

Partner Update

Update from	 Marlborough Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	14 March 2017

Headlines/Key Issues

Town Council Elections

On 4 May, we will be voting for not only our Unitary Councillors, but our Town and Parish Councillors too. Town and parish councils are made up of members of the community who take an interest in what happens in their neighbourhoods and whatever their background, bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into what is really a team with a common aim – to do its best for local people.



So, these elections are a chance to join this team and make your mark. Marlborough Town Council has 16 seats available - 8 seats in each of the two wards - East Marlborough and West Marlborough. It operates as a non-political council. If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor and would like to learn more about the Town Council and the electoral process, please contact the Town Clerk, at the Council Offices, 5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1AA.

Public Toilets – Update



Work has started on the refurbishment of the public toilets in George Lane which were transferred from Wiltshire Council in 2016. Completion is due in mid-April so a spring opening!

The Chantry Lane toilets will remain open until George Lane is ready and will then be sold to help fund the remainder of works to the building.

Youth Centre – St Margaret’s Mead



The Town Council has been working with Wiltshire Council towards the transfer of a ‘bundle’ of assets and services. However, this has been put on hold until a review is completed about asset transfers across the county. In the meantime, the former Youth Centre at St Margaret’s Mead has been offered to the Town Council under a 7 year lease. This is currently being considered by Town Councillors and they have commissioned a survey to ensure that the building is structurally sound and are looking at running costs and insurance as well as how the building could be best managed in the future.

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Kingsbury Street – A group of residents in Kingsbury Street has contacted the Town Council about traffic and parking concerns and a meeting has been arranged for Area Board Members and Town Councillors to listen to these concerns. The meeting is open to all those residents in Kingsbury Street and the surrounding area and takes place on **Wednesday, 15 March 2017** in the Town Hall at 7pm.

20mph Limit

Following concerns raised by residents about pedestrian safety and air quality issues, the Town Council has submitted a request to CATG that an assessment is made on the suitability of a number of roads for a 20mph limit. These roads are the High Street, London Road, George Lane, Pewsey Road, Kingsbury Street, Herd Street, Barn Street, Salisbury Road, Bath Road, New Road and St Martins

Marlborough Puppet Festival – Public Meeting



This is a new event planned for 8/9 July 2017. Many of Marlborough's residents will remember the importance of Pelham Puppets to the town and may well have worked at the factory based in London Road. Others will have grown up playing with the internationally famous puppets and will have their own personal favourites. The Town Council is delighted to be helping to support the organisers of

the Puppet Festival and anyone who would like to be involved in this is invited to attend a public meeting on **Thursday, 16 March** at the Town Hall at 7pm.

Town Council - Small Grants Scheme

The Town Council Grant Scheme for 2017/18 re-opens from April 2017. More information at www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk/

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