necessary legal requirements.

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

34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Reason for the Decision:

Should the press and public remain during debate on this item there may be a disclosure of information that is deemed to be exempt under Parts 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

35 HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods, which detailed a proposed highways programme for the Township in 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.