

# MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow, Bucks

## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, MARLOW ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 DIRECTLY AFTER THE RESOURCES MEETING

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Cllr J Towns
	<b>Councillors</b>	Cllr C Stapley Cllr R Scott Cllr C Funnell
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	Hilary Martin

**ES.09.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr C Hoyle, Cllr N Marshall

**ES.10.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None declared

**ES.11.21 MARLOVIAN MAGAZINE – ECO-FRIENDLY PAPER**

**INFORMATION**

Officers were tasked as part of the Carbon Audit actions with contacting the publishers of the Marlovian magazine to explore the options of more eco-friendly paper.

*At Round & About Publications, we constantly review many aspects of the production process as we believe that everyone should play a part in looking after our planet for future generations.*

*The Marlovian is printed by Stephens & George Ltd, an award-winning, environmentally friendly printer based in the UK. Copies are produced using vegetable-based inks combined with the latest plate and press technology, all papers are sourced from well-managed sustainable forests and their vast supply chain hold many environmental accreditations. In addition to this, they hold a Climate Change Agreement along with ISO14001, ISO9001, FSC, PEFC, E2B silver award for energy improvements and E2B gold award for recycling; 98.5% of all waste is recycled.*

*To ensure that your copies arrive in pristine condition and with the environment constantly at the forefront of our minds, they are packed using recyclable cartons which have been made from 100% recycled materials. They can be disposed of and recycled at waste collection sites and/or collected by a variety of collection schemes across the country; please check locally for facilities within your area.*

**ES.12.21 TREE PLANTING**

**DECISION**

Releaf Marlow has set an objective to increase the number of trees in Marlow for diverse environmental and community benefits. Urban trees are associated with better mental health, reduced stress and lower crime. They add beauty, baffle traffic noise, absorb air pollution, increase nature habitat, reduce flood risk, protect against heat waves and absorb carbon.

Via its "Releaf Marlow" trees project, community group Transition Town Marlow (TTM) working in collaboration with Marlow Town Council (MTC) and Buckinghamshire Council (BC) would like to plant about 20 urban trees in Marlow this coming winter 21/22.

The group is requesting that BC via the South West Chilterns Community Board and MTC each provide about half of the total costs of up to £14,000 (so up to £7,000 each). TTM proposes to offer benefits in kind (site identification, resident liaison, early years aftercare) worth up to £4,000 and also proposes that this should become a multi-annual collaboration, with a target of planting 20 new trees in Marlow per year on an ongoing basis.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That members resolve to agree to support this proposal and recommend to full council that up to £7,000 from Environmental Reserves is contributed to this project.

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| <b>ES.13.21</b> | <b>WILD BEES AT HANGING HILL ALLOTMENTS</b><br>One of our allotment tenants will be writing a detailed article about her work with Mason Bees at the Hanging Hill allotments. Masons Bees are solitary they don't produce honey but are very active pollinators and don't sting. More information is available here <a href="https://www.masonbees.co.uk/bee-guardians">https://www.masonbees.co.uk/bee-guardians</a> . | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| <b>ES.14.21</b> | <b>WALKING IN MARLOW</b><br>Please find attached as appendix A report and recommendations from our Environment and Sustainability consultant Nick Rowcliffe. The committee will be working through these recommendations which will involve the liaison with a number of outside bodies and will report back with recommended actions in due course.  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| <b>ES.15.21</b> | <b>CIGARETTE BUT BINS IN MARLOW TOWN CENTRE</b><br>Officers are working with the Buckinghamshire Council waste team to install a pilot waste bin for cigarette butts in the High Street. The location of the bin is due to be agreed next week with it being installed shortly after. If the pilot is a success, then more bins will be installed.  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| <b>ES.16.21</b> | <b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b><br><br>Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 directly after the Plans only meeting.   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |

Signed: .....

(Chairman)

Date: .....