

**Malmesbury Town Council**

**Town Hall and Facilities Committee meeting 15.7.20**

**Report No.7 Working Group to support the development of Cloister Gardens to support the Town Recovery**

1. The partnership work with the Town Team, other community partners, and resident feedback, has highlighted Cloisters gardens as having the potential to support the Towns Covid 19 Recovery process, and support the high streets leisure and economic activity.
2. It has the potential to be used in support of the communities expressed need for more places to safely sit or meet in line with Government guidance, as well as support the activities of The Abbey, and Abbey House Gardens.
3. Whilst there is an agreed Open Spaces Working Group which has a broad community engagement brief focussing on the play areas, the Cloister Gardens arguably sits more relevantly within the 'town centre and recovery' agenda and associated processes and partnerships already at work within the town.
4. Given its location and strategic potential as a site to support meeting a number of Council objectives, it may be worth considering the formation of a working group aside from the Open Spaces Working Group, which focuses solely on the positive development of Cloister Gardens. Such a focus should enable more effective outcome development aligned with the Covid 19 recovery processes.
5. The Committee are asked to consider this proposal, and if in agreement resolve to form a focussed working group as suggested.

Richard Spencer- Williams – Town Clerk