

**Friends of Marple Memorial Park AGM
Thursday 13 October 2022
Marple Library**

Present: Mick Thompson, Lorraine Thompson (part-time), Micaela Wood, Terry Wood, Joyce Reed, Bob Wilson, Diane Jackson, Mark Whittaker.

1.0 Apologies: Patrick O'Herlihy, Cllr. Malcolm Allan.

1.1 Minutes of last meeting 12 September 2022:

Agreed except Diane Jackson was present but omitted from the list of attendees.

2.0 Annual General Meeting covering 2020 and 2021

Introduction

Friends of Marple Memorial Park Annual General Meetings in 2021 and 2022 were delayed by the Covid19 pandemic and more recently the Treasurer's health issues, now resolved. In February 2021 a Note for the Record covering the group's FY January to December 2019 was agreed and approved by the committee.

The period covered by this meeting is the group's financial years January to December 2020 and January to December 2021.

2.1 Chairman's Report (presented by Mick Thompson)

Summary of successes and achievements in 2020 and 2021

As everyone knows, 2020 and 2021 were very difficult years. 2020 had got off to a great start – we held 5 task days prior to the Covid lockdown in March 2020 and had planted new trees in the woodland gap left by the Lock 11 repairs.

We were not able to get back in the park officially until the end of July 2020, by which time there was a huge amount of work to catch-up with. This wasn't as bad as it might have been thanks to small groups of volunteers taking the initiative to use their exercise time to keep on top of flowerbed maintenance.

We squeezed in another 7 task days before Lockdown 2 rounded 2020 off.

We were unable to start any further official task days until mid-April 2021. Once restrictions were lifted we made up for lost time, not just in the park but also on the town centre benches. By the end of 2021 we'd squeezed in 23 task days!

Just before Lockdown in March 2020 we took part in a workshop about possibly building a new Community Hub in the park. We also put forward further thoughts and ideas via consultations that continued intermittently online. Of course we are still waiting to learn more about what will happen and several of our long term projects, including play area improvements, toilet block refurbishments and a water fountain and bottle-filling station are on hold due to this.

While most projects were stopped in their tracks by the pandemic, with the help of Tracy and Pete at Art Stop CIC we managed to adapt our Pavilion Art Project into the perfect project for Lockdown. Art Stop did an amazing job managing this for us, enabling it to be launched in July 2020 and completed a year later. Our thanks to them, the Macnair Trust and Marple Area Committee for their support.

Our Skatepark Project Phase II, already subject to delays in 2018 and 2019, was due to commence on site on 6 April 2020. Of course that didn't happen but it did get underway in May, with the skatepark reopening in July. The MUGA works took a little longer but this was substantially complete by Christmas 2020 too.

With many organisations struggling to raise funds during the pandemic the set-up of

our 50-50 Club in 2019 proved very timely and has continued to provide us with a steady income throughout the restrictions of 2020 and 2021.

With these funds we put in a successful bid for the One Stockport Frog that had been in the town centre over the summer of 2021 and also managed to negotiate the installation of new Springers in the Infants Play Area for early 2022.

In 2020 we received an award from Stockport Hydro for extra bird and bat boxes.

We've taken over storage and installation / removal of the Nativity sculptures on Market Street and organised a free refurbishment of them by Wayne Chaisty.

We successfully persuaded the council to replace the old kitchen in the shared Mess Room and painted the floor, ceiling and walls too. After considerable nagging, we also got them to replace the electric heater that was a fire risk.

We've supported the Marple Poppy Appeal Team with their street poppies on lampposts, suggested and agreed the location of the Wall of Remembrance and also supported the application process for the Ride of Remembrance.

Unfortunately, following the lifting of Lockdown restrictions, the park was subjected to the most intensive campaign of antisocial behaviour we have ever experienced. Damage to park buildings and infrastructure caused by throwing of stones through windows and setting of fires in waste bins was extensive. There were also incidents of abuse and assault on park operatives and the public. We engaged with local councillors, police and council officers to lobby for action on this and have since developed a good relationship with local police. We encouraged the police to conduct a Crime Survey earlier this year and, thanks mainly to the increase in police presence, the situation seems to be more settled.

We continued to put pressure on the council to resolve the CCTV situation in the park. Unfortunately they have been less than cooperative and this continues.

We identified that our next major project would be Outdoor Exercise Equipment and fund-raising for this is going well.

