

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP ACTION AND RESOURCES DELEGATED SUB-COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, 13th March 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Cecile Biant (in the Chair); Councillors Sultan Ali, Heakin, Nickson, O'Neill (substituting for Councillor Shakil Ahmed), Sheerin, Sullivan, Winkler and Zaheer (substituting for Councillor Zaman).

OFFICERS: V. White, N. McKendry (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Ali Ahmed, Councillor Gartside and 30 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

53 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Shakil Ahmed and Zaman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

54 Decision:

That the following declarations of interest be noted:-

Councillor Winkler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 63 below (Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road, Rochdale) and he withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillors O'Neill and Sheerin both declared a personal interest in minute 58 (Appointment of Trustees to the Norman Barnes Fund).

Councillor Cecile Biant declared a personal interest in the funding application TC/20/17 (Rooley Moor Road Waiting Restrictions) at minute 64 and she refrained from voting on this application.

Councillor Sullivan declared a personal interest in the funding application RP/12/17 (Bury Road/Sandy Lane Signal Junction Study) at minute 64.

Councillor O'Neill declared a personal interest in funding application TC/21/17 (Dell Road Improvements) at minute 64.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

55 There were no urgent items of business for the Sub-Committee to consider.

MINUTES

56 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee held 11th January 2018, be signed by the Chair and approved as a correct record.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO THE NORMAN BARNES FUND

57 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Workforce) which advise that the term of Office of two Trustees of the Norman Barnes Fund had expired, namely Councillor Kathleen Nickson and Mrs Jane Gartside. In accordance with the Trust Deed for the charity, appointments were to be made by this Sub-Committee on behalf of the Council.

Alternatives considered:

None as the Trust deed specified no other means of appointing nominative Trustees.

Decision:

That Councillor Kathleen Nickson and Ms Jane Gartside be both reappointed to the Norman Barnes Fund as nominative Trustees for a period of four years each.

Reason for the decision:

The term of office of the two Trustees, of the Norman Barnes Fund, named above, had expired and in accordance with the Trust Deed, appointments were delegated to either the Rochdale Township Committee or the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee to make. There was a meeting of the Norman Barnes Fund due to take place on 20th March 2018, so it was essential that the appointments were made at this meeting to enable the two nominative Trustees to take part in this next meeting.

NORDEN AREA FORUM

58 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Norden Area Forum held 12th December 2017, be noted.

HEALEY AREA FORUM

59 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Healey Area Forum held 14th December 2017, be noted.

CENTRAL ROCHDALE AREA FORUM

60 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Central Rochdale Area Forum held 8th January 2018 be noted.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP CLEAN AND GREEN PRIORITY GROUP

61 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Rochdale Township Clean and Green Priority Group held 19th February 2018 be noted.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITIES AND ENGAGEMENT PRIORITY GROUP

62 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Rochdale Township Communities and Engagement Priority Group held 21st February 2018 be noted.

OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC ORDER - BLACKPITS ROAD & EDENFIELD ROAD, ROCHDALE

63 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods advising of five objections received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order: Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.126) Order, which proposed to introduce parking restrictions on parts of Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road (A680).

The Sub-Committee's report explained the background to the proposals and commented upon the points made by the objectors to assist the Sub-Committee's members in coming to a decision about the proposed Order's introduction.

In considering the proposed Traffic Regulation Order the Chair of the Sub-Committee permitted Mr. N. Morrell and Mr. M. Newman to address the meeting on behalf the objectors to the proposals.

In considering the proposed Traffic Regulation Order the Chair of the Sub-Committee permitted Mr. and Mrs. Warwick to address the meeting on behalf the supporters of the proposals.

The Sub-Committee also received representations from Norden Ward member, Councillor James Gartside, who spoke to object to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

Alternatives considered:

The Council's Highways Officers did not feel that a reduction in the scale of the proposals was appropriate on either Blackpits Road or Edenfield Road. Consideration was given to reducing the scale of the proposals to just one side of Edenfield Road on the bend situated between Greenbooth Road and Rose Avenue. It was felt that there was insufficient road width available for parking and any relaxation in the proposals would reduce forward visibility and remove one of the key parts of the advertised proposals.

Decision:

That consideration of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order: Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.126) Order, which proposed to introduce parking restrictions on parts of Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road (A680) be referred to the Cabinet for determination.

