



Marple Community Council Executive Committee

A voluntary organisation to: Voice public opinion: Enhance the environment: Promote residents interests.
Housing-Planning-Health-Education-Transport-Canals-Welfare-Culture-Environment-Recreation

8 Peacefield,
Marple,
Stockport.
SK6 7QQ
Tel: 0161 427 5161
Email: adriansk67qq@sky.com

Date: 27th. April 2011.

Dear Sir,

I am writing as Chair of Marple Community Council to support several local organisations in Marple who have organised petitions of objection to the Councils proposed closure concerning public toilet provision.

A number of public toilets in our area are already closed under the guise of saving money, Middlewood Way, Mellor, Arkwright Road.

It is rumoured that the toilet in Memorial Park may also suffer the same fate.

It is only recently that SMBC has placed notices on closed toilet blocks informing residents and visitors that "this toilet is closed" and informing users of their nearest site.

"Their nearest site" is now described as a community toilet which is being funded by the Council at £600.00 each.

Most "community toilets" appear to be public houses in the main, which of course do not open until 12.00 noon here in Marple and may be closed part way in the afternoon until later reopening time.

No signage has been posted, premises are not being badged as identification, no leaflets to residents.

So pregnant ladies, children playing in parks, the elderly with weak bladders are all being asked to put up with this situation which in certain conditions could become a health hazard. To some the issue may be seen as a music hall joke and consider that the council are right to make savings in this area.

I have also noticed that a number of dog excrement bins have also been removed, another council cost cutter perhaps, another potential health hazard.

Contrast the other side of the coin in that I have written in the past highlighting elected members of Stockport Councils claims regarding allowances which totalled £949,00.00 pounds in recent years, add also the cost of numerous committee clerks and production of council papers, and the total monies to service our elected representatives is in excess of £1m pounds.

Elected members are there to listen and represent their residents concerning council matters, and manage items in public ownership funded by the council tax payer in Stockport, residents are the true owners of services not the council.

The Council owns nothing, it is time that residents told their councillors what they may or may not do with public owned property that provide an important service.

Come on residents it is time to say "No"

Yours Sincerely