We set the objective of commemorating the park's 100th birthday in 2022, which of course we now know has been successful, but will be covered by the next AGM.

Mick rounded the report off by thanking everyone for their efforts over the last two years and getting through the pandemic, and to Mark for keeping everything going despite the health issues that now seem to be behind him.

Cllr. Malcolm Allan sent comments along with his apologies: to congratulate Mark and Gill on the Mayoral Award in March 2022 recognising the leadership of the group; and also on the brilliant results the 50-50 Club is bringing to our funding and hence our ability to do even more good work in the park. A great idea well implemented!

2.2 Treasurer's Report for 2020 and 2021 (presented by Mark Whittaker)

The McInnes Partnership audited our accounts for years 1st January to 31st December 2020 and 1st January to 31st December 2021 at each year end and separate certified income and expenditure sheets were produced. Both were issued with the agenda.

The McInnes Partnership has now provided this service free of charge for 18 years.

Income 2020 & 2021:

Our income in 2020 was £8,111 and in 2021 it was £8,962, taking the total money raised since the group began to £139,786 at the end of that year. This was just the money raised directly by the group and passed through our own accounts and did not include other grants, income and match-funding we helped to bring into the council's coffers for the park, which amounts to a further £301,931+.

Highlights in 2020 were:

£2,551 income from the 50-50 Club, £1,500 contribution from the Macnair Trust toward the Pavilion Art Project, £1,140 Local Giving donations, £648 from card sales, £500 Vernon Building Society donation, £500 extra from RBS for switching our bank account, £275 from Stockport Hydro, £221 Marple News donation, £197 collected in the park, £180 from Marple Bands garden maintenance, £140 from Forever Manchester, a £100 donation for bench refurbishments and several smaller donations and contributions under £100 totalling £155.

Highlights in 2021 were:

£3,263 income from the 50-50 Club, £1,122 Local Giving donations, £1,000 Marple Festival Committee donation, £574 Christmas Craft Sale; £500 Magic Little Grant, £351 royalties from Kevin Dowling's books passed on by his wife, £294 collected in the park, £277 from card sales, £250 Marple Beer Run donation, £250 from collection boxes, a £200 donation for bench refurbishments, £200 donation from Marple Stationery Supplies calendar, an anonymous donation of £200, £180 from Marple Bands garden maintenance, £115 donation from Marple Community Council, £108 from the Marple Website and several smaller donations and contributions under £100, totalling £79.

Local Giving:

Donations via Local Giving over the two years have been extremely significant with a net income of £2,262. This is broken down as £2,021 donations, £347 Gift-Aid, less £107 transaction fees. In addition, we've had a £500 Magic Little Grant that we would otherwise not be eligible for. So the £96 annual fee continues to be a "no-brainer".

Expenditure:

In 2020 we spent £3,395 and in 2021 £3,402 (a total of £6,797 over the two years) taking our total spending on the park since 2003 to £118,804.

Our outgoings in 2020 were:

- £2,175 on the Pavilion Art Project.
- £477 on birds and bat boxes.
- £455 on tools and materials.
- £96 on the Local Giving fee.
- £62 on Plants and Seeds.
- £30 on our Poppy Wreath.

Our outgoings in 2021 were:

- £2,189 on the Pavilion Art Project.
- £500 on Skatepark tarmac (funded by the Vernon BS donation).
- £223 on tools and materials.
- £156 on picnic bench tops.
- £100 on our Poppy Wreath.
- £100 on bench refurbishments.
- £96 on the Local Giving fee.
- £38 on Plants and Seeds.

We suspended our public liability insurance over the two years saving around £400.

Balance of funds at the end of 2021:

At the end of 2021 we had a bank balance of £20,982 in the main Barclays account and £775 in the 50-50 Club account, with a total of £16,600 committed to various specific projects. These were: £10,000 Outdoor Exercise Equipment, £4,100 to the Pavilion Art Project Phase II, £1,750 to new Mini-beast Springers and £750 to the One Stockport Frog.

Current financial position in October 2022:

Income since last meeting:

- £59.01 - Local Giving.
- £500.00 - Magic Little Grant for Skatepark Art Project.
- £230.00 - 50-50 Club September draw income.
- £55.00 - Centenary booklet sales.
- £80.00 - Collected in Park.
- £116.00 - Card sales.

Expenditure since last meeting:

- £250.00 - School Gardens Project.
- £95.13 - Tools and Materials.

