

MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.35pm IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, COURT GARDEN, MARLOW

Present	Chairman	Cllr D Brown
	Councillors	C Heap C Hoyle C Stapley J Towns
	Deputy Clerk	Mrs K Joy

C.01.23 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

C.02.23 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C.03.23 Christmas lights – update

Work was ongoing to have a fixing installed so that all the cross street decorations in the High Street would be up this season.

Cllr Towns updated the meeting regarding the sponsorship she had secured so far.

C.04.23 Switch on - update

Members were reminded that our celebrity had yet to be publicly announced. All other arrangements were in hand.

C.05.23 Carols on the Causeway - update

Confirmed that there would be no gifts handed out this year, however, Father Christmas would still hand out chocolate to children. Fewer mince pies were required. Every effort would be made to reduce waste and recycle paper at the event. The One Can Trust would be invited to attend to raise funds / take in donations. This would replace any fundraising for the Mayor's Charity.

C.06.23 Advertising banners – update

Members were reminded of the pros and cons for the proposals to offer local advertising via banners. The preferred method was installation on Higginson Park railings. Work had already started to see if this option could be realised.

C.07.23 Land Registry – update

A list of Council assets and their titles would be compiled and circulated.

C.08.23 Gossmore recreation ground funding

Current required works at Gossmore Toilets

Report to Committee - September 2023

There are multiple works required at Gossmore public toilet block as follows:

Electrics

We have had an electrician visit the toilet block to review the electrics following a number of leaks that affected the utility room where the fuse box is. The advice is that the fuse box should be changed. The box is rusty.

Cost £1200

We have also been advised that the fans and lights should be changed as the fans are ineffective and contributing to the mould problem in the block.

Cost £600

Handwash Units

We have 3 units, 2 in the female toilets and 1 in the male unit. The electrician has confirmed there are no RCD breakers in them. This means that they are potentially hazardous as there is no protection from electric shock should the right conditions occur. Now we know this we ought to change all the units. The market is tiny to non-existent. I got two quotes and they are both for the same THRII machines. One unit was approved at the April TC Meeting. The cost below is for 2 units.

Cost £7,500

Legionella Remedial works

We recently had a legionella safety assessment of both the changing rooms and the toilet block. There were multiple recommendations that must be done. The report is available as required. Following a number of quotes, the cost to rectify concerns is £1,800. There was no legionella bacteria present in the water supply at either building.

Cost £1,800

Mould on the ceiling and walls

A deep clean is required due to the black mould on the ceilings. This has got particularly bad in every unit following a significant water leak, broken fans and closure of the toilet due to no handwashing facilities meaning that there was no ventilation. There are mushrooms growing on the wall and black mould on the ceilings.

Cost £600

From a Health & Safety perspective all these works are necessary.

Total cost £11,700

Members were advised that only the disabled toilet is currently open due to the outstanding works detailed above necessitating the closure of all the other toilet facilities.

Members agreed that these works were substantial in nature and should be the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council, the owner of the asset, to remedy.

In addition to the above report, a further leak had been discovered last week impacting the men's toilet facilities.

It was also noted that the Council should establish whether the toilet block contained any RAAC.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE PREVENTATIVE LEGIONELLA WORKS TO THE GOSSMORE LANE CHANGING ROOM BUILDING WOULD GO AHEAD IN THE SUM OF UP TO £300 AND

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST THAT BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL UNDERTAKE THE WORKS AS DETAILED ABOVE AND

THAT THE COUNCIL REQUEST A DEVOLVED SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL FOR THE TOILETS AND

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST A MAINTENANCE CONTACT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL FOR THE TOILETS

C.09.23

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Chairman Date