

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP DELEGATED SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 9th March 2021

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wazir.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

3 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, the Chair indicated that there was an additional application for funding for the Sub-Committee to consider at agenda item 6, namely, the purchase of Mobile CCTV cameras, for use in the Township.

4 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub-Committee, held 15th December 2020 be approved as a correct record subject to an addition to Minute 7 (Minutes) insofar that the Sub-Committee, at its meeting on 22nd October 2020 approved a sum of £6,250 for Christmas Tree Lighting at Healey Triangle from the Township's Revenue Fund.

5 ROCHDALE E-SCOOTER TRIAL - APPROVAL TO RAISE AN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Sub-Committee was advised that the Cabinet, at its meeting on 9th February 2021, had approved the procurement, implementation and operation of an intended e-scooter trial in the Borough (minute 94 refers). The Sub-Committee, further to the Cabinet's resolution received a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods that was seeking approval from both Rochdale Township Delegated Sub-Committees (North and South) to raise an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to give effect to the Cabinet's decision.

Alternatives considered:

None reported.

Resolved:

1. The Sub-Committee notes that following the Council's successful application to Government for 12-month trial operation of a rental e-

scooter scheme, the Cabinet had on 9th February 2021 granted approval to commence the procurement process for an appropriate rental operator to supply and manage the Council's pilot scheme.

2. The Sub-Committee notes that although specific details are yet to be confirmed, it was envisaged that the trial area would encompass a one mile radius of the Town Centre, including Rochdale Railway Station and other key amenities, with the trial period intending to commence on 31st March 2021.
3. The Sub-Committee notes that only those e-scooters to be supplied and operated (with the necessary insurance for riders) through the trial rental programme will be legally permitted to use the public highway and that privately-owned and operated e-scooters shall be excluded.
4. The Sub-Committee notes that the Council needs to ensure that all relevant Traffic Regulation Orders (for cycle lanes and for any specific cycle tracks which would need to be re-designated) are changed on an experimental basis to formally accommodate legal access and use by rental e-scooters.
5. The Sub-Committee grants approval for the Council's Highways Service to commence the process of necessary legal amendment through the raising of an ETRO for the e-scooter trial.

Reasons for the decision:

Although the existing cycle lane signs and road markings, in the designated area, do not need amendment nor the provision of supplementary information, the Council does however need to update all of its existing cycling-related Traffic Regulation Orders across the trial area by means of an ETRO to include wording that permits use by rental e-scooters.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes.

6 ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2020/21

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods that updated members on the revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale North Township Funds 2020/2021 and which enabled the allocation of funds to proposed projects, as detailed within the report.

Alternatives considered - in considering the report, Members were asked to decide whether to approve, refuse or defer the allocation of funds to projects/schemes as appropriate.

Resolved:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Rochdale North Township Funds 2020/2021, 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. the Sub-Committee notes that the Townships and Communities Manager has assessed the proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for the Rochdale North Township Fund, the priorities of the Township and any specific risks have been identified within the report;
5. That applications for Rochdale North Township Funds 2020/2021 (as outlined at Appendix 4 of the submitted report), be dealt with as follows:-

Ref	Applicant	Decision
TC/25/20	North Area Partnership	An award of £1,550.00, for improvements to disabled access at Syke Community Base.
TC/26/20	Healey Ward Councillors and the Healey Area Forum Sub-Group	An award of £2,578 for the supply and installation of a heritage style community noticeboard at the corner of Bentley Street and Shawclough Road, Rochdale consisting of a lockable glass fronted cabinet with the text on the header panel: 'Shawclough Village Community Noticeboard'.
RP/12/20	Tackling Minds	Approval in principle of an award of £2,175.54, for the organisation of angling events to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community with the determination of the application being delegated to the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the Sub-Committee
RP/17/20	Healey residents	An award of £4,000.00, for the introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at Bradley Smithy Close.
RP/18/20	Spotland and Falinge Ward Members	An award of £3,801, for knee rail fencing along

		Tell Street and Kathleen Street, Rochdale.
TC/21/20	Rochdale St. Clements Football Club	An award of £516.44, for the installation of standard security mesh fencing at seven points of entry to the pitches to address anti-social behaviour and to make the pitches safe for players and club members.
RP/23/20	Spotland and Falinge Ward Members	An award of £1,026.84 for the creation of a vegetable patch in Denehurst Park, for students from Redwood School to have the opportunity to cultivate plants, learn about food growing and healthy eating, to enjoy nature and to help to develop new skills required for the Duke of Edinburgh award programme.
RP/24/20	Member of the public	An award of £1,033.92 for the restoration of the British Legion War Grave for soldiers who died between 1914 and 1918 in the First World War.
RP/26/20	Councillor Massey	An award of £1,500.00 in principle, for a project on Daniel Fold at the entrance to the park to prevent children from running out onto the road. The determination of the application being delegated to the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the

		Sub-Committee.
RP/27/20	Councillor Massey	An award of £752.40 for the supply and installation of closed top litter bins on the corner of Ings Lane and Caldershaw Industrial Estate entrance and the bus stop at the end of Ings Lane.
RP/20/20	Norden Ward Members	An award of £5,436.68, from the Projects Fund and £2,457 from Norden Members Fund, for the supply and installation of two vehicle activated signs on Edenfield Road, Norden to give drivers sufficient notice and awareness on their speed before they enter Norden Village to improve road and public
N/A	Councillor O'Neill (on behalf of the Sub-Committee)	Approved that the the balance of Rochdale North Township Projects Fund (2020/2021) and £4,340 decommitted from the Central Rochdale Ward Fund be utilised for the purchase of deployable environmental crime CCTV cameras (£7,600 per unit)

Eligible for Call-in: Yes