

MARPLE CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th December 2005 AT 6.00PM, MARPLE LIBRARY

Present:

Chair: David Hoyle (Business Forum), Brian Nash (District Centres Regeneration), Councillor Martin Candler, Paul Whatmough (Business Forum), Michael Whatmough (Business Forum), Peter Bardsley (Marple Local History Society), Faith Yeaman (Marple Civic Society), Peter Clarke (Marple Web Site), James Taberner (GMP), Nigel Hyde (Stockport Rangers), Jim Scotte (Marple Community Council), Mick McPhee (Business Forum), Patrick O'Herilhy (Business Forum), Jack Turnbull (Marple Band).

Apologies:

PC. John Francis (GMP), Di Jackson (Business Forum), Greg Jackson (Business Forum), Alison Allcard (Marple Locks Heritage Society), Malcolm Allcard (Marple Locks Heritage Society), Kay Gould -Martin (Business Forum), Philip Gould -Martin (Business Forum), Alan Kennington (Business Forum),

1. Introductions

DH made the appropriate introductions and recommended that the order of the agenda be amended to accommodate the early departure of the presenters. Apologies for absence were received.

2. Notes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 24th October were agreed.

3. Project Updates

• Ranger Service

Nigel Hyde gave an update on the activities in the centre.

Phone box on Market street vandalised – reported and repaired the next day

Car abandoned in Brabyns Park – notified Police – removed in 2 days

Graffiti in Memorial Park WC- reported to Police and to SMBC graffiti hotline – removed

Litter in Memorial Park is a continuing problem especially on Saturday – broken glass being the main problem.

No drug paraphernalia at the moment.

Assisted at the Brabyns Park Bonfire – no problems encountered.

Light in the car park not working – reported and repaired in 3 days.

NH reported that the seat on Market Street at the junction of Derby Way that had been removed and placed near to the Bulls Head Pub was still there and not been repositioned

BN

<p>A number of issues relating to litter were raised, and Nigel stressed that he regularly issues warnings but so far had not issued any fixed penalty fines. The litter bin on the Hollins at the corner with Hollins lane is still missing and the litter bin at the corner of Church Lane and the Service Road is missing.</p> <p>A number of premises were acknowledged at the Councils Environmental Awards and at the presentation event Ridge College students gave a presentation on Litter in Marple and a number of interesting facts emerged. 12% of litter comes from take aways, the main culprits are students from the college, females are worse than males and there are not enough litter bins. It was suggested that the students could give the presentation to a future Partnership meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police <p>James Taberner reported that the main problem is with youths especially on Friday nights and the relater to the usual issues of alcohol, noise and litter. The youth bus, run by Charis, is still a success and visits the park on Thursday and Friday night.. Members were reminded to report any problems/incidents to the Police on 0161 872 5050, 0161 856 9973 or Park Watch 0161 718 2117.</p> <p>Investigations into the recent dramatic robbery at the Jewellers on Market Street are on going. DH requested the Partnership would welcome a report back at the appropriate time.</p> <p>4. Presentation – Dave Bryant, Policy Manager. DH introduced David Bryant, Planning Policy manager, who explained the changes being introduced to the Development Plan System.</p> <p>In the past, development plans have provided the policy to determine planning applications. However the recent changes ensure the plans are more than that in the future, as they are also a means to deliver.</p> <p>At present the process involves National Planning Guidance, Regional Guidance, Unitary Development Plan, Supplementary Planning Guidance and Planning Briefs all following statutory procedures and timescales often with periodic reviews.</p> <p>The UDP has been adopted and recently reviewed and consists of over 200 pages and a map. Once the review has been adopted (spring 2006) the plan will be used until 2009 when the new process will become operational.</p> <p>The new system replaces this Plan with a Local Development Framework and has a loose-leaf format that enables policies to be updated as the need arises, so developing through a continuous process with regular monitoring and review. This process has a defined format including extensive consultation at several stages until the decision of the inspector and the final decision is then binding.</p> <p>Regional Guidance (for the North West) sets the strategic framework for Stockport. This is being prepared and will be available for consultation in March 2006. Initially the Council will produce a core strategy that has a broad, strategic content.</p> <p>The LDF has an annual monitoring report that demonstrates the extent of</p>	<p>BN</p>
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------

milestones reached within the timetable and records the achievements of objectives through the outcomes measured.

