



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 10 September 2025

4(i) Chair's Announcements

- New speed monitoring system will be installed on Strines Road, Windlehurst Road and Glossop Road: first in the country, more details to come.
- For details of new weekly Knit and Natter group in High Lane library contact the library.
- A repair shop will be held on 25th of October 10am -12 noon at Saint Thomas's church High Lane.
- Cromwell Avenue park Halloween party will take place on 26th October

4(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

A comprehensive report was made that included the information that there is a new female PC working in Marple, response times are good, work continues policing off road bikes with 250 incidents in the Stockport area and 15 bikes seized, Community speed watch in high lane have been very successful and will be expanded to cover Marple for which the police will be seeking volunteers, and if you want to keep in touch with local policing you can join 'bee in

the loop' (just go to the website <https://www.beeintheloop.co.uk/>). The police report was very detailed so if you want more information about the report please go to https://stockport.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/1010851

4(iii) Public Question Time

Mr Vincent Martin asked what the status was of tree preservation orders on the land between Bolligton Rise and Glossop Road. Few trees amongst the many that there are on the land seem to be protected at present. Can a tree protection order be updated and/or extended?

Cllr Gribbon said he would look into the situation and respond to Mr Martin. Cllr Alexander said that Mr Martin would receive an official response from the officer concerned.

4(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding: Rural Cultural Foundation

An application was made for a total grant of £880 from the Marple North Ward allocation only towards the cost of hosting a Heritage Facts and Fun Day in September 2025 based at the Roman lakes and Mellor Mill.

The application was approved with £500 from Marple North with Marple South generously donating £380.

4(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding: 1st High Lane Scouts

An application was made for a grant of £1000 from Marple South to go towards the cost of two members of the 1st High Lane Scouts joining a trip to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland in August 2028.

Applications are usually considered for events or capital expenditure, the chair explained, but in this case MAC approved a grant of £500.

5 None

7 Free to charged parking objections report

MAC noted the report. Councillors said they understood why charges were being imposed because of budgetary constraints but they outlined difficulties they saw. In particular they were concerned that 'a period of grace' (the first few minutes free) of more than 10 minutes should be applied in certain car parks adjacent to business areas so as not to put extra financial pressure on businesses that are already feeling the strain and that, especially in this regard, car parks should be treated individually and not as a single set. The Council will reply to their concerns.

8 Marple Community Hub - Station Road, Puffin Crossing Objection Report

Many objections were received concerning the proposed crossing between Winnington Road and the canal including speed of traffic, visibility, congestion, lack of demand, conservation

area constraints but none of them prevented the proposal from meeting statutory requirements so MAC was asked to recommend the implementation of the crossing, which MAC agreed.

The council officer reported that another crossing near to the station on Station Road would be legal and that the Council is currently looking into the case for another crossing there.

9 Hibbert Lane/Stockport Road Junction

MAC agreed to withdraw this item from the agenda to give time for more public discussion.

10 Marple District Centre Action Plan Update

Richard Daniels gave an outline of improvements and event since the last report including *inter alia* the Marple Fest lighting project installed in June (sadly the official switch on had to be postponed due to poor weather), new planters and art work in Market Street and the alley by Superdrug, the Civic Society engaging in street bench maintenance, the weeding events by Marple Fest and the Civic Society (with special mention going to Dan Bank John) to tidy up streets, possible artwork on Marple cinema and some other businesses in Market Street/Derby Way, the developments of a local organisations events programme. The Christmas lights switch on will take place on 14 November and this will now be the official opening with Cllr MacAlister and celebrities in attendance. He reported that vacancy rates in Marple stood at 4.5% compared to 6.2% in Stockport and 13% nationally. This year the allocation of funding for Marple Vision has been doubled to £10,000.

In questions to RD Cllr Gribbon asked if thought could be given to rain shelters on main shopping streets. RD said he would pursue the idea and get back.

Councillors were very positive in thanking RD for his work. The chair also thanked Marple Civic Society for the work that it has done to help in addition to thanking RD himself.

11 Park Use Application - Marple Poppy Appeal Ride of Remembrance

MAC Agreed to approve the application for the Marple Area Poppy Appeal to finish their Ride of Remembrance within Marple Memorial Park on Sunday the 26th of October 2025 between 1:00 PM and 4:30 PM, subject to the event organiser submitting the relevant paperwork at least two 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.

12 Area Committee Ward Highway Spokesperson - Marple North

MAC agreed to replace Cllr Gribbon with Cllr Abell as spokesperson.

The next MAC will be held on 22 October 2025