Current balance: £22,010.63

Committed future spends:

- £19,000 Ring-fenced for Exercise Equipment.
- £500 for Skatepark Art Project.
- £300 Allotment Bed budget.
- £190 Skatepark Sign budget.

Unallocated working balance: £2,020.63

2.3 Election of Officials

2.3.1 Chairman

Mick has chosen to step-down as Chairman after four years in the role. Mark advised that he was happy to take on the role unless there is another candidate and if all agree. There were no other candidates and this was agreed by all present.

Mick will continue as a committee member and, as long as the bank is happy, will remain as an alternative signatory on the bank accounts.

2.3.2 Treasurer

Diane Jackson was nominated to take-up the role of Treasurer. There were no other candidates and this was agreed by all present.

Mark will assist and support Di as she picks up the responsibilities of the role.

They will make arrangements for Di to be added to the bank signatories.

2.3.3 Secretary / Social Secretary

Micaela advised that she was happy to continue as Secretary and Social Secretary.

There were no other candidates and this was agreed by all present.

2.3.4 Committee

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, it was agreed that the following members will continue as committee members:

- Mick Thompson
- Diane Jackson
- Patrick O’Herlihy
- Bob Wilson
- Micaela Wood
- Terry Wood
- Gill Whittaker
- Mark Whittaker

Lorraine Thompson was nominated and agreed as a new committee member.

With the election of officials and other constitutional matters completed the AGM was declared closed and the meeting continued with normal business.

3.0 Matters Arising:

3.1 Meeting with Youth Worker and users / skatepark sign

Mark met with Earl and several skatepark users on Monday 10 October. The main issue they raised was the timing of the lights. We had already requested a review following last month's meeting with Earl and were able to advise that the lights would be changed to an 8.30pm switch-off as a trial in the near future. We were advised by the council on Tuesday that the lights had now been reset to 8.30pm.

Marple North Councillors have written to neighbours to advise them of the situation.

It is noted that prior to the pandemic the lights were set to switch off at 9.30pm.

Etiquette rules for the new sign was also discussed with users and they agreed to feedback suggestions via Earl for us to incorporate. A location has been agreed with council officers and we are ready to implement the sign once the rules are agreed.

3.2 Antisocial Behaviour / CCTV / Police

ASB Update

The police have published a newsletter that mentions the park. This notes that reports of damage and ASB increased in the last quarter of last year and they are very keen this does not happen again. They will continue to ensure there are extra resources deployed to this and other hotspots across our neighbourhood over the coming months. Plans are also in place to ensure an appropriate police response to the extra demand caused by Halloween and Bonfire Night.

With a couple of exceptions ASB has been very low. Unfortunately those exceptions are extremely disappointing and have almost certainly been conducted by adults.

Theft of plants from the Frog / Reading Circle

The most recent is the theft of plants from the trough in the Frog behind the library. On 25 September two volunteers replanted the trough at their own expense (they have declined reimbursement) and it looked fantastic. On 6 October it was discovered that these had all been taken, we believe by someone who decided they will have them for themselves. Joyce was also able to identify that one of the grasses planted recently in the nearby border alongside the path to the Frog has also been taken.

We find it despicable that a “gardener” would steal from the community in this way.

Vandalism to tree in woodland near to Lock 11

We discussed the vandalism of this tree at our last meeting. We believe it was conducted by a neighbour who objected to young people congregating in that area and using the low branches as seating. We raised the matter with council officers, councillors and police. It was confirmed that there is no record of complaints about the young people being there and it is very disappointing that the neighbour's first act was to attack the much-loved tree with saws in the dark rather than report it.

Council officers had agreed to speak with immediate neighbours in that area but before they did so a second attack on the tree was made on Thursday 22 September. All remaining lower branches were removed and scattered throughout the woodland to hide them. Dirt was rubbed on the fresh cuts to make them less obvious too.

The council has now conducted a house-to-house visit and warned neighbours that it is taken very seriously. They have their suspicions about who did it but there is currently insufficient evidence to prosecute. We hope more evidence is found.

We have issued a public statement on our web site to ensure that park users and the local community do not think it was Friends of the Park or the council that did this. It has been widely shared via social media, in our noticeboards and on the tree. We have also written to the Headteacher at Marple Hall School for help to get the message out.

The public response has been high with many suggesting new seating be installed for young people to use at the tree. We fully understand this reaction and it was our own first thought too. We actually have access to four large oak logs that could be used to create new informal seating at very low cost. However, after considering this carefully, we are concerned that we would be encouraging further conflict between young people and the unknown neighbour(s) prepared to take matters into their own hands.

