

**Friends of Marple Memorial Park AGM  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
Marple Library**

**Present:** Micaela Wood, Bob Wilson, Adrian Ellis, Mark Whittaker.

**1.0 Apologies:** Patrick O'Herlihy, Jonathan Long.

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

**3.0 Matters Arising.**

**3.1 Roundabout in Infants Play Area**

Latest forecast for replacement of the roundabout is before the summer holidays. This will be followed up at the next meeting.

**3.2 Improvements to the Park Entrance**

Two of the large shrub beds have now been addressed during task days and it was felt it was worth getting Jonathan back to discuss the next steps and agree any further work on them. Adrian will try to arrange this for the next task day on 24 April.

Mark has obtained a provisional price of around £150 from Jo Wright to produce artwork for the proposed Carver interpretation panel. He has also asked Marple Local History Society to look in their archives for suitable photos of Thomas Carver for Jo to use.

Adrian will ask Jonathan if he can obtain a price for making improvements to the drainage at the entrance with a view to possibly asking the District Partnership if they could fund it.

**3.3 Task Days**

**Previous Task Day – 27 March 2010**

This was attended by pupils from Marple Hall, who made a great job of tidying up and replanting the Sensory Garden. It is hoped that they enjoyed the day and will wish to come along again.

The log bench was successfully cut up and relocated to the Breathing Places area to be used as insect habitats.

The first shrub bed from the entrance to the park was pruned and tidied.

**Next Task Day – 24 April 2010**

It is planned to continue work on the shrub beds and meet with Jonathan to discuss if possible.

If the weather is suitable it is also hoped to treat the tree sculptures.

Mark will organise some wet paint signs, issue the task day email and confirm the free parking. Micaela will distribute posters around the town.

### **3.4 Painting of Bowling Green Huts**

Now that the new financial year has started Adrian will ask Jonathan if he can order the black and white paint, brushes, sandpaper etc. so that this work can commence.

Adrian will pass the Bowling Green Club's contact details on to Mark so that he can ask them if they wish to be involved in the repainting.

The Perspex panel in Bob's hut window needs to be replaced before the frame can be painted.

### **3.5 Senior Citizens' Bench**

Nothing further has been heard from the Senior Citizens.

### **3.6 Tools**

Once Adrian is sure that everything is accounted for an invoice will be arranged for payment. The tools are stored separately from the council's own but it was agreed that Bob could use them in his normal work.

### **3.7 Park Cottage**

Planning permission for the Bandroom has been granted. The Bands hope to submit the planning application for the land behind The Edge soon and expect a response by around end July. Lease negotiations are ongoing and work will soon start on more detailed costing of the work. It should be clear how much money is needed by August.

### **3.8 Marple Civic Society Design Awards**

Mark confirmed that nominations have been submitted and accepted for the Tree Sculpture in the Public Art category and the park as a whole in the Urban Landscape category. Public voting will begin in September.

## **4.0 Funding**

### **4.1 Status of Funds**

Current bank balance: £2,651

Committed Funds: £470 (Tools)

Working balance: £2,181

Income since the last meeting is just £0.26p interest and expenditure was £790 for the Boules Court display panel.

### **4.2 Funding of Projects by the District Partnership**

Patrick has asked the group to come up with a proposal for a small project for funding by the District Partnership. One possibility is

improvements to the pathway alongside the cinema and down to the canal and this needs to be given further thought.

### **5.0 Monthly Park Report**

Bob reported that there has been regular overnight vandalism of the gate into the Park Cottage garden. He has reported it to Tony Donovan and he will be coming out to take a look at what can be done to stop it.

The Bowling Season has now started, there is lots of maintenance to do and it will soon be time for the planting of summer bedding.

Bob also advised that the daffodils are looking great and the bluebells now starting to show in the park.

### **6.0 Any Other Business**

#### **6.1 Christmas Cracker**

Mark will try to find out the date of the Christmas Cracker.

### **7.0 Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 6pm in Marple Library.