

MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 4 December 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 30 October 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.

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 local residents of the following:

- The Marple Hub – car park is now closed for the preparation of demolition.
- Update provided regarding the mini-roundabout at the back of Littlewoods on Hibbert and Church Lane.
- Marple Councillor Surgeries – further updates will be provided and circulated to the community in due course once confirmed.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

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

Members reported having received an update from the Neighbourhood Inspector addressing a few issues related to Marple including:

- Off road bikes seized
- Prolific shoplifters been arrested and remanded in custody
- Cannabis farm being found in Hazel Grove and being dealt with by the police.

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.

One public question was submitted relating to street cleansing schedules.

In response, it was stated that the street cleansing schedule was available on the council website and specific streets could be searched and a reference number would be generated for all logged complaints which could be used to follow up if nothing had been done.

RESOLVED – That the Director of Place Management be requested to respond with more details to the questioner 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

There were no ward flexibility funding applications to consider.

5. 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. 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) DC091344 : Lower Cobden Edge Farm, Whetmorhurst Lane, Mellor, Stockport, SK6 5NZ

In respect of plan no. DC/091344 for the erection of 1 no. detached dwellinghouse with detached garage (Retrospective amendment to planning permission DC075688, to comprise addition of a basement and lowering of approved garage).

It was then,

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

- (ii) DC091912 : Stables On Land To Rear of Longhurst Lane and Knowle Road, Mellor, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC/091912 for the demolition of existing stables and tack room buildings and erection of 1 no. single storey self-build dwellinghouse with associated access, parking and landscaping

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 the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee for determination following a site inspection from the 'visiting team' to assess the proposed access.

6. 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.

7. PARKS EVENT APPLICATION - STOCKPORT TRAIL HALF MARATHON 2025

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an event application received from Crazy Legs Events to repeat their successful Stockport Trail Half Marathon event on greenspace along Middlewood Way from a start point at Wood Lane car park, Marple on Sunday, 23 February 2025 between 9.30am and 1.30pm with access required from 7.00am to 2.30pm.

RESOLVED - that approval be given to an application from Crazy Legs Event to repeat the successful Stockport Trail Half Marathon event on greenspace along Middlewood Way from a start point at Wood Lane car park, Marple on Sunday, 23 February 2025 between 9.30am and 1.30pm with access required from 7.00am to 2.30pm subject to the event

organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork 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.

8. 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 7.50pm.