

**Report To The Planning & Environment Committee 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Metal Bins In The Conservation Area**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present costed options for the maintenance or replacement of metal bins in the Conservation Area.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Town Council owns 11 cast iron metal bins, situated in the Conservation Area. These are sited:  
Cross Hayes (4);  
High Street, outside Co-op;  
Backhill Steps;  
St Aldhelm's Mead (2);  
Station Yard Car Park;  
Market Cross; and  
Bird Cage Walk.



- 2.2 The bins are of a traditional design and were constructed some decades ago. Whilst there are a number of companies that produce bins of a similar design, the exact model is no longer made (this was discovered three years ago when we came to replace the inner liners and had to have them custom made).
- 2.3 At a meeting of the Malmesbury & District Conservation Group in 2017, the state of the metal bins was raised. The Group noted that paintwork was peeling/fading and asked that the Planning & Environment Committee look into the matter.
- 2.4 Early in 2018 the Planning & Environment Committee considered the possibility of shot-blasting, galvanising and powder-coating the bins. A local ironworks were engaged to take away one of the bins to see what could be achieved.

- 2.5 The ironworks have shot blasted the bin three times using different methods and it is now back to the bare metal. However, they are unable to galvanise it as it has already been galvanised twice using different methods.
- 2.6 On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the Planning & Environment Committee noted the difficulties in galvanising the bin and asked for a report presenting costed options for the refurbishment or replacement of the bins.

### 3. Options

#### 3.1 Maintenance of the bins by Malmesbury Town Council staff.

Presently, the bins are maintained by the Town Council's grounds-staff. Every few years the bins are rubbed down and repainted by hand. This is a very time consuming task. Due to the weight of the bins and difficulties moving them, this is done in situ. Even though hammerite is used, the bins start to fade fairly quickly and peel after a year or two.

#### 3.2 Shot blast and powder coat.

The ironworks have given us an approximate price of £220 plus VAT to shot blast the bins and powder coat them. The detail in the town crest would need to be painted in by MTC grounds staff. For the 11 bins this would total £2420. It is not possible to say whether the powder coating would last (before cracking/bubbling etc) longer than if they were hand painted. However, the quality of the finish is likely to be superior.

It may be prudent to have one bin shot blasted and powder coated, so as to assess the quality of the finished treatment.

#### 3.3 New Bins.

Quotes have been sought for replacement cast iron bins. These are as follows:

Company 1:

11x Medium Round Cast Iron Litter Bin £579 each.

11x logos – hand painted £260 each.

1x pattern cost£85.

11x fixing kits £9.95 each.

Total cost: **£9,423.45**



Company 2:

11x Covent Garden free standing side opening cast iron litter bin £673 each.

11x Zinc etched Malmesbury crest £682.

Total cost: **£8,085**



3.4 Investigate bins in a cheaper material.

Though cast iron bins are durable, they are rather expensive. It may be possible to find bins made from an alternative material.

By way of example, the photograph below shows a plastic model which retails for £148.95. It is likely that a crest could be attached to such bins for an additional cost.



However, it might be that bins made from plastic, fibre glass or some other such material are not appropriate within the Conservation Area. If this route were pursued it would be prudent to have regard to the Conservation Area Management Plan and the views of Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer. The Committee might wish to consult with the Malmesbury & District Conservation Group.

Bins made from less durable materials might show wear and tear very quickly from say cigarette ends and may need to be regularly replaced.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Committee has £5,575 left in its Strategic Planning (4096 401) code. However, there are a number of CATG projects which will make a demand on these sums. If the Committee feels that an approach which demands significant funding is necessary, a request will need to be made to the Policy & Resources Committee.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 To determine which option (in section 3) should be pursued.

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