The LDF improves integration with all interested parties, including the District Centre Partnerships, through community participation.

The intention is to ensure co-ordinated working that defines policy and avoids the need for lengthy public inquiries. Supplementary Policy Documents (replacing current SP Guidance) are being produced covering such subjects as Town Centre Masterplan, Highway Design Guidance. All SPD are subject to extensive public consultation.

Planning issues to be considered as part of the LDF process are focussed on Regeneration is the main focus

Green Belt is unlikely to be reviewed until 2011

Housing allocation (recently introduced housing phasing policy HP1.2)

Employment land and growth

Enhancing the Town Centre and District Centres

Managing Waste

Renewable Energy

Safeguarding the environment, including historic buildings, wildlife, and open space.

Question asked as to the control of Take Aways whether the new system would impose more restrictions or would there still be possible to have individuality within towns. In determining planning applications the Council refers to the approved policies and in the instances where an application is refused and the decision is appealed against the appointed Inspector will base his decision on the approved documents (currently the Stockport UDP).

The flexibility in the LDF can bring about policy changes that could affect development opportunities. HP 1.2 Housing phasing policy is an example of how a policy can be introduced to meet local situation. This policy was introduced as part of the Regional Spatial Strategy and limits proposed housing developments to locations within urban areas (including District Centres) on previously developed land and are sustainable and accessible. The need for such a policy is due to households reducing in size and the need for housing to accommodate the population. The flexibility in the LDF can allow the situation to be reviewed and amended as required.

DH thanked DB for his informative presentation.

5. Information Updates

• Marple Business Forum

M McP unveiled the new Marple Traders Directory and feed back to date is that the directory has been well received and is to be distributed to households and businesses in the area before Christmas.

A web site has been established at [www. Marpletraders.co.uk](http://www.Marpletraders.co.uk)

- **Marple Locks Heritage Society**

PC stated the next activity would be another lock greasing on Monday 12th December – all volunteers welcome. In the new year the next few task days would be focussed on painting of the lock gates and the removal of overgrown shrubs etc along the towpath.

The next Locks festival is to be held on **Sunday 1st July 2007**.

- **Friends of Memorial Park.**

PC advised that the new children's play area was well used but as previously mentioned was often the focus of misbehaviour by youths. A task day was held on the 16th November and the bird boxes have been installed.

The AGM is to be held on Monday 23rd January at 6:30 in the Library.

6. Marple Band

DH introduced Jack Turnbull from Marple Band who gave a update into the plans being developed for the provision of a new permanent practice facility. JT gave a brief history and background of the band and the desire to establish a purpose built facility as a memorial to Charlie Ingham – a main personality behind the band.

Fund raising began over 20 years ago and a site identified and purchased. The site is between the Memorial Park and the properties fronting onto Stockport Road, a former branch on the canal system. Plans were developed and planning permission has been obtained for a building of approx 3000sq ft. Band practice would be in the evenings between 8 and 10pm, however a use during the day is being sought. The need for a Community Hall is seen as a priority for Marple and this facility is to be welcomed. The potential to use the building with related facilities and events in the Park would be mutually beneficial.

Funds are still being sought to meet the total cost of £150k. approx.

7. Partnership – Chair

DH explained that a change in his personal circumstances will be placing a greater demand on his time and he feels that it is in the best interest of the Partnership for him to step down as Chair. He also feels that the Partnership has achieved a great deal over the last 5 years and that perhaps this is the appropriate time for a new chair to bring a new emphasis and direction to the Partnership to build on these successes. DH had spoken individually to a number of the Partnership members and was pleased to announce that Patrick O'Herilhy would be taking the Chair of the Partnership.

The membership were unanimous in thanking David for all his time, efforts and enthusiasm for the Partnership and for Marple and to welcoming Patrick to the chair.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th February 2006, 6:00pm Marple Library.