

Marple Neighbourhood Forum

Notice of the third Annual General Meeting of the Marple Neighbourhood Forum to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday 15 September 2018 at the United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the second AGM held on 30 September 2017
3. Report of the Management Committee
4. Financial Report – copy attached
5. Election of the Management Committee and Officers
6. Any other relevant business advised to the Secretary by 31 August 2018

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Following the formal AGM refreshments will be served followed by:

Roundtable discussions on some key items of our Draft Neighbourhood Plan

- *Traffic and Transport/Stockport Road options*
- *Future Housing Developments*
- *A second town centre food store*
- *Memorial Park Civic Centre opportunity*
- *Goyt Mill – future developments*
- *Marple Station and Rose Hill opportunities*
- *Promoting Heritage and Tourism*

The meeting will conclude at 12 noon.

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Nomination paper for members and officers of the Management Committee

September 2018

I, nominate.....for
the post of Chair/Secretary/Treasurer or to be a member of the Management Committee
(delete as applicable).

Seconded by.....

I,, agree to stand for election as shown above.

Date.....

PLEASE PRINT NAMES

Marple Neighbourhood Forum
Second Annual General Meeting

Held at 10 a.m. on 30 September 2017 in Marple URC

Minutes

Members Present:

The meeting was attended by a total of 27 existing forum members, 4 new forum members and 32 others.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from: Brian Evans, Kate Lindley, Rachel Singer, Tim Lowe, David Cooper and Alan Darnell.

2 Report of the Management Committee

The Chairman introduced himself and welcomed all attendees to the Forum's second AGM.

Adoption of the Minutes of the first AGM held on 14 January 2017

Proposed: Tony Kay

Seconded: Gordon Johnson

The meeting voted to adopt the minutes unanimously.

The Chairman's Report

The Forum was formally established on 1 December 2016 and held its first AGM in January this year in order to approve a Constitution and to elect a Management Committee to replace the interim

Committee set up in April 2016. The Committee has met each month since.

The Chairman paid tribute to the members of the Management Committee who have contributed so much over the past year. We have been very positively supported by over 20 other people who have joined the seven Topic Groups which have been collecting information and discussing aspects of what is important in planning terms for Marple. It is encouraging that there are so many people who are willing to put time and effort to working for the future of our community.

There are currently 60 members of the Forum. At the market stall on 16 September during the Food Festival an additional 16 people said they would like to be members and they will be added from tomorrow. We also have a list of 175 interested people with whom we are in contact at least once a month through a Newsletter. This number will grow by a further 38 following the Market Stall. 24 local groups are also affiliated.

In summary this year has focussed on two main activities:

First is the collection of ideas and evidence by the seven Topic Groups. We have reached the stage where Peter Black, a member of the Management Committee and a planner by profession, is collecting information from these groups in order to produce a first draft of a Plan. It is clear that there is no shortage of ideas but a substantial need to put together evidence to support these. In the process we are

also collecting other information that is of importance to Marple but which is not to do with planning. In conjunction with the Marple Civic Society we plan to try to capture these other matters for further work alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.

In developing our ideas we have to be mindful of the fact that there is continuing work on the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Stockport's own Local Plan. Both of these will influence what we can include. However, our relationship with Stockport MBC also enables us to influence what these over-arching planning documents might say that is relevant to Marple. In this connection it is worth noting that both the High Lane and the Marple Bridge, Mellor, Mill Brow and Compstall areas are also in the process of setting up Forums. Once this has been achieved the whole of the Marple North and Marple South areas will be included. Liaison between the three Forums will be important because of overlaps in our planning interests.

Second, we have been publicising the existence of the Forum. Publicity is a vital part of what we do. The Plan cannot be produced just on the basis of work done by and within the Management Committee. We need to have the involvement of as many people who live, work or visit the area as possible.

1. We have a website in place. It needs further development but is a good source of information about what we are doing.
2. We have held two Open Forum Meetings in addition to two AGMs.
3. We issue a Newsletter every month.

