

**Friends of Marple Memorial Park Meeting
Monday 9th May 2016
Marple Library**

Present: Mick Thompson, Bob Wilson, Joyce Reed, Micaela Wood, Terry Wood, Cllr. Malcolm Allan, Mark Whittaker.

1.0 Apologies: Adrian Ellis, Lorraine Thompson, Patrick O'Herlihy.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Forthcoming events and activities

As the start of the meeting was delayed and there is so much going on in the next few weeks, the meeting focused on forthcoming events and activities only.

Task Day Saturday 14 May 2016

This will be a normal task day, email has been sent out and parking arranged.

Skatepark Music Fest II Saturday 14 May 2016

The music night at Hawk Green Cricket Club is all arranged and ticket sales are going well. The event will run from 8pm to 11.30pm. All Things Nice will be providing Chilli based street food and there will also be a raffle to raise extra funds.

A substantial hamper has been donated by the Co-Op, several different prizes from Recon Cycles and many more donated by volunteers. Zuzu's Petals will also be donating a bouquet of flowers via Lorraine on Friday.

(Post meeting note: a great night with £1,120 raised for the skatepark).

Hawk Green Maypole Event Sunday 15 May 2016

The event is scheduled to run from 12 noon to around 5pm.

We will set-up from 10.30am. Gazebos, tables and other large stuff will be delivered to Diane Jackson's home during the week as it is close to the green.

Mick and Malcolm will collect plants from Mark and Gill's and help set up. Joyce will bring more plants, help set up and stay until early afternoon. Mick and Lorraine can help all day. Micaela and Terry will come around 1pm to allow Mark and Gill to go to their granddaughter's birthday party for an hour or so during the afternoon.

Diane will be selling her dad's books on the stall too.

(Post meeting note: a total of £187 was raised on the day including £31 from the sale of Di's dad's books that she generously doubled-up to £60).

Task Day and Family Treasure Hunt Saturday 28 May 2016

A normal task day will run in parallel with the treasure hunt organised by Julian Wadden between 11am and 2pm. We will need some volunteers to help with the treasure hunt. Micaela and Bob will be able to cover First Aid if required (the first aid kit needs to be double-checked for shortages).

Sponsorship and raffle prizes are going extremely well, Diane is doing a brilliant job on this. The event pack and risk assessment is all approved too.

The focus is now on promoting the event as widely as possible.

Social evening at the Torrs Saturday 28 May 2016

On the evening of Saturday 28 May Mick and Lorraine have organised a social evening at the Torrs in New Mills featuring a Persian buffet. This is all coming together nicely with 22 people booked up. Mick plans pay the deposits by the end of this week and will also be sending out more details including bus time tables soon.

Task Days 11 & 25 June 2016

There are normal task days scheduled for 11 June and 25 June.

Marple Carnival Saturday 18 June 2016

We are not sure how many volunteers we'll have for this year's carnival.

Mick and Lorraine and Micaela and Terry will be away.

Joyce, Malcolm and Diane may be able to help and Mark and Gill can do the full day. We'll talk more and decide what to do after the Maypole event.

5.0 Any Other Business

5.1 Art Auction

This seems to be taking shape quite well with around 24 pictures promised at the moment. A venue, date and auction master need to be arranged.

Ideally we need around 8 weeks lead time to promote the event properly and will focus initially on getting the paintings / pictures assembled so that they can be photographed for web site and social media promotion.

Steve Abbott may have a good contact to act a a compare.

5.2 Christmas Collections in Asda

The store has been booked for 15th, 16th and 17th December. We will need to purchase some branded tabards and a pop-up banner promoting the group's activities.

5.3 Park Attendant

There is confusion over the situation with the "full time" park attendant. As we understand it there is now an apprentice in the park only until around 10am each day. This doesn't match the outcome of the consultations as we understand it or the assurances that we believe we've been given by councillors and council officers.

Malcolm agreed to take this up with Greenspace Manager Ian Walmsley on behalf of the group to try and get a clearer understanding of what is actually going on.

5.4 Other items

Micaela is trying to encourage the Cubs / Scouts to get involved in leaf picking in the park in the autumn with the help of son Tom, who is a Scout Leader.

Lisa Bintliff has mentioned that she hopes to encourage the Marple & District WI to take over the maintenance and planting of the Beavers' flowerbed.

Terry asked if future meetings could start later to give him more time to get home from work. It was agreed to change to a 6.15pm start and see how this goes.

6.0 Next Meeting: Monday 13 June 2016 at 6.15pm in Marple Library.

Future meeting dates scheduled for 2016 (library booked): 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November & 12 December 2016.