

MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 17 April 2024
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Colin MacAlister (Vice-Chair) in the chair; Councillors Geoff Abell, Shan Alexander, Steve Gribbon and Aron Thornley.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 17 April 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair, on behalf of the Area Committee, informed residents of the:-

- The Friends of the Park new manager Malcolm Allan and welcomed him to the Committee. The former manager Mark Whittaker and his wife Gill were also thanked for their years of service to the community.
- Retiring Councillor Beck Senior and thanked her for her years of service to the community and the Area Committee as the current Chair.
- Local and Mayoral Elections due to take place on Thursday 2nd May 2024.
- Community Repair Shop at St Thomas's Church, High Lane on Saturday 20 April 2024 from 10am-12pm

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting, but an update relating to the area had been circulated by email to the Committee. It was confirmed that any issues raised at the meeting would be passed onto the police for a response.

It was commented that members continued to be disappointed with the lack of Police attendance at Area Committee meetings and noted that Councillor Steve Gribbon had already contacted the Greater Manchester Police and Marple Councillors would be invited to a meeting in due course.

There was a concern expressed regarding off road bikes in the community and a new task force being set up to deal with the issues.

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Marple Carnival

Malcolm Allan and Kevin Murray attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Marple Carnival for a grant of £600 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£300 per ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing re-usable banners, storage units and equipment to support this year's Carnival.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Marple Carnival for a grant of £600 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£300 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing re-usable banners, storage units and equipment to support this year's Carnival.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Canal Boat Trust

Sue Woodgate attended the meeting and submitted an application for Ward Flexibility Funding on behalf of Stockport Canal Boat Trust for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£150 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of developing a new service area at Marple wharf and an attractive waterway frontage between the Wharf transshipment shed and the new houses by providing seating, planting and features such as bird boxes to support wildlife.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Canal Boat Trust for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£150 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of developing a new service area at Marple wharf and an attractive waterway frontage between the Wharf transshipment shed and the new houses by providing seating, planting and features such as bird boxes to support wildlife.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development application was 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. Deputy Chief Executive 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/planning. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC088161 : Slack Hall Farm, Turf Lea Road, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7EZ

In respect of plan no. DC088161 for the demolition of existing agricultural barn building and erection of replacement building for light industrial use.

It was then,

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

(ii) DC089712 : Chapel House Farm, 33 Brickbridge Road, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7BQ

In respect of plan no. DC089712 for the installation of a ground mounted array of 20 no. solar PV modules within existing field.

The applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then,

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

6. APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. STOCKPORT CLIMATE ACTION NOW (CAN) FUND

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the details relating to the launch of two new Climate Action Now (CAN) Funds; the CAN Seed Fund and the CAN Catalyst Fund.

Members welcomed the report and informed the meeting that the information was already being shared across the wards and requested that details be sent to the libraries to be put on public display.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET - OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT, HIGH LANE PARK

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a request for the allocation of £3,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget for Marple South & High Lane for outdoor gym equipment at High Lane Park.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be requested to approve the allocation of £3,000 of Ward Discretionary Budget for Marple South & High Lane for outdoor gym equipment at High Lane Park.

9. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET - INSTALLATION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a request for the allocation of £250 from the Ward Discretionary Budget for Marple South & High Lane towards the cost of installing a defibrillator at the Strines Nightingale Public House.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be requested to approve the allocation of £250 of the Ward Discretionary Budget for Marple South & High Lane towards the cost of installing a defibrillator at the Strines Nightingale Public House.

10. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE AND LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - ANDREW LANE, HIGH LANE

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposed highway maintenance scheme on Andrew Lane – Carriageway Repairs (Part Contribution) at a cost of £8,000 to be funded by the Highway Maintenance & Traffic Management Delegated Budget for Marple South & High Lane and authorises the Director of Place Management to order the work.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the proposed highway maintenance scheme on Andrew Lane – Carriageway Repairs (Part Contribution) at a cost of £8,000 to be funded by the Highway Maintenance & Traffic Management Delegated Budget for Marple South & High Lane and authorises the Director of Place Management to order the work.

11. PARK USE APPLICATION - MARPLE CARNIVAL, 15 JUNE 2024

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) for an event application received from Marple Carnival Charities Committee to hold their annual

Carnival event at Marple Memorial Park and Brabyns Park on Saturday 15 June 2024 accessing both parks between 13 June to 16 June 2024 to enable event set up and close down of the event and subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event to the Council, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

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12. PARK USE APPLICATION - MARPLE RUNNERS CARNIVAL 10K TRAIL RACE AND FAMILY FUN RUN

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) for an event application received from Marple Runners to hold their 8th Annual Carnival 10K Trail Race and a 2K Family Fun Run on Sunday 16 June 2024. The 10K run will start and finish within Brabyns Park, with the course route also utilising highway and canal routes and the 2K Family Fun Run will be within Brabyns Park only. The event will start with the trail race starting at 09.30am and finishing at 11.30am, and the Family Fun Run starting 9.30am accessing the site between 7.00am and 1.00pm and subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork to the Council at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

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13. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and detailing the current position on ward flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

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The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members were provided with an update relating to the end of year approved applications for Ward Flexibility Funding and Delegated Ward Budgets, the new balance sheets for 2024/25 with balances brought forward and the update to the Covid Commemoration Fund balances.
- Members informed the Committee that a meeting had been arranged with the owners of 83 Stockport Road and feedback would be provided to the next Committee meeting.
- Members requested that Low Lea Road be removed from Appendix D of the traffic schemes.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) The Director of Place Management be requested to remove Low Lea Road from Appendix D of the traffic schemes.

The meeting closed at 6.58pm.