Reason for the decision:

The Sub-Committee has delegated authority to approve and implement the proposed Traffic Regulation Order: Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.126) Order as advertised. If the Sub-Committee is unable to approve the proposed Order as advertised, then the Council's Scheme of Delegation requires that the proposal must be referred to the Cabinet for determination.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2017/18

64 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods updating on the revenue and capital expenditure commitments and balances of Rochdale Township Fund 2017/2018, 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 Township Funds 2017/18 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 Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee were requested to note that the projects had been identified for funding from Rochdale Township Funds 2017/18. Members were asked to decide whether to approve, reject or defer the allocation of revenue and capital funds to the proposed projects listed in Appendix 4.

In considering the funding applications the Sub-Committee received oral representations from some of 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.

Decision:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Rochdale Township Funds 2017/18, 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, (as outlined in Appendix 4 of the submitted report); and be dealt with as follows:-

Ref	Project name	Decision
RP/10/17	AMPSO Helping Hand	£2,300 approved from

	Project (Healthy Lifestyle for Rochdale's Asian Community)	revenue funds
RP/11/17	Castlemere Community Centre Training Suite refurbishment	£4,797.99 approved from revenue funds
RP/12/17	Bury Road/Sandy Lane Signal Junction Study	£5,000 approved from revenue funds
RP/13/17	High Street and Union Street Car Park Shrub Bed Removal	£3,157 approved from revenue funds
RP/15/17	Walking Fit and Connected (WFC) – Kramblers Rochdale	£5,442 approved from revenue funds
TC/11/17	Sandbrook Way Waiting Restrictions	£2,500 approved from capital funds
TC/12/17	Hill Street/March Street Area Waiting Restrictions	£7,000 approved from capital funds
TC/13/17	Shawclough Road Safety Scheme	£7,500 approved from capital funds
TC/14/17	Disabled Access Toilet (RWWA)	£5,298 approved from capital funds
TC/16/17	South Street Drainage Improvements	£5,864 approved from capital funds
TC/17/17	Rhodes Crescent Resurfacing	The funding application in respect of this proposal be refused as it would not constitute an appropriate use of the Township's funds but, given the poor state of this road, the scheme be recommended for inclusion in the Council's new Highways Improvement Programme that will be effective in 2018/19
TC/18/17	Edenfield Road junction with Elmsfield Avenue (Norden Arms) and Edenfield Road junction with Moorfield Avenue Waiting Restrictions	£4,000 approved from capital funds
TC/19/17	Yorkshire Street Loading Restrictions	£9,000 approved from capital funds
TC/20/17	Rooley Moor Road Waiting Restrictions	£4,500 approved from capital funds

TC/21/17	Dell Improvements	Road £28,000 approved from capital funds N.B. (1) Officers present advised the Sub-Committee that Rochdale Township Fund's terms and conditions, under items that may not be funded, included repairing un-adopted roads. In this regard Dell Road was an un-adopted highway and there was a significant risk that its future maintenance would become the responsibility of Rochdale Borough Council if this scheme is implemented. Also it was noted that if the road was to significantly further degraded this may change the cost of the works. It was not the Council's responsibility to repair and maintain this or any other un-adopted road, the Council only being liable for maintaining adopted Highways. The Sub-Committee was further advised that if this funding application was approved it could establish a precedent for claims for maintenance by the Council of other un-adopted roads in the Borough which are in a similarly poor condition and of which there were many. (2) Councillors Cecile
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		Biant, Sullivan and Winkler requested that their votes to refuse this application for funding be noted and recorded
TC/22/17	Dropped Kerb at Springhill Hospice Tea Room	£500 approved from capital funds
TC/23/17	Denehurst Play Area	£8,977 approved from capital funds
TC/24/17	Kingsway Waiting Restrictions	£3,500 approved from capital funds
TC/25/17	Falinge Park Building Doors	£5,220 approved from capital funds

Reason for decision:

The management of the Rochdale Township Fund is a function that is delegated to the Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub Committee to determine. Rochdale Township Funds are allocated to projects and schemes that aim to benefit the Township's community and environment, and which should realise the Township priorities. The Sub-Committee undertakes monitoring and a review of the use of the Rochdale Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of those Funds.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.