

MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOSSMORE TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023 IN THE SEYMOUR ROOM, COURT GARDE, POUND LANE, MARLOW

Present

Town Mayor	Cllr D Brown
Deputy Mayor	Cllr C Stapley
Leader	Cllr C Funnell
Deputy Leader	Cllr C Hoyle
Councillors	R Cadman
	C Heap
	N Marshall
	N Mityaeva
	J Towns
	R Wilson
Town Clerk	Mrs H Martin

GT01.23 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr R Scott.

GT02.23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

GT03.23 **Gossmore Trust Report 2022-23**

The Environment Agency continue to complete remedial work on various shrubs bushes and trees. Buckinghamshire Council do not anticipate the whole area will be handed back to local authority control now until 2024. However, Council is now cutting the football pitches regularly to ensure football can be played.

Youth football is played on Saturdays and Sundays. A substantial leak was discovered in the water supply to the changing rooms and extensive refurbishment of the water pipe work has taken place. A successful claim for water loss was made to Thames Water and all of the water leak costs were refunded.

Racing Line Running used the far end of the park for a running event in September 2022 and made a donation to the trust of £500. This event is managed with Marlow United to ensure that there is no impact on the playing of football.

Extensive work to the ground hedge boundaries took place in the start of the year by Grounds Maintenance contractors and Community Payback.

4 Front Security continue to patrol twice nightly 365 days a year to manage anti-social behaviour overnight in the area. As a result, the number of incidents has continued to decline, Police have responded positively to a marked reduction in disturbance as a result of the patrols. In addition, Council has received positive feedback from residents on the patrols.

Litter and Graffiti are still an ongoing problem, graffiti is a particular nuisance under the A404 bridge and the football changing rooms. Council maintains a zero-tolerance policy on graffiti and any located is painted over the same day

Members are also reminded that when MTC were appointed as the responsible body to fund Gossmore Recreation Ground and MTC, acting as the sole trustee will file a zero annual return to the Charity Commission.

FINANCIAL

Income for the year

01.04.22 – 31.03.23 £1200.00

Expenditure for the year 01.04.22 – 31.03.23 £1963.67

GT04.23

Date and time of next meeting

To be agreed 2024

Town Mayor Date