It was agreed to try and consult with young people via Marple Youth Project to see if we can identify an area in the park further away from the boundaries that would appeal to those who have been using (and are still using) the tree near Lock 11.

CCTV Update

Cllr Allan was unable to attend, so provided an update by email. He asked for parts not be made public, so it was read out in full and is summarised for the minutes:

Councillors had a date next week to view the CCTV at the control centre but this has just been deferred as there seem to be issues of compatibility with parts of the system (funded by MAC) and the operation now taken over and run by Stockport Homes. It is not yet clear how this has happened but it is being addressed.

Our response to this latest news and the situation as we understand it is:

We can see that numerous new cameras have been added to Hollins House but (without being allowed to see exactly what they are covering) it seems from external viewing that the sole purpose of them is to protect the building only. None of the new cameras appear to look out into the park. We can also see that the non-panning camera that zoomed in and out on the skatepark has been completely removed.

We believe the dome camera that MAC paid for to be installed in 2015 and then to be moved in 2020 was incorrectly reinstalled. We don't believe it has worked properly since then but the facts have been kept from us. We don't believe that the new cameras installed will capture motorbikes in the park, vandalism to the war memorial or flowerbeds, or antisocial behaviour at the skatepark or anywhere else in the park.

We have battled throughout this sorry saga to be treated as proper stakeholders in the park but since the request to move the camera in 2018 this has not happened.

We look forward to feedback from councillors after their visit to the control room without us but don't see how this will end in a satisfactory conclusion for the park.

Cllr Allan has advised that he shares our sentiments about the CCTV and wishes to be absolutely sure what has happened. He will pursue this from the point of view of MAC money as it's taxpayers' cash and was subject to a clear and agreed report.

Actions ongoing from Crime Survey recommendations

Artwork to Bowlers' Hut: We have submitted a mock-up to the council of the artwork as it will look on the gable end and also had a site visit with Jon Headlam.

We are expecting a positive response but are now waiting for the go-ahead.

We will need to trim the boards slightly, revarnish them, purchase timber and create a mounting frame. There is quite a lot of work to do so, as winter is approaching, we will target to have this completed by early spring 2023.

Provision for secure storage of waste bins currently located next to the police station: Cllr Allan has confirmed that he is satisfied with the arrangement reported last month; that this proposal will not be pursued any further at this time but it will be a case of "we told-you-so!" if incidents involving these bins do occur.

3.3 Buildings and Infrastructure

Pavilion Art Project Phase II

Pelmets still to paint and install.

Skatepark repairs

No change, as reported last month.

Drainage at woodland behind library

Cllr Becky Senior has asked for a site visit with officers and passed on the details of our follow-up enquiry to Highways and Transportation. Their officer has been in touch to ask where we got our information from and they were passed onto Jon Headlam, who shared the details we were referring to from UU and Property Services.

One of Jon's Line Managers, Adam Cunningham, called Mark this afternoon to advise that Highways and Transportation have drawings that show the responsibility IS with United Utilities. Adam has agreed to have a site visit week commencing 24 October so that we can discuss further details and identify how this issue is to be resolved.

We did say in June that this one is likely to run and run!

Use of weedkiller in the park

Mark met with Jon Headlam and Paul McDerment, Greenspace Assistant Manager at TLC, on Wednesday 6 October to discuss the use of weedkiller in the park. This was productive and seemed to go well. Paul was receptive to making changes and seeing how things go. The agreement reached and confirmed by email was:

To leave all obstacles including bins, trees, lampposts, noticeboards and benches untreated (to be reviewed as we go along). Continue treating fence channels next to play area and bowling green. Library and park hard surfaces also to continue being treated, including building area. A spray will be requested before the season ends.

We will need to decide where to trim or accept the appearance without weedkiller.

We have asked for the car park and library frontage to be sprayed more often.

The Park's main entrance is the responsibility of Street Cleaning, not Greenspace.

There are also several areas around groups of trees where it was agreed to allow the grass to grow long with an annual cut only. These areas were agreed on a plan. One of the areas is thought to be suitable for developing an informal seating area.

Small war memorial repair

The small memorial has been completely rebuilt and the contractor has done a great job. They've also repointed the loose coping stone on the main memorial FOC.

Commemorative park benches

Mark advised that before his health issues took over he had agreed locations for between 10 and 12 new commemorative benches in the park with Anthony Crook.

