

**Friends of Marple Memorial Park Meeting  
Monday 11 March 2019  
Marple Library**

**Present:** Micaela Wood, Richard Wood, Bob Wilson, Mick Thompson, Lorraine Thompson, Joyce Reed, Mark Whittaker.

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

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

### **3.1 Teen Area / Skatepark Phase II / MUGA**

No change: we are still waiting for Canvas Spaces to provide documentation and programme information to allow the council to place an order. We were last promised a response by 25 February but received nothing. This was followed up on 27 February and again on 7 March with further promises that have failed to be met. It is very unprofessional of them and very frustrating. At the rate we are going we will have to delay the start of works until after the Carnival on 15 June.

We have asked Richard for programme information from MUGA tenders.

### **3.2 Bowling Green and Buildings**

**Missing Tool Store Keys:** The lock has been changed and new keys cut and distributed. The costs were £27 for the lock and £15.75 for the 3 extra keys. Receipts for the total sum of £42.75 have been sent to the council requesting a refund. Wayne has recently advised that this has been accepted and payment is on its way.

**Cracks in Bowling Hut gable end:** This has been followed up again and we've asked if the work can be completed before the start of the new bowling season on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Pavilion Art Project:** No response has been received from Marple College this time, so we will not pursue them further. Mick has spoken with a contact at SMA and we await a response. Anne Frazer has provided a contact at Pure Innovations who may be interested too. We will follow this up after allowing time for SMA to get back to us.

### **3.3 Park Benches**

**Park benches general:** Routine maintenance to commence as weather permits.

**Town Centre benches:** One bench to refurbish in spring so far (Marshall Shaw).

#### **Policy for replacement of existing commemorative benches:**

Contact has been made with the original donor family of the Newiss bench and a new sign is ready to fix to the bench explaining this. Contact from original donors of the other two benches is awaited until October 2019.

### **3.4 Park Buildings and Infrastructure**

**Replacement of Midnight:** Myers Tree Care has some sections of timber available and Mark will visit to see if any of these would be suitable for a new sculpture.

Anthony Crook is hoping to have the existing tree stump removed by April.

**Info board near to Lock 10:** Mark will look at creating replacement artwork as soon as time allows. In the meantime, refurbishment of the frame can be undertaken.

**Painting of Pavilion Building:** Painting under the canopy will be done later this year.

**Breathing Places Reading Circle:** The Bardsley Fund panel sit on 15 March and the outcome is expected approximately 2 weeks later if the panel ask for more information. Awards would be mid-April – fingers crossed!

Terry will look at refitting the birdbath feature that has come off the sculpture.

**Painting of Infants Play area fence:** To be progressed later in year.

**Possible refurbishment of Park Toilets:** Mick and Mark met with Jo Smith on 14 February. Jo has now submitted a 3<sup>rd</sup> Option based on discussions, which is a full refurbishment of both toilets to make them disabled. The indicative cost is £28,707.

We now need to place this project on hold while the built area of the park is being considered for the location of a new community centre / swimming pool, as described in the Marple Neighbourhood Plan and announced at Marple AC.

**Fencing at Lock 12 entrance:** Fencing was rotten and has been vandalised. We retrieved the damaged post and timbers during our last task day and Wayne Bardsley has provided new materials for its replacement. He has also offered to do the task day with us if we can do it on a weekday. (*PMN: work scheduled for Friday 29 March.*)

### **3.5 Skatepark Development Project**

**Relocation of CCTV:** Richard Booker has asked TLC Security to quote for this and also raised the request with the Public Protection Team that now have responsibility.

### **3.6 World War I Centenary Commemorations**

**Announcements:** Penultimate man's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in October 2019.

**Repairs to War Memorial:** A lot of the grouting on the top section of the platform has been damaged by frost. This has been reported to Greenspace and they have said they will take another look with the contractor when the weather is improved.

We have also suggested that some of the pointing to the walls needs more attention.

### **3.7 Task Days**

#### **Last Task Day – 23 February 2019:**

A great turnout and amazing weather with a huge amount of work getting done.

**Ad-hoc Task Days:** Litter-picking/planting on 27 February with Gill, Trisha and Mark.

#### **Next Task Days – 16 and 30 March 2019:**

Parking has been approved. Email reminders will be sent out when due.

#### **Task Day Registration / Risk Assessments:**

Risk Assessments up-to-date and Task Days approved until 30 June 2019.

