

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP ACTION AND RESOURCES DELEGATED SUB-COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, 5th July 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Shakil Ahmed (Chair); Councillors Sultan Ali, Cecile Biant, Farnell, James Gartside, O'Neill, Sheerin, Sullivan and Zaheer

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Hornby and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES

1 There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2 There were no declarations of interests.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3 The Chair advised of two additional item of business which had been submitted for consideration, namely an application for funding from the Rochdale Township Fund made by the Rochdale Hornets Foundation (ref: RP/04/18) and a report recommending the release of S106 Funds at Ings lane Play Area, Rochdale.

ITEMS FOR EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

4 There were no confidential items of business for the Sub-Committee to consider.

MINUTES

5 Decision:
That the minutes of the meeting of Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee held 13th March 2018, be signed by the Chair and approved as a correct record.

CASTLETON AREA FORUM

6 Decision:
That the minutes of the meeting of Castleton Area Forum held 22nd May 2018, be noted.

SPOTLAND AND FALINGE AREA FORUM

7 Decision:
That the minutes of the meeting of Spotland and Falinge Area Forum held 31st May 2018, be noted.

BAMFORD AND OAKENROD AREA FORUM

8 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Bamford and Oakenrod Area Forum held 4th June 2018, be noted.

HEALEY AREA FORUM

9 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Healey Area Forum held 7th June, be noted.

NORDEN AREA FORUM

10 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Norden Area Forum held 12th June 2018, be noted.

BALDERSTONE AND KIRKHOLT COMMUNITY MEETING

11 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Balderstone and Kirkholt Community Meeting held 19th June 2018, be noted.

MILKSTONE AND DEEPLISH AREA FORUM

12 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of Milkstone and Deeplish Area Forum held 18th June 2018, be noted.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2018/19

13 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods updating Members on the revenue and capital expenditure commitments and balances of Rochdale Township Fund 2018/2019, 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 2018/19 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 Townships and Communities manager had assessed all proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for the Rochdale Township Fund projects and any specific risks were identified within the report.

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 2018/2019, (as outlined at Appendix 4 of the submitted report); and be dealt with as follows:-

Ref	Project name	Decision
RP/01/18	Kingsway Area Speed Surveys	£5,250 approved from Project Funds
RP/02/18	Newgate Street Light Relocation	£1,139.33 approved from Projects Fund
RP/04/18	Rochdale Hornets Sporting Foundation – League for Life	£4,250 approved from Project Funds
TC/01/18	Hurst Street Parking Restrictions	Consideration of this application for funding be deferred
TC/03/18	Balderstone Skate Park Improvements	£4,844 approved from Capital Funds
TC/04/18	Lowerplace Play Area Outdoor Gym	Approve £15,749.29 from Capital Funds
TC/05/18	Robinson's Common Outdoor Gym	Approve £15,195.50 from Capital Funds
TC/06/18	The Project (Kirkholt Community Church disabled accessible facilities)	Approve £7,000 from Capital Funds
TC/07/18	Cronkeyshaw Common Christmas Tree Lights	Approve £3,620 from Capital Funds

Eligible for Call-in: Yes

SECTION 106 – INGS LANE PLAY AREA

14 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods that sought approval to allocate funds currently held from s.106 open space contributions in the Spotland and Falinge Ward to contribute to improvements to children's play and recreation at Ings Lane Play Area.

Alternatives considered:

The Council is required to spend s.106 contributions in accordance with legal agreements and local and national planning policy. Not bringing forward projects to spend s.106 contributions in accordance with these agreements and policies risked the loss of investment in local facilities, and the refunding

of monies held from s.106 contributions where there was a time limited period for spend. Proposals put forward in the submitted report were the subject of consultation with Spotland and Falinge Ward Members and reflected their priorities. The use of resources has been considered to maximise the funding available.

Decision:

The Sub-Committee approves the allocation of £68,574 of s.106 open space contributions from development at the former Innes School (£67,422) and 22 Rooley Moor Road (£1,152) to fund improvements at Ings Lane Play Area.

Reasons for the decision:

Rochdale Township Members had previously requested that all s.106 open space funded schemes be approved by Members by way of a report to the appropriate (sub) committee. A similar process of reporting exists in the Borough's three other Townships.

In this particular case a costed scheme has been prepared by the Council's Environmental Management Service and was supported by the three Spotland and Falinge Ward Councillors. The scheme was within the parameters of the s.106 agreement and the Council's 'Provision of Recreational Open Space in New Housing' Supplementary Planning Document.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.