

# MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00PM  
IN THE SEYMOUR ROOM, COURT GARDEN, MARLOW

<b>Present</b>	<b>Town Mayor</b>	Cllr N B Marshall
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cllr R Wilson
	<b>Councillors</b>	D A Anson MBE Mrs J Braybrooke Ms S Brown I M Coleman M B Oram R J Scott Mrs J Towns
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	Mr H B Bellairs
	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>	Mrs K Joy

**Also present** one member of the press

**M15.09** APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J M Coleridge and Cllr Ms B Lowe.

**M16.09** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**M17.09** COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

A list of Mayoral engagements since the last meeting was presented to those present.

**M18.09** QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

**M19.09** MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 were presented by the Town Mayor and agreed and signed as a true record.

**M20.09** COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance Services and Administration committee meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 09 and 9<sup>th</sup> June 09 and of the Planning Environment and Transportation committee meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 09 and 14<sup>th</sup> July 09 were noted by members.

**M21.09** INFORMATION REPORTS

### Seymour Recreation Ground

The tender opening by WDC and subsequent tender evaluation for the new play equipment for Seymour Recreation Ground had been deferred until a later date.

It was noted that this committee would like to see any letters of agreement regarding the maintenance of the new play equipment and confirmation that the equipment would be in the ownership of the Town Council.

### Cemetery Staffing Situation

Members were advised that the Cemetery and General Services Superintendent (CGSS) and General Services Operative had both retired.

Officers had been asked to review grounds maintenance services within the cemetery and obtain costs for outsourcing grounds maintenance. These had been sourced but it was reported that contractors were not able to offer the responsive work required by the Town Council and were not cost effective. Quotations for basic grass cutting had proved extremely expensive and not cost effective to the overall grounds maintenance operation.

The CGSS post would be advertised in due course.

### Marlow Train Station

First Great Western had been written to and asked to improve the appearance and immediate environment of Marlow train station. There had been no response.

The Marlow and Maidenhead Passenger Association would be contacted and asked if they could proceed with this issue in conjunction with the Town Council.

### "A" Boards

Letters had been sent to all retailers who were still placing "A" boards outside their curtilage. Further to a final inspection by Town Council staff this matter would be referred to the County Council for formal action to ensure long term removal.

MEMBERS NOTED THE REPORTS

**M22.09**

### REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

#### Cllr Ms S Brown

Attended the AGM of the Citizens Advice Bureau and meetings of Marlow Town Regatta and Festival Committee, Budavar Town Twinning Committee and the Neighbourhood Action Group.

#### Cllr Mrs J Braybrooke

Attended a meeting of the Marlow Community Association.

#### Cllr M B Oram

Attended a meeting of Marlow Age Concern.

Cllr Mrs J Towns

Attended a meeting of the Marlow Society.

**M23.09**

REPORTS FROM WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr R J Scott

Reported that Marlow was being well represented at District level despite press coverage reporting otherwise.

The Council housing stock was being reviewed at present. Consultation with residents would be undertaken and a decision regarding stock transfer would be made in 2010.

Cllr D A Anson MBE

Reported that the parking situation in Marlow was being very well managed and parking availability for those with disabled badges had improved.

Cllr R Wilson

Reported that with regard to the review of Council housing stock, any transfer of stock would be decided by the tenants and not members.

**M24.09**

REPORTS FROM BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr R J Scott

Reported that the possibility of a park and ride at Handycross was being discussed as a joint venture between the County and District Councils. The Government had agreed to part fund this proposed scheme.

Cllr D A Anson MBE

Reported that at the request of residents a crossing at Dean Street was being considered by the County Council.

**M25.09**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.00pm**

**Town Mayor.....**

**Date.....**