

To: Amenities and Leisure Committee

From: Tree Recording Group (TRG)

Subject: Update

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

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The Tree Recording Group (TRG) have met up and agreed the goal, scope and the initial list of activities for the group (I will forward the list of activities to this committee after I update them following comments made by other councillors). The meeting was open and positive. After the meeting was held the following activities have also been undertaken:-

- Draft communication email to the local environment groups have been completed,
- Draft communication email for residents to go onto Facebook has also been completed,
- Cllr. Andrew Long has undertaken an initial (the first) audit to record trees,
- Cllr. Sheena Matthews has also been involved in identifying trees,
- We are also looking to meet up with Grahame Hawker, ETC staff member, so that we are better prepared when it comes to identifying different types of trees.

We want to manage expectations and stress that this project is a long-term venture and in the short to medium term I feel that the best we should realistically look at achieving is to establish this group with the support from the local environmental groups and residents. Of course in that time period we expect to also have started and recorded trees and started to identify a series of potential TPO's.

The members of TRG so far are: Cllr T Maher, Cllr A Long and Cllr S Matthews.