4. In March we arranged that a leaflet would be delivered to every home and business in our area - about 6,000 in all. We know that a few homes were missed but are confident of at least 95% coverage. We also produced a poster.
5. In May and again in September we had a stall in Market Street. This enabled us to talk with a wide range of people and we have collected the ideas and opinions that they have expressed.
6. We have talked to the Business Forum, Headteachers of Schools and other local groups. We have also talked to school assemblies at Marple Hall School.
7. We have placed a questionnaire on our website and had a good response. We have also distributed a questionnaire to local businesses and again collected a good response.
8. We launched our Facebook page recently.
9. In May we held a Focus Group run by Paul Hague who lives in Marple and is experienced in such groups. We are hoping to run some more groups and are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to participate on a one off basis.
10. We have issued an invitation to anyone who would like to attend one of our Management Committee meetings which includes guidance about how a visitor might raise a matter of interest or concern.

The next year will see great strides forward in drafting the Neighbourhood Plan and there will be a lot to say about this at the next AGM in September 2018. We have until the end of November 2021 to produce a Plan and have it approved. We are hoping to achieve this much earlier than that. Our progress will be reported in

our monthly Newsletter for the production of which we are indebted to Malcolm Allen.

In addition the Chairman drew the meetings attention to two Walks Booklets that we have produced:

The Marple Lock flight and its Lost Railway by John Suggitt and

From Hollins Mill to Hawk Green: A Marple Heritage Walk by Neil Charman

Following the Chairman's report there was a question from the floor asking how many people at the meeting were below the State Retirement age. A show of hands indicated the number was seventeen.

3 Financial Report

The Treasurer reported on the Forums certified accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017. An itemised report of income and expenditure was included with the papers for the meeting.

Total Income	: £8411.00
Total Expenditure	: £4323.00
Current Balance	: £4,088.00

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Proposed: Lord Andrew Stunell

Seconded: Simon Temple

The report was unanimously approved.

There were two questions from the floor:

Are there on-going maintenance costs for the website?

The figure in the report is inclusive both of the initial development costs and the on-going monthly fees that have been agreed, In addition the same supplier provides other

design services related to our marketing and publicity efforts the costs of which are also included in the figure reported.

How much is each Forum entitled to and how much have we drawn down?

Each Forum is entitled to £9,000 plus an additional £9,000 in technical support. In the term of this report we have expended £6911.27 in grants and have used some of the technical support allowance in setting up the Forum and commencing a Heritage and Character Assessment. The amount of technical support funding is confidential to the Grant Provider and is not disclosed to the Forum.

The Treasurer noted that Central Government has recently allocated a further £22.8m to cover the period 2018-22 but as yet there are no details as to how this will be distributed.

4 Election of the Management Committee and Officers

The Chairman recorded the Forum's thanks Tony Ede who has decided not to stand for election again. Tony has made a very positive contribution to the Committee in both its interim and formal form. We are very pleased that he has said that he will continue to work with the Town Centre and Retail Topic Group. The Chairman also thanked Gill Shaw who was co-opted onto the Committee but found that her family and other commitments meant that she could not continue.

Nominations had been received in advance of the meeting for the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and for those wishing to stand as members. The following were all elected unanimously:

Chairman : David Ackroyd
Treasurer : Tony Kay
Secretary : Russell Haynes

Lesley Wright
Malcolm Allen
Simon Temple
Joe Harvey

Tony Smith
Sue Ingham
Peter Black
Tommy Tognarelli
Geoff Abell

The Chairman made the point that we are always looking for people who are prepared to undertake one-off or on-going tasks on behalf of the Forum. These are largely tasks that can be carried out at home and are much less of a commitment than being on the Management Committee or a Topic Group. If anyone thinks that they could spend a few minutes a week assisting us please contact David Ackroyd or another member of the Committee.

5 Other relevant business

None.

