

# Friends of Marple Memorial Park

## Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Tuesday 21 January 2025



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

1 **Apologies:** none received.

2 **Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed

3 **Matters Arising:**

**Rose the Frog**

We are awaiting Men in Sheds before we can book the repairs in with Europlanters of Bredbury

**Community Hub Transition Arrangements**

Malcolm explained that we may not have access to the garage due to a variation in the new works. There may also be issues with access to the messroom but this has not been clarified.

The committee discussed the possibility of using the bowling club, the Scout Hut or the Senior Citizens Kitchen if we needed alternative brewing and water supply for first aid.

4 **Chairs Report:**

‘Task Leader Duties’ have been printed in line with Mick’s initial draft and will be in the ‘leader folder’.

Patrick did say he had précised Mick’s sheet and will let the group have this in due course.

The Task Day Rota is almost complete with leaders and refreshment assistants. It will be distributed to the volunteers to see if we can fill in the vacancies for the refreshment slots in the list.

There has been a suggestion by Patrick that we purchase a set of basic hand tools, such as screwdriver, hammer etc so that we have these available for basic jobs around the park. This was agreed. Malcolm will enquire with the council about purchasing or whether it is better for us to go locally.

FoMMP will receive a donation of £1,000 from TNT at a presentation on 6 February - MA to advise. (NOTE: Since the meeting this has been confirmed at 10.00am; committee members/volunteers welcome to join in)

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

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### 5 Treasurer/Secretary Vacancy

Following Di's resignation, Patrick has volunteered to be Secretary. Malcolm will continue to seek a volunteer to be treasurer.

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### 6 2024 Annual Accounts

The draft accounts had been circulated to the committee. Thanks to Di and Mark for completing a detailed and complicated exercise. There were no comments so these were agreed by the Committee to go forward to the AGM. It was agreed that it would be best if we could get 2024 accounts audited. Malcolm to follow up

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MA suggested that we can use the account summary to determine an accurate annual budget figure for running the 'Friends' in its new format. It was looking like we need a base of circa £1,500 to £1,750 p. a. from fund raising. It is likely that in 2024 we did not spend as much as we might have done on plants and on tools

### 7 Task Days

Weekend's tasks to be undertaken were discussed. We will assess the Boule Court for its refurbishment.

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### 8 Date of next meeting/task days.

Next Task Day is **Saturday 25 January 2025**: Mick and Larry to lead and do refreshments.

**Next Meeting on Tuesday 18th February at 6.00pm** in the Navigation upper room.