**Scheduled Saturday Task Days in 2019:** 16 & 30 March, 13 & 27 April, 11 & 25 May, 8 & 29 June, 13 & 27 July, 17 & 31 August, 14 & 28 September, 12 & 26 October, 9 & 30 November & 28 December.

**Training:** Awaiting new dates from Wayne Bardsley.

**Tools / Power Tools:** It was agreed to order the Pullerbear sapling removal tool and this was done on 28 February at a cost of £158.50. It was shipped from Canada on 10 March and delivery is quoted as 6 – 8 weeks, so it will be due end April to Mid May.

Delivery may be subject to customs duty.

### **4.0 Funding - Status of Funds**

The 2018 accounts have been audited by the McInnes Partnership ready for the AGM.

They also resolved how to fill in the "Type of Entity" forms from Barclays for us.

Balances are RBS: £1,215.33 and Barclays: £3,399.35, giving a total of £4,614.68.

### **Income since last meeting:**

£30.00 Marple Bands standing order Feb / March.  
£56.40 Local Giving.  
£81.85 Collected in Park.

£3,000 was transferred from RBS to Barclays by cheque.

### **Expenditure since last meeting:**

£3.90 Cable ties.  
£9.00 Gloves.  
£27.00 Replacement Lock (to be refunded by council).  
£15.75 Extra keys to tool store (to be refunded by council).  
£113.09 5 x Woodcrete birdboxes (awaiting delivery).  
£10.31 Biodegradable cups for Little Growers.  
£158.50 Pullerbear Grip XL

We have no committed funds at the moment so the working balance is £4,614.68 less £18 pending for a Lazy Dog attachment recently ordered to replace the one broken.

**RBS bank account transfer:** We have received an offer from the RBS to move our existing account to another bank and receive a cash-back of £750. Mark is currently looking at offers from 3 banks. It was agreed that we should proceed with this.

**100 Club / 500 Club:** Diane Jackson has come up with the idea of setting up a 100 type club to raise funds for the park. The general principle would be that people pay £5 per month and the income would be split 50%-50% between prizes and the park.

The group is happy for Di and Mark to investigate this idea further and if they conclude that it is viable a more detailed proposal will be presented to the committee.

## **5.0 Any Other Business**

### **5.1 Social event on New Horizons**

This is now fully booked up for the Windmill Inn. Menus have been distributed and we need to make selections to Mark via email by the end of the month.

### **5.2 Annual Treasure Hunt Saturday 11 May 2019**

This year's event will include Coffee Bean Dream, a vendor selling hot drinks from a mobile shop in a van. They will donate a share of proceeds to the park. We have asked the Guides if they would like to do Face Painting and await their reply.

We also plan to include a cake sale. Jonathan at Julian Wadden has spoken to Environmental Health and we just need to have a list of ingredients so that people with allergies can check. We'll send out a request for volunteers nearer the time.

An event application has been submitted and approved. If Face Painting is to take place the Guides or any other provider will have to have their own insurance etc.

### **5.3 Little Growers**

Cups and seeds have been purchased. Compost is needed. First event will be at the 30 March Task Day from 10.30am until 12noon. Other dates will be 13 and 27 April.

### **5.4 Library Closure 1 to 14 April (reopens Monday 15 April)**

The building is closed for repairs for a fortnight. When it reopens it will be to new Open+ / reduced staffed hours. The closure will effect our meeting scheduled for 8 April, which is cancelled. We have been told that although the library will close an hour earlier on Monday evenings it will not impact our meetings on the second Monday of each month starting at 6.15pm. We await protocols for how this will work.

### **5.5 Parking on the tarmac in front of the Pavilion Store**

Cllr Allan has reminded the Greenspace and Parking Teams that it was agreed that they would not police the tarmac area and they have confirmed that they understand this and will remind their operatives. In the event of future problems the warden is to be referred to Parking Manager Sheryl Clarke and Cllr. Allan.

### **5.6 Lock 11 Visit**

Mick and Mark will visit with Wayne tomorrow. Representatives of the Carnival team will attend too as they are concerned about the impact on the carnival fun fair.

### **5.7 WWI Silhouettes**

A clean-up of the signs is needed as it looks like someone has thrown mud at them.

### **6.0 Next Meeting**

Monday 13 May 2019 at 6.15pm in Marple Library.

It was agreed that the AGM this year will be Monday 10 June 2019.

### **Future meeting dates scheduled for 2019 (library booked):**

8 April (cancelled), 13 May, 10 June 2019 AGM