

MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00pm ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2023 IN THE SEYMOUR ROOM, COURT GARDEN, MARLOW

Present	Town Mayor	Cllr D Brown
	Deputy Mayor	Cllr C Stapley
	Leader	Cllr C Funnell
	Deputy Leader	Cllr C Hoyle
	Councillors	T Avery
		C Heap
		N Marshall
		N Mityaeva
		R Scott
	Town Clerk	Mrs H Martin
Deputy Clerk	Mrs K Joy	

Also present 7 members of the public

M.63.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Hoyle and Cllr R Wilson.

M.64.23 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

M.65.23 Christmas Lights – Scheme Expansion

The Council had received a proposal from a Christmas Lighting sponsor who would like to add to the Christmas lights this year, at their own expense, to provide festoon lighting in the Market Square area.

The proposal is as follows:-

To fund the hire and installation of 100m of festoon lighting and 100m of catenary wire to support the lighting.

Marlow Town Council will commission the works and our existing contractor will be undertaking the fit. The sponsor will be invoiced to cover the cost.

The lights will be on a hire basis so there will be no additional maintenance or storage costs involved.

This agreement will be in place for this season and reviewed next year.

The lighting will blend well the existing scheme and will bulbs will be warm white to tone with the existing colourway.

Bunting anchor points will be utilised and as these are stress tested as part of the Council's testing programme, no additional costs are expected in association with the installation.

Filming/Recording/Photographing at Meetings – please note that this may take place during the public part of the meeting. Notices are displayed in the meeting room.

There could be potential cost to the Council if call outs are required due to power failure. However, as the festoon lighting would be using the existing electrical infrastructure, it is likely that elements of the existing scheme would be affected too and necessitate the call out.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AGREED TO EXPAND THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME AS DETAILED ABOVE

M.66.23 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 7.10pm

Town Mayor Date

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Marlow Resident

Q: Who is the Christmas Lighting Sponsor in question?

A: Sorbon.

Q: Is lighting Marlow Bridge part of the Christmas Lighting scheme or all year?

A: MTC has put in a planning application to light Marlow Bridge which is available to view on the Buckinghamshire Council planning portal. The lighting will be matched sensitively to its setting adjacent to the Church. It is not just for Christmas.

Marlow Resident

Q: Following on from the recent Parish Meeting, how have members aligned their comment regarding Marlow Film Studio planning application, to those of Marlow residents?

A: We have outlined how the data was assimilated.

Q: Is the Council going to act on the votes taken at the Parish Meeting?

A: No instruction has been received from Council therefore no.

Marlow Resident

Q: Was a Parish Poll undertaken by MTC in 2006?

A: Yes. Town Clerk advised how a poll should be called for.

Marlow Resident

Q: Does MTC have a view on the benefits of expanding the AONB? A huge development (Marlow Film Studio) would not allow for expansion and be detrimental.

A: Not at this time as no proposal has come forward for consultation. When it does your points will be taken on board.