

## **MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 30 October 2024  
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 September 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

The following interests were declared:-

#### **Personal Interest**

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Aron Thornley	Agenda Item 6 (i) - DC086492: Land/Field between Plucksbridge Road/Barlow Wood Drive, Strines, Stockport by virtue of knowing the applicant.

#### **Personal & Prejudicial Interest**

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Shan Alexander	Agenda Item 6 (i) - DC086492: Land/Field between Plucksbridge Road/Barlow Wood Drive, Strines, Stockport by virtue of knowing the applicant.

Councillor Alexander left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

##### **(i) Chair's Announcements**

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee informed local residents of the following:

- Poppy appeal taking place in ASDA in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. The Committee expressed their appreciation to Kevin Murray for the Poppy Appeal Bike Run.
- Tractor run taking place on 27 December 2024 through the Town Centre.
- Fair Trade Exhibition being held on 16 November 2024 at the Guildhall, Stockport.
- New Marple Pop Up Library Service - every Tuesday from midday to 6pm and on a Thursday from 10am to 4pm. SMART Lockers were installed outside the Scout Hut and available to be used.
- Brown Bins – you were now able to recycle soft plastics.
- Local Authority's and funding arrangements were mentioned in the Budget announcement.
- Councillor Surgery – Devonshire Arms Pub from 11.00am on Saturday 2 November 2024 regarding the roadworks on Longhurst Lane, Mellor.

##### **(ii) Neighbourhood Policing**

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting.

Members reported having met with the new Chief Superintendent Lewis recently and discussing a number of issues related to Marple including:

- Nuisance bikes
- Anti social behaviour
- Police presence on the quieter roads

RESOLVED- That the update be noted.

##### **(iii) Public Question Time**

Members of the public were invited to submit 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.

Six public questions were submitted as follows, relating to:-

- Planning Powers on local planning matters
- Highway Maintenance in Mill Brow
- Resurfacing of Benches in SK6
- Bin collection calendar

RESOLVED – That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond to the questioners in writing.

(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 Social and Forces Club

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Marple Social and Forces Club for a grant of £685 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£342.50 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of installing a defibrillator, for the benefit of all who may need it.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Marple Social and Forces Club for a grant of £685 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£342.50 from each ward allocation) towards the cost of installing a defibrillator, for the benefit of all who may need it.

## **5. (RSAS) LUDWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL OBJECTION REPORT**

A representative of the Director of Place Management and the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the details to the objections received relating to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders presented for the Ludworth Primary School scheme.

Members enquired about the enforcement arrangements. In response, it was noted that enforcement officers would be out patrolling the area accordingly.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to approve the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Orders as originally advertised and as described in Appendix A of the report and that the objectors are informed of the decision.

## **6. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

A 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](http://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) DC086492 : Land/Field between Plucksbridge Road/Barlow Wood Drive, Strines, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC086492 for the material change of use of land from agricultural to recreational, comprising a private use BMX/mountain bike track, with associated earth works and ramp structures (Retrospective).

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then,

RESOLVED – that the application be deferred to a future meeting pending further consideration being given to the content of the method statement.

## **7. APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) summarising recent appeal decisions; listing current planning appeals and dates for local enquiries; informal hearings for planning appeals, and enforcement action within the Marple Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **8. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which sought the views of the Committee on the current and proposed polling arrangements within the area in order to inform the 2024 Polling District Review.

Members welcomed the report and the changes to polling districts MN5.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LAY WREATHS AT REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES ON 10 NOVEMBER 2024**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Area Committee to appoint Councillors to lay wreaths on behalf of the Council at the Remembrance Day Services at Compstall, High Lane, Marple and Mellor War Memorials on Sunday 10 November 2024.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the appointment of the following Councillors to lay wreaths on behalf of the Council at the following sites on Sunday 10 November 2024:-

High Lane War Memorial – Councillors Shan Alexander and Colin MacAlister

Mellor War Memorial – Councillor Geoff Abell

Marple Memorial Park – Councillor Micheala Meikle

Compstall War Memorial – Councillor Steve Gribbon

#### **10. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & 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 area flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.48pm