We have a waiting list of around 12 potential bench donors and now he is recovered Mark is hoping to start a dialogue with them in the near future.

There is also the possibility of siting some new benches at the skatepark. Locations have been agreed with Richard Booker and a possible first donor identified.

[Post Meeting Note: Mark met the potential skatepark bench donor during our task day on 15 October and established that they would prefer a conventional bench near the skatepark rather than in the middle of it. An enquiry has been sent to Anthony Crook to get the ball rolling and Mark will liaise between him and the donor family.]

While researching skatepark benches Mark came across some "rainbow benches" in other parks, where each slat had been painted a different colour. This seems like it could be a colourful option for the dull metal slatted benches along the main path.

3.4 Projects

Outdoor Exercise Equipment Project

As confirmed last meeting, we have £19k ring-fenced for this project at present.

Mark met with Richard Booker and Jon Headlam on 14 September and Richard agreed to seek provisional ideas from potential contractors based on a £25k - £30k budget.

A first draft brief has been written and a rough location plan prepared. This has been shared with Richard and Jon for their comments and input.

The draft brief has also been shared with Marple Senior Citizens and Marple Runners. Both have been asked if they would like to comment on the brief from their members' perspective and also if they would be interested in helping with funding.

Next steps are to continue fund-raising and set-up a web page to promote.

Note: A £250 donation towards the project arrived yesterday from Marple Beer Run!

Mick advised that we have been nominated and approved to benefit from one of five annual funding awards made by the Carver Theatre. This is likely to be next FY.

Skatepark Art Mural

Our Magic Little Grant application was approved and we've received the £500.

Helen Middleton has conducted the four workshops funded by the grant at the skatepark over the last two weekends and they have been very successful.

189 children have participated and produced designs for the project. A selection of photos taken at each workshop can be seen on our web site. Helen will compile the artwork into a series of collages for review at our next meeting on 10 November. Once approved Helen will display these in the park to update the young people.

The artwork will be painted onto the ramps within arches reflecting Marple Viaduct.

The transfer of the artwork to the ramps is the subject of a separate grant funding application to the National Lottery already submitted by Helen. This covers the rest of the ramps too and the outcome is expected soon. If not successful we will need to look at alternative funding opportunities with Helen. *[PMN: Good news: it was!]*

Helen has invoiced for £407.55 so far and a cheque was signed at the meeting.

Allotment beds

We have dismantled the School Gardens and moved the soil to the allotment bed. The sleepers are stored under the canopy and more will be needed.

The next step is to confirm the design. Mark will investigate the availability of old paving slabs from Etherow Park that could be used to form a foundation / base.

[Post Meeting Note: The location of the paving slabs has been confirmed and the council have been asked if they would be able to arrange transportation.]

Infants Play Area picnic benches

The second bench top is still to be fitted – the bench has been partly prepared.

We understand that there have been complaints to the council about the loose surface of the hardstandings under the picnic benches created for us by AstraZeneca. These have certainly not settled as expected and we will try tamping them down during our task day on Saturday. A tamping tool will be added to our armoury for £41.49.

[Post Meeting Note: the hard-standings were levelled again and tamped down at the task day. There was a lot of loose chippings over the Pirate Ship carpet and these were swept clear. It looks like young children are playing with the chippings and this is not helping but the main issue is that the material doesn't seem to be settling as it should. Mark has written to Richard Booker to ask about options to resolve.]

Marple School Gardens

Beds are fully dismantled. Spreadsheets and receipts have been received from the schools for the £250 expenses funded by Stockport Hydro and cheques have been issued. All Saints' have banked theirs, St. Mary's is outstanding. *[PMN: now cleared.]*

We have submitted receipts to Stockport Hydro and believe they are happy to close out the project, although we may receive queries. Local Giving has accepted our monitoring submission and the Magic Little Grant from 2021 is now closed out too.

The total cost was £1,127.70 with awards of £500 from Stockport Hydro and £500 via Local Giving covering most of this. The additional £127.70 came from Park Funds.

3.4 Task Days

The last task day was 24 September and the next ones are 15 and 29 October. Mark may not be available for the 29 October due to medical treatment the day before. Bernard has agreed to step in and lead if necessary. Remaining dates in 2022 are: 15, 29 October; 12, 26 November and possibly 31 December.

Remembrance Sunday is 13 November and we are in the park the day before.

