

MARPLE CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st June 2004
AT 6.00PM, MARPLE LIBRARY

Present:

Chair: David Hoyle (Business Forum), Brian Nash (District Centres Regeneration), Councillor Chris Baker, Councillor Andrew Bispham, Peter Bardsley (Marple Local History Society), Peter Clarke (Marple Web Site), Kay Gould-Martin (Business Forum), Philip Gould-Martin (Business Forum), Diane Jackson (Business Forum), Greg Jackson (Business Forum), Mick McPhee (Business Forum), Jim Scotte (Marple Community Council), Paul Whatmough (Business Forum), Judi Winterson (Business Forum), Philip O'Herlihy (Business Forum), Sandra Dunn (Ridge Danyers College), David Brayshay (Parks and Recreation), Helena Kettleborough (Head of Social Inclusion), Philip Rimmer (Rangers), Brian Lomax (Rangers), Bob Ashley (CCTV), John Clarke (CCTV).

Apologies:

PC. John Francis, Faith Yeaman (Marple Civic Society).

1. Introductions

DH made the appropriate introductions. Apologies for absence were received.

2. Notes of last meeting

J. Scotte pointed out that he raised the Red Cross training in the 'Any other Business' item.

The minutes were then accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

At the last meeting the following presentations were requested;

• **Stockport in Bloom.**

Councillor Ingrid Shaw was invited to the meeting, however following the recent Local Elections her role had changed and it was Councillor Pam Holt who now held the portfolio, but was unable to attend the meeting. David Brayshay (Technical Support Manager, Parks and Recreation), is lead officer and updated the meeting on the project. In last years event Stockport was voted 'Best Newcomer' and 'Best City' in the North West, and was consequently invited to represent the North West in the National Britain in Bloom in 2004.

This year the regional judging is taking place on 8th July 2004 and the national competition is judged on 12th August. In the national competition Stockport is competing with Aberdeen, Cardiff, Newcastle, Sheffield and Sunderland.

The judging takes the form of a 4 hour tour around selected sites on the east side of the Borough and although the route takes in Stockport Road, Marple the time constraints mean the judges will not be stopping in Marple. The judges receive a full portfolio of the projects and are given commentary on the projects throughout the tour. The tour culminates at Etherow Country Park Visitor Centre where there is the opportunity for invited members of the public, representatives of the partnership and officers to meet and discuss projects with the judges. This is to be arranged as appropriate.

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<p>The Council has undertaken extensive publicity including press coverage, promotional leaflets, banners and had sent letters/leaflets to all those residents and businesses on the route. Discussion followed on the success of this, as a number of people had not received any such letter/leaflet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCTV Bob Ashley (Security Development Manager) clarified the operation of the system and confirmed the system is monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and any incidents are reported directly to the Police who respond accordingly. In the full discussion that followed a number of misconceptions were clarified and the operation and effectiveness of the system was better understood. <i>(Due to the sensitive nature of this discussion details are not recorded here - if anyone wants more information please contact me - BN).</i> Bob Ashley agreed to invite a number of representatives of the Business Forum to visit the Control Room to see the system in operation. Hanbury's Premises DH introduced Patrick O'Herlihy, who through his business connections was able to give an update on the situation on the ongoing saga of the negotiations between all the parties. P O'H has agreed to informally raise the concerns of the partnership regarding the protracted negotiations and the deteriorating state of the building. It was agreed that the business forum would then formally write to those concerned to express the same. Ranger Service Helena Kettleborough gave a brief resume of the existing Ranger service in the Town Centre, Edgeley, Reddish and the Heaton. The Council is now extending the service to cover all the 8 District Centres, with the intention of the service starting in mid August (subject to recruitment being completed). The Ranger is to be based in a small office in Marple – as yet in a location to be determined, operating 5 days a week between 9:00am and 5:00 pm. Duties are to be the 'friendly face' of the council, a point of contact for businesses, traders, shoppers, school students, visitors and to assist in litter control. A meeting is to be arranged between the Ranger Service and the Ridge Danvers College to help with 'community relations'. PC raised the concern over the apparent disappearance of the street cleaner that had been operating in the centre. Councillor Chris Baker offered to clarify the situation. <i>Stop Press – Councillor Baker has forwarded this response. The original Council employee left, was replaced only for him to soon leave the Council. External contractor appointed to continue the service, but could only provide a scaled down service. The Council is currently advertising to recruit a full time replacement and so restore the original quality service. There is no plan to terminate this service or to replace it with the proposed Ranger Service carrying out 'litter picking'.</i> <p>4. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Street / Derby Way The vast majority of the work was completed prior to the Marple Carnival, although a number of issues are still to be completed /rectified. The formal 'snagging' of outstanding issues is to be carried out on Tuesday 6th July and then a further 	<p>BA/ PW/ Business Forum</p> <p>P O'H Business Forum</p> <p>Rangers /Ridge</p>
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