The formal AGM concluded at 10.30

Following refreshments the meeting continued with a design study presentation given by Phil Jones.

The Marple Traffic and Street Design Study

The study was prepared on behalf of the Marple Vision Partnership. The work was undertaken by Phil Jones and a colleague and resulted in the submission of a report in November 2015.

The Forum agreed, in partnership with the Marple Civic Society, to provide this opportunity to hear from Phil the thoughts emerging from the study and to put this in the context of the ever developing ideas on how to make Town Centres safe, convenient and pleasant for everyone whether on foot, on bicycle, on bus or by car. The

Forum is currently working with Stockport MBC on matters related to this. It is, however, important that as many people as possible have an insight into what may be achievable.

Following the presentation there was an engaged discussion that highlighted the range and complexity of the issues facing Marple. Options range from a radical re-design of the road system addressing the current imbalance between cars and pedestrians to less ambitious but valuable initiatives such as changes to the 'gateways' in and out of the town that emphasise to motorists that they are entering a populated area. It was particularly noted that some of the 'shared space' approaches seen in other towns raise concerns for people who are visually impaired. Phil made the point that 'shared space' has become an over-used term and has essentially lost a specific meaning. Accordingly urban designers now use more descriptive terminology. It was especially useful to see a selection of the solutions that other towns and cities have implemented with success.

The Forum would like to record our appreciation to Phil for an interesting and valuable presentation and discussion.

MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

AGM September 2018

Treasurers 'Report for Financial Year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Overview

The year has been stable from a financial viewpoint with no major issues arising.

Income

The principal source of income has been from Governments grants managed by Locality UK, a government sponsored body supporting community activities. These grants were specifically for Neighbourhood Planning and we have received a total of £4,199 from two grants during the year, not all of which has been expended; the unused balance being returned to Locality UK. During the year, the initial government grant programme (2011-2018) expired, and a new programme (2018-2022) was put in place, with lower funding and slightly different allowance criteria.

The second source of income has been from donations. A particularly generous anonymous donation was received to support work carried out by the Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

A third source of income has been generated from the sale of Heritage Walks leaflets produced by the Heritage and Tourism Group. Our thanks are due to those group members who have contributed their time and effort in preparing and selling these. Stockport MBC have purchased a significant number of leaflets for sale in local libraries.

Expenditure

The main expenditure during the year (£1,428) has been on the consultancy work carried out by the Cheshire Wildlife Trust in establishing the natural assets for the Neighbourhood Area. Consultants' fees also included the presentation by Phil Jones Associates at the 2017 AGM.

Other significant expenditure has been on administration, particularly website maintenance and Public Liability Insurance.

We have also acquired a number of tangible assets in the form of promotional display banners, and a postage box in Marple Library.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the Forum Members for their support. Thanks are also due to Gordon Johnson for his help over the year and for his diligent examination of the Accounts.

Tony Kay

September 2018

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Accounts for FY ended 30 June 2018

	2017	2018
INCOME	£	£
Donations	85.00	826.00
Loans	100.00	0.00
Grants	8,226.00	4,199.00
Surplus/Deficit B/F	0.00	4,088.00
TOTAL	8,411.00	9,113.00
EXPENDITURE	£	£
Room Hire	96.75	29.00
Equipment Hire	0.00	109.00
Equipment Purchase	0.00	169.00
Printing & Postage	553.20	263.90
Flyer Distribution	972.00	0.00
Misc Expenses	68.82	46.24
Consultants Fees		1,428.00
Website Maintenance	1,084.00	860.40
Insurance	133.50	135.20
Loan Repayment	100.00	0.00
Grant Refund	1,314.73	3,199.60
TOTAL	4,323.00	6,240.34
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	4,088.00	2,872.66

BALANCES	£	£
Cash	10.00	71.32
Current Account	4,078.00	2,801.34
TOTAL	4,088.00	2,872.66

Prepared from the Books and Accounts and

Treasurer: A Kay

Examiner: Gordon Johnson

Date:

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