

# MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 2AG

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 AT 7.00pm IN THE SEYMOUR ROOM, COURT GARDEN, POUND LANE, MARLOW

<b>Present</b>	<b>Town Mayor</b>	Cllr D Brown
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cllr C Stapley
	<b>Leader</b>	Cllr C Funnell
	<b>Deputy Leader</b>	Cllr C Hoyle
	<b>Councillors</b>	R Cadman
		C Heap
		N Marshall
		N Mityaeva
		R Scott
		J Towns
		R Wilson
<b>Deputy Clerk</b>	Mrs K Joy	
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	Mrs D Abbott	

**Also present** one member of the public

**M.10.23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Avery.

**M.11.23 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**M.12.23 Communications from the Town Mayor**

## MARLOWTOWNCOUNCIL | Mayoral Engagements

Cllr David Brown Town Mayor 2023-24

09.05.2023	Annual Parish Meeting
15.05.2023	Mayor Making and Annual Meeting – Henley Town Council
18.05.2023	Opening of Pub in the Park, Marlow
19.05.2023	Inauguration of Town Mayor / Deputy Mayor – Aylesbury Town Council
26.05.2023	Telephone meeting with Nextstage Choir
27.05.2023	Exhibition – Marlow Arts and Crafts Society
06.06.2023	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dambuster's Raid – Royal Air Forces Association
06.06.2023	Annual Reception – Royal Air Force, High Wycombe
09.06.2023	Hosted Civic guests from Marly-le-Roi (throughout the weekend)
10-11.06.2023	Attended Marlow Town Regatta and Festival

**Report from Leader of the Council**

I am pleased to present this report highlighting key events and initiatives that have taken place in our town recently. It is with great pleasure that I share the positive developments, activities and community engagement activities that have strengthened our bond as a town. Here are the key points:

**Marlow Town Regatta:**

We are thrilled to acknowledge the success of the Marlow Town Regatta, which brought the community together once again. This event provided an opportunity for young individuals and schools to participate, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among residents. We extend our gratitude to Chairman Robin Atkinson and the entire Regatta Committee for their tireless efforts in organizing a fantastic community weekend.

**Community Day:**

The turnout for the Community Day on Sunday was remarkable, with various activities such as the dog show, performances by school and church choirs, and active community engagement. We are delighted to witness such enthusiasm and participation from our residents. This event showcased the collaborative spirit within our community and the generous support of local business sponsors.

**Refurbishment of Children's Play Area:**

Exciting news! The refurbishment of the children's play area in the park has commenced. The existing facilities will be replaced entirely with modern equipment, offering an enhanced experience for children. Bucks County Council are aiming to complete this project in time for the upcoming school holidays, providing a wonderful recreational space for families to enjoy after significant investment for this area.

**Twin Town Exchange with Marly-le-Roi:**

During the regatta, we had the pleasure of hosting Civic Cllr mayoral guests from our twin town, Marly-le-Roi. They were able to hold meetings and visit the Great Marlow School, facilitating language exchange and collaborative efforts to promote future activities for young individuals. We extend our gratitude to the heads and teachers at Great Marlow School and Sir William Borlase for their support in fostering a 50-year relationship between our twin towns and the future of our young people.

**Infrastructure Concerns and Coordination with Thames Water:**

We have been actively addressing infrastructure concerns since the Easter weekend, particularly regarding the recent catastrophic sewer collapse that affected access at the end of Goss More Lane. We have been working closely with Thames Water to hold them accountable and push forward with remedial works. Major sewerage diversion to the A404 has resulted in significant traffic issues for commuters and deliveries. We continue to coordinate with Thames Water daily to expedite the resolution of this issue. Additionally, we are actively ensuring input to find temporary access solutions for affected residential properties and minimizing inconvenience for road users and to find solutions to removing the traffic restrictions on the A404 as soon as possible and lobbying for remediation works following sewerage spills at residential properties. We will continue to update via the town council website and residents should continue to contact us with issues .

The Council

We are delighted that our new team of mayor David Brown and Deputy Mayor Colleen Stapley who are now moving at a pace in their new roles and are investing valuable time in bringing us up to speed with new initiatives with local business and issues.

On behalf of the council, I would like to thank Richard Scott who stepped down from being Mayor this year after holding the helm for the last few years and has been instrumental in moving us forward into this period of change to continue our succession and strengthen our future council as, well as driving us through the very difficult covid period and continuing to support us as the new chair of the planning committee .

In conclusion, the past few weeks have been filled with successful events, infrastructure development, change and strengthening of relationships within our community and with our twin town.

Cllr Chris Funnell Town Council Leader

**M.14.23 Town Council Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE MINUTES DATED 18.04.23 AND 09.05.23 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

**M.15.23 Asset Register**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE ASSET REGISTER DATED MARCH 2023 WAS APPROVED

**M.16.23 Final Accounts 2022-23**

Cllr N Mityaeva, Chairman of the Resources Committee, presented the year end accounts and took questions from members.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE ACCOUNTS DATED 31.03.23 WERE APPROVED

**M.17.23 Annual Governance Statement 2022-23**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND APPROVED IT AND

THAT THE TOWN MAYOR SIGNED THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

**M.18.23 Annual Return Accounting Statements 2022-23**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2022-23 WERE AGREED AND THAT THE TOWN MAYOR SIGNED THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2022-23 IN CONFIRMATION THAT THESE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS WERE APPROVED BY MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

**M.19.23 Exercise of Public Rights**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL APPROVED THE PERIOD OF EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS FROM JUNE 27TH TO AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023

**M.20.23 Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit**

CLlr N Marshall undertook the review on 10.05.23 and recorded no areas for development.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT MEMBERS ACCEPTED CLLR MARSHALL'S REPORT

**M.21.23 Town Bus**

This item was deferred until the next Town Council meeting.

**M.22.23 Information Reports**

a) Committee Minutes

MEMBERS NOTED THE REPORT

**M.23.23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

CLlr N Marshall

Attended a meeting of the Marlow Society.

CLlr R Scott

Attended a meeting of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce on 15.05.23.

**M.24.23 Reports from Buckinghamshire Council**

CLlr C Heap

Reported that work in the Higginson Park children's play area was underway.

BC were undertaking a large number of pothole repairs.

CLlr N Marshall

Reported he would be attending a meeting with CLlr Towns regarding the shutdown of the temporary parking provision in Globe Park.

**M.25.23 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Town Mayor ..... Date .....