

MARPLE CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th February 2006 AT 6.00PM, MARPLE LIBRARY

Present:

Chair: Patrick O'Herilhy (Business Forum), Brian Nash (District Centres Regeneration), Paul Whatmough (Business Forum), Nigel Hyde (Stockport Rangers), Mick McPhee (Business Forum), PC. John Francis (GMP), Keith Vouse (Community Council).

Apologies:

Councillor Shan Alexander, Councillor Andrew Bispham, David Hoyle (Business Forum), Kay Gould -Martin (Business Forum), Philip Gould -Martin (Business Forum), Alan Kennington (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), Jim Scotte (Marple Community Council)

1. Introductions

P O'H made the appropriate introductions. Apologies for absence were received. P O'H also requested a vote of thanks to the past Chair, David Hoyle, to be recorded for the excellent commitment to Marple and to the Partnership.

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2. Notes of last meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th December were agreed.

The lighting through the Park was still a cause for concern as a number of lights are still not working along the path to Station Road.

It was noted that the repair of a street light along Stockport Road had taken a long period of time.

A number of litter bins had been removed and not replaced, specifically on Hollins Lane and at the junction of Stockport Road. Discussion followed on the process and progress in having such issues rectified. BN stated that a review of litter bin provision was underway due to the problems being witnessed.

MMcP reminded the meeting of the report by the Cheadle and Ridge 6th form College and asked that the presentation could be made by the students to the next Partnership meeting.

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The seat that had been removed from Market Street had been moved again and was now located in the car park behind Helen Winterson's. Concern again at the time taken to have the seat repositioned and re fixed.

BN explained that Streetscene were currently awaiting delivery of specialist fixing bolts in order to prevent a recurrence of the problem BN would again contact Streetscene.

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P O'H asked if direct contact with the appropriate Head of Service would ensure that such repairs became a priority. BN responded that in the past such problems

<p>had not been encountered and it was felt that the best point contact was Nigel Hyde (Ranger) and BN who can then speak to the appropriate officer in the appropriate service area. In addition contact with the local Councillors was recommended.</p> <p>P O'H expressed concern that no Councillors were present. BN responded that Councillors consistently attended the meetings and that this was very unusual that no Councillor was present. Commitments of Councillor Alexander as mayor and Councillor Hunter as MP was obviously a factor at this time.</p> <p>3. Regeneration Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Centre Review 2006 <p>BN reported that the annual review of the District Centre Strategy was underway and would be reported to the Area Committees in March. The review recognises the activities and achievements of the Partnerships and emphasises the Councils commitment to supporting the District Centres. Copies would be available at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for 2006/7 <p>BN advised that previously the Partnership had suggested that the priorities should be - Action Plan Review, Implement Accessibility projects including Chadwick St Car Park and pedestrian routes, Marketing and Tourism potential and Litter enforcement. The next Partnership meeting should discuss and agree the priorities.</p> <p>4. Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger Service <p>Nigel Hyde gave an update on recent activities in the centre. Small amount of fly tipping on the Hibbert Lane car park, reported and removed. Graffiti in Memorial Park on the skateboard ramp reported to graffiti hotline – removed Graffiti in Derby Street Car Park toilets reported to graffiti hotline – removed</p> <p>A few instances of drug paraphernalia found.</p> <p>NH reported that there was a change in the Rangers role and responsibilities. The management of the Ranger service was now the responsibility of the Waste Management team within the Environment and Economy Directorate. It is being suggested that the role of the Ranger should now be focussed more on litter collection, litter enforcement and still retain the important role as the point of contact for businesses, shoppers and visitors. Discussions are being carried out and further update will be given at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police <p>JF reported that the figures for all incidents in Marple had fallen from September 2005, 235 in Marple area, with 44 in the District Centre, to January 2006, 215 in Marple Area with 40 in the District Centre. Of these the key reported incidents were 56 in Marple with 12 in the District Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility Projects <p>BN advised that the accessibility project for Chadwick Street car park was now</p>	<p>BN</p>
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<p>programmed to take place in 2006/7. The proposed scheme is now being redesigned taking into account the reponses received during the consultation undertaken on the original proposals. The final scheme will be reported back to a future Partnership meeting.</p> <p>5. Information Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Marple Business Forum M McP reported that the new Marple Directory had been distributed through out the immediate area of Marple and has been well received. A number of businesses have recently joined the forum, with over 100 members to date.</p> <p>P O'H informed the Partnership of the unconfirmed report that the Cheadle and Ridge 6th form College campus on Hibbert Lane was to close and all accommodation located on the Buxton Lane site. Efforts would be made to determine exactly what is being proposed.</p> <p>Marple Locks Heritage Society Annual General meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th February 2006 at 7.30 pm.</p> <p>A number of activities are planned for the spring including lock greasing, lock painting and general clearing of undergrowth.</p> <p>The next Locks festival is to be held on Sunday 1st July 2007.</p> <p>Friends of Marple Memorial Park Annual General meeting was held on 23rd January 2006 - 6.30.</p> <p>Any other Business The dangerous situation at Stockport Road and Bowden Lane was mentioned and the need for pedestrian guard railings was raised.</p> <p>A number of bollards were in need of attention, adjacent to the entrance to the Nat West Bank car park on Stockport Road, and adjacent to Mottram's on Church Lane.</p> <p>The nuisance caused by pigeons gathering on roof tops along Market Street was becoming a growing nuisance. It was pointed out that a number of local residents were feeding them and this should be discouraged in pedestrian areas.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 15th May 2006, 6:00pm Marple Library.</p>	<p>BN PO'H</p> <p>BN</p> <p>BN</p>
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