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<p>• <b>Business Forum</b> PW reported that the business forum was consulting its members to determine and guide future aims, objectives, ambitions, and activities.</p> <p>• <b>Christmas 2004</b> PW explained the arrangements to date. This year there is no formal 'switch on ' instead, in conjunction with Marple Churches Together, a number of activities are to be held including a brass band, carol singers and the blessing of the nativity crib. The attractions are to be held around a large Christmas tree located at the junction of Market Street and Derby Way. This tree is in addition to the 'usual' tree located at the Hollins.</p> <p>The 'star' lights on the street lights are to be erected and illuminated at the end of November, together with the festoon and pea lights from last year. In addition it is intended to provide 3 small Christmas trees, one located at each end of Market Street and Derby Way.</p> <p>Similar to last year, the Council is to promote free car parking in all the council car parks in the District Centres. BN explained the intention is to have free parking on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> together with Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. The intention being to encourage extra shoppers to visit on the 'quieter' Monday and Tuesday, as Thursday and Friday would be expected to be very busy as a matter of course. The meeting disagreed with this and suggested free parking on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> together with Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. BN would consult with other appropriate officers in the Council to get agreement consistent with the wishes of all District Centre businesses.</p>	<b>MW</b>
<p><b>6. Any Other Business</b> PC requested that the Partnership web pages be updated. BN to provide the information. PC also requested a link from the Council's District Centres web pages to the Partnership site.</p> <p>The Council has produced a Draft Masterplan for the Town Centre and is to undertake a period of public consultation. Information is being made available and an exhibition held in the Town Centre and will also be visiting District Centres. The exhibition will be in Chadwick Street Car Park, Marple on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November between 10:00am and 4:00pm.</p> <p>Small Business advisors are holding a meeting, at 12:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> November at St Peters Sq, to explain the services they can provide. Representatives from the Business Forum invited. BN to send details to PW.</p> <p>The Community Safety Unit has produced a Crime Disorder and Drugs Audit and wish to consult Partnerships on the content and so require details of members. The Partnership agreed to be consulted, BN to forward contact details.</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004, 6:00pm Marple Library.</p>	