

MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITIONS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH APRIL 2006 AT 12.30PM IN THE REDGRAVE ROOM, COURT GARDEN, MARLOW

Present: Cllr F Sweatman
Cllr Mrs J Coleridge
Mr H B Bellairs – Town Clerk
Mrs J B Bailey – PA
Mr N Coleman, WDC
Mr R Harding
Mr P Bayliss, WDC
Mr A Atkinson, Horticultural Society
Mrs C Taylor – Foxes Piece
Mr R Savidge – Marlow Society

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Oram

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute of last meeting were approved.

3. BUCKS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – “BEST KEPT VILLAGE”
COMPETITION

Concern was expressed about the litter in Riley Road Recreation Ground. The Town Clerk reported that he had previously written to Sir William Borlase expressing concerns regarding the amount of litter left in the recreation ground at lunchtime by Sir William Borlase pupils and requesting that they leave the area clean when they leave.

Mention was made of the recycling bins near Liston Hall and Pound Lane as having broken glass around them. Rear of shops backing onto Riley Road have lots of unsightly rubbish.

It was reported there was a lot of litter in the Station Approach/Station Road area.

RS expressed concern that Bucks CC are not replacing tired and poor quality signage. Cllr Sweatman stated he would be talking to Bucks CC on the matter.

4. THAMES AND CHILTERN IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Chamber of Trade members are relied upon to provide floral displays in the town. The Chamber would be contacted to encourage members to put in more floral displays, especially in commercial areas.

Mr Savidge said that he would be willing to include information about the Environmental Competitions in the Marlow Society Newsletter.

Mrs Taylor asked if the local venture scouts/brownies could be encouraged to become involved in community activities for the Environmental Competitions in the Community Category.

Officers advised that they would contact the local press to ensure that suitable press coverage is given so that residents, retailers and businesses can make every effort to ensure that their local areas is kept in a well maintained and free of litter.

Mrs Taylor informed the meeting that she would like the judges to visit Foxes Piece School to view their environmentally friendly gardens.

5. MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL – MARLOW IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Town Council Members will be asked to nominate front gardens for entry into the competition as well as asking for nominations from the public.

A children's category will again be held with the Mayor visiting each school and handing out packets of seeds.

It was suggested that perhaps there could be an additional category of window boxes and hanging baskets.

Chairman asked representatives from local organisations present at the meeting to encourage their members to take part.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Neil Coleman stated that at the last meeting he was not able to announce that Higginson Park has been awarded the Green Flag, but he was now pleased to be able to do so. This will applied for again in 2006.

Officers advised that they would talk to Bucks County Council to ensure that the grass verges in the approach to Marlow and particularly Globe Park, were cut so they were tidy during the competition period.