

MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 22 July 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Colin MacAlister (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Malcolm Allan (Vice-Chair); Councillors Tom Dowse, Steve Gribbon, Becky Senior and Aron Thornley.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 17 June 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to amendment of Minute 4 – ‘Declarations of Interest to the deletion of “as a friend of the applicant” and its substitution with - “was known to the applicant”.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Malcolm Allan	Agenda Item 7 – Local Initiative Report – Marple Memorial Park, Art Project Hard-Standing Area as a volunteer on behalf of “Friends of Marple Memorial Park”.
Aron Thornley	Agenda Item 4(d) – Open Forum as the Marple Area Committee appointed Walk/Ride Group representative.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee –

- Reported that there was some confusion with the ‘One Stockport’ campaign and the advertising across the Borough and the Chair expressed the Committees dis-

satisfaction with the lack of consultation with local residents and businesses across the Borough. Officers will now meet with Councillors to discuss the way forward.

- Informed the Marple residents that the A6 Consultation was ongoing.
- Informed the Marple residents that the Park Volunteers had returned to work following a risk assessment and were social distancing and thanked them for all their hard work.
- Informed the Marple residents that the consultation for the Marple Pool was still ongoing and proposals would be presented in the next month and would be continued to be monitored by the Marple Area Committee.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

One public question was submitted as follows: -

- Relating to the Council's grass verge maintenance programme.

In response, the Committee was informed that the question had been circulated to the Public Realm officers for a response that would be shared with the questioner and the Committee.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

Peter Black and Lottie McCarthy representing the Marple Walkride Groups attended the meeting and provided an update relating to the activities of the Marple Walkride Group in the area and specifically highlighted the following: -

- Make 'streets better' for businesses and local residents in terms of safety and active travel;
- Not a pressure group for cyclists;
- Conducted a street survey in August 2019;
- Pavements are narrow and not well kept
- Cyclists are met with hostility;
- Difficult for those with mobility scooters and disabilities to get around;
- Civilising the school run;
- Dominance of traffic in the Marple area;
- Dealing with the main road issues e.g. Stockport Road, Brabyns Brow and Station Road;
- Narrow pavements and speeding traffic;
- People want to travel around differently; and

- Area Committee to actively collaborate with the Walkride Groups to put plans in place for the improvement of Marple and putting people first in the community.

The following comments were then made/issues raised: -

- Council officers were in a position to make changes for the Marple local residents relating to active travel;
- Applying to the Mayoral Challenge Fund for 3 bids for the Marple area;
- Chris Boardman initiative in Greater Manchester;
- 70 local residents involved in the groups;
- Supporting the local groups and their experiences and proposals to Improve the area for active travel;
- Improve security of bikes in the area;
- Hedges to be cut back in areas for the use of bikes and pedestrians;
- Update from the Atkins Report; and
- Train Station and pedestrian crossing.

RESOLVED – That Peter Black and Lottie McCarthy be thanked for their attendance.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Compstall Community Council

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of Compstall Community Council for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of setting up a website for the community of Compstall and which would be shared with other groups in the village who don't have such a medium.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Compstall Community Council for a grant of £730 (£365 from the Marple North Ward and £365 from the Marple South Ward allocations) from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of setting up a website for the community of Compstall and which would be shared with other groups in the village who don't have such a medium.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications were submitted.

(NOTE: Full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. In order to reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planningdecisions. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained from the Place Directorate upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC076953 : 25 Bonington Rise, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5DW

In respect of plan no. DC076953 for the construction of first floor rear extension above existing ground floor at 25 Bonnington Rise, Marple Bridge -

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC076974 : Cornfield, Buxton Road, High Lane, Stockport, SK6 8AY

In respect of plan no. DC076974 for the construction of first floor rear extension above existing ground floor at Cornfield, Buxton Road, High Lane, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Marple Area Committee.

It was commented that there was currently no updates available relating to the appeals that had been lodged for the Garden House and Marple Wharf. In response, it was noted that due to Covid-19, the Planning Inspectorate had stated that there would be some delay in the determination of appeals and that these were not in the control of the Local Authority.

It was reported that regarding the development of houses on Hibbert Lane, Chatsworth Grange, concern was raised regarding a potential breach of planning regulations. In response, it was commented that further information would be required regarding the potential breach and that the enforcement team would be informed.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - MARPLE MEMORIAL PARK, ART PROJECT HARD-STANDING AREA

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) seeking approval for the cost of the proposed scheme to create a compacted accessible hard-standing area behind the former Bowling Pavilion within the Marple Memorial Park at a cost of £774.37 to be funded by the Area Committee's Delegated Budget.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the proposed scheme to create a compacted accessible hard-standing area behind the former Bowling Pavilion within Marple Memorial Park to access the planned artwork panel at a cost of £774.37 to be funded by the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (£387.19 from the Marple North ward and £387.18 from the Marple South ward budget allocations).

8. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Ward Flexibility Funding.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That updates be requested for the following: -

- Atkins Report;
- Ludworth – Cabinet recommendations;
- Oak Dene – SID data being circulated to Councillors;
- Edwards Way (20mph) – what are the restrictions to be lifted;
- Flooding Report – ward specific findings would be welcomed as a briefing or update; and
- Access Only Signs – previously requested for Meadway, Thornway, Beechway and Daisyway.

(3) That the following topics be considered for the Open Forum at future meetings: -

- Shopping in Marple – to encourage shoppers to Marple
- Litter in Marple

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm