

Friends of Marple Memorial Park

Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Tuesday 18 February 2025



Present: Malcolm Allan, Joyce Reed, Mick & Larry Thompson, Phil and Helen Wiles, Patrick O’Herlihy, Cllr Geoff Abell

- 1 Apologies:** none received.
- 2 Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed
- 3 Matters Arising:**

Rose the Frog

Men in Sheds have made the frame and we’ve paid them.
Malcolm has contacted Europlanters of Bredbury to take the frog away, but no reply as yet. Patrick to speak to J Wilkes
The Committee are concerned about the security of the frog if installed now, with reduced footfall in that area. Malcolm to see if Men in Sheds will store the base for now.

PD

MA

Community Hub

Malcolm explained that the contractors have agreed to put down matting on the grassed area between the roadway and the park main walkway, yet to be fitted. The new WC is now installed which is multiuse including for disabled. We are still expecting that the barriers along the pavement just outside Hollins House will be removed so pedestrians will stop walking across the grass by the flower beds.

Treasurer

Still no volunteers so Malcolm will continue. Hopefully we may get someone before the AGM.

Tool box and lockup tools

Malcolm proposed a budget of £100 and Patrick will progress this over the next few weeks.
A suggestion was put forward to have a clear out of the store and an audit of our tools once the better weather returns.

PD

Boule Court project

All measurements have been completed and it was agreed to get the materials costed and perhaps contact the local builders’ merchants to see if we could get discount or even contributions.

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Chairs Report:

Marple Carnival 2025: due to the works on the park there is a strong possibility the Carnival could be cancelled, but we await the Committee's decision.

MA

FoMMP received the donation of £1,000 from TNT at a presentation on 6th February.

Woodland path to the rear of the cinema: Willmott Dixon have offered to pay for this new pathway, originally proposed by the Civic Society section called "Greening Marple". Malcolm will circulate details of the route and the construction.

MA

NB: we still have an award from Stockport MBC for £300 to use on one of our items of expenditure via the council.

AGM: it was agreed to hold this on Tuesday 29 April, to be confirmed.

MA

5 **Finance:**

Malcolm advised that the FoMMP account is £11,206 and no invoices to pay.

6 **Any other business**

Malcolm advised that Sport England have sent a short questionnaire to be circulated to all members for their views on what additional activities would benefit the Park.

MA

Jackie has kindly looked at our calendar of activities and done a calendar covering gardening tasks. This was circulated to those at the meeting.

Richard Booker (our link on play equipment etc) has left the council and though he will be replaced, his job is being covered for now by Jonathan Headlam.

7 **Date of next meeting/task days.**

Next Task Day: **Saturday 22 February 2025**: Patrick and Helen to lead and do refreshments.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 18th March 6.00pm** - Navigation upper room.