

Agenda Item 8: Report for C&TPC

Along with other MTC committees, C&TPC has been asked by the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee (P and R) to provide proposals, in priority order, for future activities we may be responsible for which may require capital spend.

I would like to make following suggestions for activities – in no order of priority - for consideration by the C&TP Committee as suitable, after any further investigation and scoping work required - to be put forward to the P and R Committee:

1. The development of a sustainability/ succession plan with Malmesbury Town Team (TT) as its current financing runs down, making sure we keep Discover Malmesbury and the Market going (among other Town Team successes) in long term in whatever oversight form best suits both the TC and the TT. As a part of this activity we need to take account of the TT bid to 'Vale Action' for significant funding to promote tourism to Malmesbury and to increase footfall and spending in and around Malmesbury. Likely Capital Spend: TBC but modest.
2. Linked to the above and the TT Vale Action bid, establishing a development plan for the TIC to increase its impact as an entry point for visitors to the Town and increase its effect on encouraging spending in Malmesbury (and achieve additional sales in its own right). Likely Capital Spend: TBC but modest.
3. Planning a Malmesbury Town Council website overhaul so it (i) takes a bigger and more effective role as a hub for the community, now we can reasonably anticipate how this role can usefully develop, (ii) works in effective conjunction with the Discover Malmesbury website, as it is planned to develop and (iii) we add a Malmesbury Volunteer/ Timebank Board as a feature. Likely Capital Spend: £3k
4. The development of a dedicated Arts, Crafts, Theatre, Music and Youth Centre. An obvious attractive opportunity will occur if Wiltshire CC transfers the library to us, giving us the opportunity to manage and develop this resource as a real community asset. However, a number of initial steps can be taken to establish the energy to establish this project, probably in the first instance linked to 5 below. Long term capital spend could be high, of course, but much of this would be likely sourced through grants (cf Cirencester Brewery Arts Centre)
5. A programme of activity designed to engage with the youth within the community and to develop a measurable improvement in the provision of services and support to our youth on a continuing basis. As a first step, to understand the current issues as perceived by this cohort and their preferences for the actions we should take. This would take the form of a short series of workshops including other stakeholders, such as the Community Police Team and medical service providers, and subsequent action planning and programme development. The funding required to seriously and credibly undertake this first step would probably be c£3k. Further finding requirements would then be determined but grant funding for at least some elements should be possible.
6. Establishing suitable public conveniences in the town centre and at Station Yard. This is required to support the development of tourism to Malmesbury. Capital spend to be investigated but likely to be relatively high.
7. The development of a community/ virtual orchard Malmesbury, making best use of Wiltshire Council 1918 commemoration tree planting grant and space already owned by MTC. Likely

to attract grants/ be self-financing in time but foundation funding of circa £1k would enable quick progress.

8. Offering a part of the section of the cemetery that, on current forecasts will not be used for at least 20 years to Malmesbury Primary School and or other youth groups for use as a nature/ environmental/ sustainability space. Likely to attract grants but foundation funding of circa £2.5k to enable access and basic landscaping would be required.

Hopefully other members will add to this list.

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