



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.

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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 30 July 2025

4(i) Chair's Announcements

- Festoon Lights in Market Street switch on evening of Saturday 30 August
- Marple Wharf have received £864,000 from the Heritage Fund
- No trains will pass through Stockport Station from Saturday 2 August 4 - Friday 22 August due to engineering works on Greek Street roundabout.
- Saturday 20th September the Mayor will be present at Make It Marple
- Congratulations to Marple Hall girls football team for winning a national trophy

4(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

In a clear and extensive report 2 police officers reported on:

'Operation Hurricane' in which 15 off-road bikes have been seized since 25 May across the borough. Police continue to monitor the problem keenly in east Stockport especially (Marple, Werneth and Hazel Grove).

At Bredbury Hall 2 males were arrested recently in disturbances and police continue to monitor the place. 3 youths were recently arrested for shop lifting (Hazel Grove the focus).

Community Speedwatch: after the successful scheme in High Lane it is intended to be extended to Marple. Police will seek volunteers - lookout for publicity. The focus will be Station Road initially. Strines Road was discussed by councillors, but this needs checking by police to assure safety. Police need more data to provide information to get funding to support the scheme. Police presence at speedwatch makes a difference to motorists say High Lane speedwatch volunteers. 'Fining people, enforcement, is the answer to speeding', officers said. Electric scooters are illegal in public places (they cannot be insured) and police seize them when they can. Brabyns Park has been mentioned as a site where scooters have been a nuisance.

Offerton High school is being demolished and there is a permanent fence around it to prevent vandalism.

The police station is currently sited in Hollins House now the station in the park has been demolished.

The officers were thanked by councillors for a full and clear report.

4(iii) Public Question Time

Kevin Murray asked for the Councillors support so that the Ride of Remembrance could take place in the Memorial Park on 26 October given that there may be difficulties with approvals and access in view of building works. Councillors agreed to offer any support they could and had forwarded notice to the office of the Director of Place, the department with the role of talking to contractors.

Robert Clark asked if, as well as a yellow box junction being painted on the road at the junction of Hibbert Lane and Stockport, a pedestrian crossing could be introduced across Hibbert Lane at the junction because it is an uncomfortable crossing for pedestrians, if not a dangerous one. Councillors agreed to follow up what they regarded as a good suggestion. The meeting was reminded that the next meeting of Marple Civic Society will discuss the matter of MACAWS, the Marple Area Cycling and Walking Strategy, where this junction would be an item for discussion amongst others.

4(iv) Ward Flexibility Funding: Stockport Canal Boat Trust

Stockport Canal Boat Trust applied for £250 each from the two wards to go towards the replacement of the engine (total cost over £8000) on the New Horizons boat which had broken down irreparably. This was approved unanimously.

5 Development Applications: DC089395 Westwood House, Eastwood Drive, Marple SK6 7PW

The outline application for the demolition of an existing vacant office building and the erection of 60 'assisted living' units on the site with car parking, open space and such, was approved.

7 Stockport Homes Group Update

A report was made by Stockport Homes to the Area Committee to update it on Stockport Homes business. MAC agreed that Stockport Homes should update MAC twice per year.

8 Barnsfold Road and Hollingworth drive, Marple - proposed moving traffic regulation order (MTRO) 20 mph limit

The Committee approved Marple South and High Lane Delegated Ward budget bear the cost of £3000 for the funding of the advertising for the MTRO.

9 Hibbert Lane Stockport Road Junction

This item was deferred for discussion by Councillors following the suggestion earlier (item 4(iii)) for a crossing to be made at the junction.

10 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Weatherly Drive, Marple.

The Committee approved Marple North Delegated Budget bear the cost of £1,100 for the advertising of the proposed TRO on Weatherly Drive.

11 Objection Report: George Street, Compstall

The Committee approved the temporary TRO now in force to be made permanent.

The next MAC will be held on 30 July 2025