

## MARPLE CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

### NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 AT 6.00PM, MARPLE LIBRARY

#### **Present:**

Chair: David Hoyle (Business Forum),  
Brian Nash (District Centres Regeneration), Councillor Andrew Bispham, Peter Bardsley (Marple Local History Society), Mike Spreckley (Business Forum), Faith Yeaman (Marple Civic Society), Peter Clarke (Marple Web Site), PC. John Francis, Patrick O'Herilhy (Business Forum), David Maynard (Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service)

#### **Apologies:**

Paul Whatmough (Business Forum), Michael Whatmough (Business Forum), Alison Allcard (Marple Locks Heritage Society), Malcolm Allcard (Marple Locks Heritage Society), Jim Scotte (Marple Community Council, Nigel Hyde (Stockport Rangers), Kay Gould -Martin (Business Forum), Philip Gould -Martin (Business Forum), Sandra Dunn (Ridge College).

#### **1. Introductions**

DH made the appropriate introductions, in particular welcoming David Maynard (Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service)

Apologies for absence were received.

#### **2. Notes of last meeting**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Nigel Hyde (Ranger) had informed the meeting in his notes that although he did not attend the last meeting he had left his report in the library, as is the normal practice for when he cannot attend.

#### **4. Presentation - New Licensing Regime - David Maynard.**

David Maynard gave a presentation about the recent changes to the licensing regime. After outlining the former situation with both the Council and Judges being responsible for parts of the licensing arrangements, he noted that from November his department will be responsible for all licenses across the borough and that two types of licences are required, premises and personal. Premises licences last forever unless revoked or use is changed. Personal licences are valid for 10 years.

Continued by advising the partnership that all current licence holders must complete the necessary application to continue to be able to trade as normal after this date.

DH continued by advising that order to maintain 'grandfather' rights i.e. the right to

maintain their current licensed status, applications should have been received before August 6<sup>th</sup> 2005.

After this date licences can be challenged and if an approved licence is not in place on the 24<sup>th</sup> November then the licence will no longer be valid and the holder will have to cease trading. It was noted that applications can be challenged by any person and conditions can be applied to licenses that are granted if there are specific grounds for doing so.

Licences can also be reviewed or revoked if the licensee is failing to meet any of the following four objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of Children

Any person living near, or any business near the licensed premise, in addition to the Council, the Police, Fire Service, can ask for a review at any time. The license does not need any annual renewal.

DM highlighted the issue regarding the implications of the Town & Country Planning Act on the granting of licences and commented that a planning officer can apply to put conditions on a licence e.g. when an application is received for change of use, however if a property has no planning restrictions and a 24 hour licence was applied for and no objections were received it would be granted.

DM advised that licence applications need to be advertised, and that a notice will be put up on the premises visible from outside and a notice will be placed in the local newspaper.

All hot food outlets serving after 11:00pm will need a premises licence.

Previously events needed an occasional public entertainment license however these are no longer available under the new regime. Alternative is to either have a premises licence in place or to obtain a temporary events notice valid up to a maximum 96 hours.

The final point to remember is that people, residents and businesses need to be more active and to make representations if premises are causing problems. Statistics and recorded facts are necessary in order to take action against any premises or person.

DH thanked DM for the useful information he had provided.

*Please refer to enclosed document - 'Introduction to the new licensing regime' for further details about the changes.*

## **5. Project Updates**

### **• Highway Improvements**

DH raised some of the issues and actions regarding Chadwick Street car park. The

<p>recycling bins had now been relocated to the upper part of the car park close to the exit. This makes additional spaces available in the busiest part of the car park nearest to the main shopping area. BN pointed out that the delay had been due to the need for new signs to be manufactured and erected in the new location.</p>	
<p>Additional measures to be undertaken include the reduction in the height of the hedge to service road to make the car park more visible and so improve the perception of safety.</p>	<b>BN</b>
<p>DH suggested that the upper part of the car park should be allocated specifically for long term parking. This would not only remove the long stay parking from the busiest car parks close to the shops but would also remove the problem of long term parking on the adjacent residential streets. As this area of the car park the suggestion was made that free parking may be appropriate or at least a very low tariff. Cllr AB recommended that this issue should be raised at the Marple Area Committee in order for a decision to be taken on the use of the car park.</p>	<b>DH/BN</b>
<p>BN advised that the pavements on both sides of Stockport Road between Hollins Lane and Hibbert Lane are to be re paved as part of the programme to reduce trip hazards. The work is programmed for early in September. DH requested that the businesses affected should be notified.</p>	<b>BN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ranger Service</b></li> </ul>	
<p>Nigel Hyde was unable to attend, but his report was read out.</p>	
<p>NH had held a meeting with Streetscene representatives regarding the role of the Rangers and extent of the 'litter picking'. NH will continue with the current rota that has served Marple so well.</p>	
<p>A bollard had been removed from Market Street at Stockport Road resulting in some unauthorised vehicles gaining access. NH found and replaced the bollard but the lock was missing, this has been reported to Streetscene.</p>	
<p>BN contacted NH concerning some graffiti on the wall of 'Toymaster'. After contacting the shop workers and the graffiti hot line, the owner took steps to have the graffiti painted over.</p>	
<p>NH stated that the Rangers Supervisor had received two letters from Charity Shops stating it was good to have the Ranger Service in Marple.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Police</b></li> </ul>	
<p>PC John Francis attended the meeting but unfortunately had to leave before this item was raised but had indicated that there was no major issue causing concern.</p>	
<p><b>6. Information Updates</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marple Business Forum</b></li> </ul> <p>Update on the 'Hanburys' premises held over to next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marple Locks Heritage Society</b></li> </ul> <p>PC gave a review of the second and equally successful Locks Festival held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The Society have determined that the event will in future be held every 2 years, although a number of task days will be carried out in order to supplement the work of British Waterways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friends of Memorial Park.</b></li> </ul> <p>PC advised that the new children's play area was now completed and p[roving to be very popular. A few initial problems have been sorted out. The Park had again achieved the Green Flag Award.</p> <p><i>Stop Press: A date has now been set for the Mayor to raise the new Green Flag and to officially open the new Junior Play Area. These events will take place from 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.</i></p> <p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>PC raised the issue of litter problems on the canal Towpath, at the bottom of the steps from Possett Bridge. The bin is well used and regularly overflows. BN to contact NH to add to his rota if possible. PC added that a litter bin located on Stockport Road on the bridge had been removed some time ago and never replaced. Sinimilarly a litter bin further down Stockport Road (opposite Duddy contractors premises) had been removed. BN to investigate.</p> <p>BN advised that the Worshipful Mayor would be presiding over the event to recognise the contribution made by the Partnership, he Business Forum, the Civic Society and the McNair Trust in the Market Street and Derby Way Improvement Scheme. Plaques have been installed on 6 seats on Market Street. The event will take place at 11:00am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August .</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 6:00pm Marple Library</p> <p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b> Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005, 6:00pm Marple Library.</p>	<p><b>BN</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
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