

**Friends of Marple Memorial Park Meeting  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Marple Library**

**Present:** Mick Thompson, Lorraine Thompson, Joyce Reed, Micaela Wood, Terry Wood, Patrick O’Herlihy, John Bates, Ben Meek, Lewis Abbott, Jason Saenz, Millie Saenz, Mark Whittaker, Peter Wellstead (part time).

**1.0 Apologies:** Adrian Ellis, Bob Wilson, Malcolm Allan.

**2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed.

### **3.0 Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 A Neighbourhood Plan for Marple**

Peter Wellstead from Marple Civic Society was welcomed to the meeting.

Peter gave the group an introduction to the Civic Society's campaign to encourage the Marple community to produce a neighbourhood plan. There is currently an exhibition in the library about this and a series of meetings and presentations later in the week.

A discussion and Q&A session followed about how this might impact the park.

It was agreed that the group should be represented on the forum if one is formed to develop a plan. The group's objective will be to ensure that the park is protected.

#### **3.2 Skatepark Development Project**

##### **Latest Skatepark Project News**

Marple Civic Society has submitted a grant application to the Postcode Community Trust on behalf of the project. The outcome will be known around the end of March.

A grant application has been submitted to the Greggs Community Fund. The outcome should be known some time in April.

A second flexibility fund grant application has been submitted to Marple Area Committee that will be considered on Wednesday night, 16<sup>th</sup> March.

*(Post Meeting Note: Councillors generously awarded £1,500, taking the total contribution by Area Committee to £2,500 including the £1,000 award in 2013.)*

An initial grant application has been made to the Rotary Club of Stockport. This is awaiting acknowledgement *(Post Meeting Note: This has been acknowledged by RCS and a full application has now been submitted. Outcome is expected in late May.)*

The project is still in the current round of voting in Asda's "Chosen by You, Given by Us" but we are not currently leading: more votes are needed to win but we can live with a runner-up prize this time and would be happy to come second to Clough Farm.

We haven't received our £100 award from the Nationwide Community Count yet and have chased them up recently to ask what's happening.

##### **Skatepark Funding Update:**

Target:	£100,000	
Community Funding:	£32,047	(growth of £202 since the last meeting).
With match funding:	£64,093	
Balance needed:	£35,907	(reduced by £404 since last meeting).
We need to raise:	£17,953	(50% of balance).

## **Future Fund-raising Opportunities**

### **Marple Review: business appeal**

An article will be appearing in the next issue of the Marple Review newspaper appealing for more local business support. Anything anyone can think of to encourage more local business support will be helpful.

### **Hamper Raffle in Asda**

The store has confirmed we're OK for Saturday 26 March.

We have a volunteer rota worked out:

Set-up 9.30am - 10am Micaela Wood, Terry Wood, Mick Thompson

10am - 12noon - Sue Ingham, Neil Charman, Peter Griffiths

12noon - 2pm - John Bates, Jason Saenz, Millie Saenz

2pm - 4pm - Di Jackson, Malcolm Allan, Chris Neilson

4pm - 6pm - Mick T, Lorraine T, Micaela (+ Terry to take away.)

Several volunteers have donated eggs and bunnies for the hamper. Terry and Micaela will pick up this and all the other gear up from Mark & Gill next weekend.

It is important to use the collection buckets as well as selling raffle tickets.

### **Julian Wadden Treasure Hunt**

The Treasure Hunt organised by Julian Wadden will take place on Saturday 28 May, which is one of our task days. The format will follow that of last year's successful event. We will need volunteers to help on the stall as last year too.

### **Forthcoming Events**

There is the Hawk Green Maypole Event on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Marple Carnival on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We can have free stalls at both events and take our splat-the-rat and other games to raise funds.

### **Skatepark Music Festival II**

Lewis advised that Dave Ingham is keen to do another event. Mick also has ideas for a music event so we'll try to get together in the near future to discuss in more detail. Lewis will speak to Dave about his availability on Wednesday nights to meet-up.

### **Art Auction**

Joyce thinks that Malcolm Melia may be interested in organising an art auction and will speak to him to follow this up. Mark will give him a nudge too.

### **3.3 Next Task Days: Saturdays 19 March, 16 & 30 April 2016**

Mark will arrange parking and send out task day emails around a week in advance.

### **5.0 Any Other Business**

#### **5.1 WWII Warship Week Plaque**

A free stone that is suitable has been found at the ECO Centre. Mark is hoping to arrange free transport as the council want £120 to deliver it to the park.

### **6.0 Next Meeting**

AGM Monday 11 April 2016 at 6pm in Marple Library.

### **Future meeting dates scheduled for 2016 (library booked):**

11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November & 12 December 2016.