

MTC TH&F Committee 15.7.20

Report No 6 Wildflower Planting

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To agree to wildflower sowing along riverbanks and verges, not all of which are owned by MTC

1.2 To agree to ask permission where MTC does not own the land

2. Background

2.1 The Chair of the Malmesbury and District Gardening Club has written to C&TP to suggest that we plant wildflowers on verges, river banks and green spaces, to enhance biodiversity, to support bees and to make the environment attractive for visitors to the town.

2.2 The Chair of the MDGC has offered to find out whether the gardening club can support with some of the costs of wild flower sowing

2.3 I have looked at some areas around town, not all of which we own (I think), where the grass is not cut and left to mulch so wild flowers could flourish.

3. Proposal

3.1 That either the issue is handed over to the Open Spaces working group, or a decision is made by full committee to act on the suggestion and follow up on the offer of help.

3.2 That if the committee agrees, we set a budget for seeds as well as following up on the offer of funding.

3.3 That if the committee agrees to taking action we publicise it

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the proposal is agreed and actions taken

5. Financial implications

5.1 We would need to find the budget at a time of very limited income.

5.2 To start with some of the areas may need a little watering to get the flowers off to a start, which might draw on the time of Shaun and Graham.

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