

MARPLE CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

**NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2004 AT 6.00PM,
MARPLE LIBRARY**

Present:

Peter Bardsley (Marple Local History Society), Hannah Bowker (District Centres Regeneration), Cllr Martin Candler, Peter Clarke (Marple Web Site), Cllr Chris Elwood, Kay Gould-Martin (Business Forum), Diane Jackson (Business Forum), Greg Jackson (Business Forum), David Hoyle (Business Forum), PC John Francis, Alan Kennington (Business Forum), Mick McPhee (Business Forum), Janet Milligan (Ridge Danyers), Jim Scotte (Marple Community Council), Mike Spreckley (Churches Together), Michael Whatmough (Business Forum), Paul Whatmough (Business Forum)

Guests:

Emma King (Ridge Danyers Art Department), Richard Leyshon (Transpiration & Planning)

Apologies:

Brian Nash (SMBC), Philip Gould-Martin, Mark Whittaker, Elaine Wilkinson, Judi Winterson

1. Introductions

DH made the appropriate introductions and apologies for absence were received.

2. Notes of last meeting

JS noted that Community Church should read Community Council in the members present list.

The rest accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

• **Environmental Health / Trading Standards Initiative**

Pilot studies are being worked up for Marple and Edgeley. Environmental Health intending to attend future Partnership and Business Forum meetings.

• **Friends of Memorial Park**

Meetings have now been held, a committee formed and a draft constitution written. The next meeting is being held on 19.01.04.

• **Stockport in Bloom**

Meeting on 21.01.04 confirmed that it would take place in the east of the borough. Further sites/venues to be explored.

The partnership asked that their enthusiasm to take part in the Stockport in Bloom competition is noted and passed on to the appropriate authorities.

4. Project Updates

• **Marple Locks Bi-centenary Celebrations**

PC updated the Partnership on the initial meeting that the committee held to discuss the celebrations which took place at the Navigation Pub. The celebrations are definitely going ahead and the group is currently looking at the feasibility of a number of different ideas.

The Carver Theatre is keen to get involved too. An estimated £1-2k is needed for the organisation of these events. Local Members have pledged some financial support for the celebrations.

• **By-pass consultation**

RL provided the Partnership with an update of the progress of the SEMMMS Major Road

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<p>Schemes. He covered topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The possibilities of different routes for the new roads. - Consultation methods - Results of recent consultation - Timescale for the rest of the scheme <p>RL invited questions from the Partnership. Question and answer session followed covering issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consequences of the new roads on Marple - Traffic modelling - Current areas of congestion in and around Marple <p>RL assured the group that ongoing consultation would take place with the Partnership and that he would take tonight's comments back to the authorities involved.</p>	RL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Street / Derby Way <p>HB fed back on the progress of the scheme. Phase 1 was completed before Christmas. Phase 2 to start on 19 January. An information board is currently on display in the library and a flyer has been distributed. BN to explore feasibility of locating an information board on Market Street.</p>	BN
<p>Discussion followed on having an official opening for Market Street. Dates were discussed and Carnival day was decided as a possible date. To be discussed at next meeting.</p>	BN
<p>5. Other Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Cleaner <p>The Partnership discussed the effectiveness of the street cleaner who patrols Marple with a brush and shovel. This has been very successful and so is going to be rolled out in other District Centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridge Danyers Art Department <p>Emma King of the Ridge Danyers Art Department was introduced to the Partnership. The Partnership have showed an interest in building up links with the department and looking at the possibility of involving them with producing a piece of public art for Market Street.</p> <p>EK agreed that this would be a great project, beneficial to both groups. She suggested that in the first instance the Partnership decide on a theme or themes for the piece, making it easier for her to set a brief for the students.</p> <p>Discussion followed on possible themes. The bi-centenary of the canal was mentioned as was Marple's industrial links.</p> <p>Discussion followed on possible funding for the public art. It was advised that grants such as heritage lottery funding should be explored as soon as possible as the application forms for such funds can be quite lengthy. It is also worth finding out what the criteria for funds are before any more development work is done on the project. BN to explore funding options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Events <p>PW fed back to the Partnership about the success of the Christmas event. All agreed that time was short this year due to the works taking place and that plans for next year was start much sooner.</p> <p>It was decided that a group of people could meet as soon as February to make plans for next Christmas.</p>	BN

• **Christmas Carparking**

The issue of having free Christmas carparking was discussed. All agreed that this was an effective way of encouraging shoppers and visitors to Marple. Discussion followed on the feasibility of having more free parking.

Councillors explained the difficulties of implementing this.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date originally agreed for the next meeting was changed to **Monday 8 March 2004**. BN to ensure that people are aware of the change of date.

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