4.0 Funding - Status of Funds

Covered under Treasurer's Report for AGM earlier in the minutes this month.

5.0 Any Other Business

5.1 Food and Drink Festival: Saturday 17 September

We had a free stall at the Food and Drink Festival to raise funds for the park selling cards, jewellery, booklets and calendars provided by Stationery Supplies. Income was £30 on cards, £15 on booklets, £40 on jewellery and a £5 donation = £90.

This is less than the last Makers' Market, possibly due to the location of our stall.

We also sold 17 calendars and Eden was busy promoting the Carver Theatre, the 50-50 Club and encouraging people to vote for us in the Vernon Community Stars.

5.2 Christmas Crafters Fair: Sunday 27 November

This is going ahead and the Hawk Green Reading Rooms has been booked for Sunday 27 November. The all-day cost is £60 but the committee may give us a discount.

Sellers currently include Gill, Diane and Kathryn Procter, so we need a few more.

Terry said he will look at producing some wooden goods for sale too.

There will be a cake sale and tombola like last time, so we will need volunteers to bake cakes and donate prizes too please!

Mark will look into whether NH would hire their Piggy Racing.

[PMN: They have an event the same day, so this will not be possible.]

5.3 St Martin's Christmas Tree Festival

We have been invited to take part in the event again this year and need to reply.

The obvious theme would have been the park's 100th birthday but with Gill and Diane committed to organising the Craft Fair they will not be able to help.

There were no other takers, so Mark will RSVP accordingly.

5.4 Stockport Homes Star Awards

Our group has been nominated for a Stockport Homes Star Award and invited to a presentation ceremony and sit-down buffet on Friday 14 October. Gill and Joyce will attend to represent the group at Offerton Community Centre, 6pm to 9.15pm.

5.5 Favourite Park in the Northwest

This was highlighted and discussed at the last meeting but omitted from the minutes:

We are delighted to learn that our park was voted by the public as one of 14 favourite parks in the Northwest in a 2022 poll of the UK's Favourite Parks organised by Fields in Trust. Bramhall Park was the only other Stockport park to make the list, so congratulations to them too. The full details have been added to our web site.

5.6 Community Hub

No change. The outcome of the levelling up bid is expected in November.

[Post Meeting Note: at the Marple Area Committee on Wednesday 19 October it was announced that the outcome will now not be learned until the New Year due to government delays. Councillors also seemed to be suggesting at the meeting that they would be pressing on to get ready for a planning submission behind the scenes pending the levelling-up decision. This is a bit of a concern as it sounds like it may bypass further consultation. We will need to ask councillors about this.]

5.7 District Partnership Meeting

We have been invited to attend a meeting about forming a new District Partnership.

Mark and Diane were members of the first District Partnership way back in 2002 to 2005. This was eventually disbanded due to lack of funding and retirement of the officer who led it but the web site set-up by The Marple Website still exists.

It is also suggested that a Friends of Marple Precinct group could be formed.

The meeting is on 7 November evening at Marple Library, timing to be confirmed.

Mark and possibly Diane will attend to represent Friends of the Park.

5.8 Laying of wreath

The wreath will be collected on Saturday. Terry will lay at the Remembrance Service.

5.9 Covid Memorial Garden

There is an item on the MAC agenda for Wednesday 19 October concerning a Covid Memorial Garden to be created in the park. Mark can recall a very brief chat with Jon Headlam when he said we would be amenable to discussing this idea but no further conversation has taken place and we have no knowledge of what is proposed.

There appears to be a budget of 5-7k plus service support.

The agenda item says that our input is to be sought, which is good. We look forward to having a conversation about this. Our initial thoughts are:

- Where would it go, what would it be?
- Who would maintain it?
- Should it be done before we know what is happening with the Community Hub? It could be a new feature tied in with that, so would it be better to wait?

[Post Meeting Note: The presentation at MAC gave the impression that we have been much more involved in the development of this than is actually the case. Mark spoke to Cllr. Allan before the meeting and he was able to air some of our concerns. Hopefully we will learn more soon and be able to get involved in a positive way.]

5.10 Wildflower Meadow

Joyce asked if we could have a discussion about the wildflower meadow next meeting.

6.0 Next Meeting

Thursday 10 November 2022 at 6.15pm in Marple Library.

Future meeting dates for 2022:

Thursday: 8 December.

Provisional dates for 2023 (library still to be booked):

Thursdays: 12 January, 9 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November & 14 December.