



## **Making Marple Better - Together**

### **Marple Area Committee Notes**

#### **Preamble**

Marple Civic Society follows MAC monthly meetings and provides short notes on matters discussed and decisions taken by our elected representatives. These notes are not definitive minutes of the meeting but are intended as a key to matters that may be of interest to members which members can then follow up by watching the now-very-accessible SMBC webcast to obtain the full picture. Any past meeting may be watched section by section and speaker by speaker by going to:

<https://stockport.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

where may be found a full library of webcasts.

Details of the planning applications discussed, including all the drawings and documents, may be found on the SMBC website too. To find an application, go to: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/find-planning-applications>. Get into 'Find planning applications - Stockport Council'. Press the 'find a planning application' green bar. Type the code noted on the agenda (starting DC) into the empty box at the bottom of the page inviting a keyword etc. Click search to display the application and in the top bar click 'Documents' to find a list of all the drawings, reports and such, which you can open as you wish.

SMBC publish their formal minutes online usually a week or two after the meeting, which we may forward to you if they look interesting.

### **MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE 18 June 2025**

2 Shan Alexander was voted in as chair for the current period of MAC meetings.

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

From case work, which are ongoing:

- the preoccupations of Marple residents seems to be fly tipping on the aqueduct road, and
- BRSK rollout, with many residents worried about BRSK possibly not following the Code of Practice on undergrounding cabling and instead erecting poles.

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

There was a comprehensive report given by the police at the meeting. Sadly much of the lengthy report was lost because of poor sound reproduction and because the

police representative spoke very fast. What was gleaned was that crime continues to fall across Greater Manchester, Stockport and Marple and that the police continue to attend to speeding and illegal scooter and motorcycle riding across the borough. If anyone can let the police know particularly any details of where offending riders and their scooters and motorbikes start and finish, they would be very grateful.

#### 6(iii) Public Question Time

In response to a question from the Civic Society on the possible installation of a pedestrian crossing from the end of Market Street to the Coop, Cllr McAllister said that it was part of the Marple Area Cycling and Walking Strategy (MACAWS) plan that would go ahead the moment there was money to pay for it. He promised to let the Civic Society have an update on after he had consulted back in the Council on the matter.

#### 6(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding: Odyssey Art Academy

Odyssey art Academy was granted £50 from Marple north and £50 from Marple South wards towards the total cost across Stockport of £950 of hosting a series of acting workshops, culminating in a public performance, to empower individuals, particularly those from marginalised or vulnerable backgrounds.

#### 6(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding: Heaton Mersey Village Cricket Club

Heaton Mersey village Cricket Club was refused funding which would go towards a family fun day open to the community. The thought really was that we have plenty of our own cricket clubs in Marple and the immediate area we can support.

#### 7 095076 Development Applications

DC0095076 All Saints Church Primary School, Brickbridge Road

The area committee was requested to refuse planning permission for the replacement of two existing windows in the north elevation of the school building. The area committee overturned the request and granted permission.

#### 9 Free to Charged Parking - Final Report including a Socio-Economic Assessment

Cllrs complained they did not like the change but that if it was going to be changed that there should be no inconsistencies. In some instances there were free places available for the convenience of particular users that could be invaded by long term parkers, which was ridiculous. Couldn't we have more parking available under 'period of grace terms'?

#### 10 Highways Maintenance School Lane Compstall.

The area committee supported the proposed scheme to repair the carriage way following road collapse on School Lane in Compstall which would require a part contribution from MAC of £10,000.

#### 11 Resident Parking Scheme - Old Reading Rooms

The area committee recommended that the cabinet member for parks, highways and transport services approved the recommendation to provide one permit per property for Etherow Park car park. The individual costs of the permits will be £47.50 which will be reviewed annually to align with the principles adopted through the Council's Medium Term Financial planning to balance the costs of the services

#### 12 Park Use Application - Cromwell Avenue Rec Summer Event

The area committee recommended approval for the application from the event organiser subject to the organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least two weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, as satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges

#### 13 Area Committee Ward Highway Spokesperson.

Councillors Gribbon (Marple North) and Alexander (Marple South) were nominated.

#### 14 Appointment to Outside Bodies

Councillor MacAlister was nominated as MAC representative to outside bodies.

**The next MAC will be held on 30 July 2025**