

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2009 in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs. **Dr. M. Wise (Town Mayor)**
Mrs. J. Boulton
J. Boyle
J.C.W. Gillman
A.V. Hickmore
D. Keeble
S. Leniec
A. Marsden
N.S. O'Keeffe

In Attendance: **C/Cllr. Mrs. J. Heathcoat**
D/Cllr. Mrs. A. Thomson
Mr. D. Hughes
0 Members of Public
1 Member of the Press
The Town Clerk & Assistant Clerk

Before the meeting commenced, the Mayor presented Mr. David Hughes with an engraved decanter and glasses following his recent resignation. He expressed the Council's deep regrets on the recent death of Mrs. Hughes, paid tribute to Mr. Hughes' tenacity and said that he would be greatly missed.

Mr. Hughes thanked the Council for the gift and for the letters of condolence he had received, together with the donation made to the British Heart Foundation in his wife's memory.

97/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. M.J. Barker, R. Cox, Ms. J. Farmer and D. Price.

98/09 Council Vacancy : Co-option of New Member

The Clerk stated that she had not yet heard whether an election had been called for the vacancy, and the Council were unable to co-opt without this information.

99/09 Minutes of last meeting : 13th May 2009

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

100/09 Matters Arising & Action List

Min. 66/09: Cllr. Hickmore stated that he wished to resign from the Joint Economic Forum for Faringdon because his wife had recently been appointed by the Women's Institute. It was AGREED to appoint another member at the next meeting.

Min. 92/09: Cllr. Gillman stated that information regarding repatriations was available on the BARS website. It was NOTED that the Assistant Clerk was also receiving information from the British Legion, which she was circulating to all members.

101/09 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

102/09 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

103/09 Public Speaking Time

(a) Report from Thames Valley Police

A Neighbourhood Policing report was tabled at the meeting and was NOTED.

(b) Members of the Public

There was no member of public who wished to speak.

104/09 County Councillor's Report

C/Cllr. Mrs. Heathcoat gave a verbal report, in which she stated that she had been given a wider portfolio following the recent elections, and her responsibilities now included libraries, museums and arts. She also reported that a new contractor had been appointed to continue the work on the Youth Centre.

105/09 District Councillors' Report

D/Cllr. Cox had submitted a written report, which was NOTED.

D/Cllr. Mrs. Thomson gave a verbal report, during which she outlined the benefits available to cancer and stroke patients, including free Hospital parking, which patients were often unaware of. She stated that a group had been set up to obtain funding for an advisory leaflet for patients, which would be available at the Health Centre. D/Cllr. Mrs. Thomson also reported that eye specialists would soon be setting up a clinic in Witney, which would save patients having to attend the Oxford Eye Hospital, and it was hoped that this service might eventually be extended to Faringdon.

106/09 Chairman's Activity Report

The Mayor stated that, during his short term of office, he had attended the Henley Civic Service, where he had been made very welcome and had met with Mayors from other towns.

107/09 Reports from Committees - Minutes circulated herewith

Planning & Highways : 5th & 26th May

Cllr. Leniec expressed his concern about the impact of the current roadworks in the Gravel Walk/Park Road/Coxwell Street area. He suggested that the P&H Committee should send a strongly worded letter of protest to the contractors. It was AGREED that this matter would be discussed at the next P&H meeting.

Item 10 – 26th May meeting

Cllr. Hickmore drew attention to the proposal by Swindon Borough Council for a large development on the Eastern side of Swindon, which would have a significant impact on Faringdon, particularly on the volume of traffic using the A420, medical services and schools.

The Minutes of 5th and 26th May were NOTED.

108/09 Reports from Outside Committees

Traffic Advisory Committee : 13th March 2009 – The Minutes were NOTED.

Cllr. O'Keeffe was asked to raise the Town Council's concerns about the roadworks at the next meeting.

Joint Economic Forum for Faringdon : 16th April 2009

The Minutes were NOTED. Cllr. Hickmore congratulated the Forum for widening their membership following Town Council's request. Cllr. Hickmore expressed his concern about the appointment of the LEADER Committee and the way in which the schemes which would be funded by them would be chosen. Cllr. O'Keeffe supported Cllr. Hickmore's concerns.

109/09 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

BILLS TO BE PAID

1. The following had already been paid because payment was required in advance of booking and had already been authorised at the previous Council meeting.

West Waddy ADP	Reducing the Carbon Footprint of historic buildings Seminar Fee	25.00
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2. The following invoices required payment in the usual way.

Southern Electric	Electricity charges – Pump House	407.82
Gold Dust Commercial	P/House cleaning	50.00
	Office cleaning	452.00
Mr. T. Wheeler	P/House window and bus shelter cleaning	75.00
Three Counties Business Machines	Photocopier charges	37.43
VWHDC	Pump House Council Tax	359.00
Biffa Waste Services Ltd.	Waste disposal charges	419.64
MRH Services	Quarterly play equipment inspection	38.00
RBS Software Solutions	Purchase of bookings programme, Training and 1 year support and Internal Audit Fee	2017.51
Faringdon War Mem. Trust	War Memorials Act 1923 grant 2009/10	2000.00
	Transfer of booking charge paid to FTC	48.00
Tucker's Rec. Ground Trust	LG (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act Grant	1000.00
SETON	Health & Safety Law posters etc.	43.25
B.J. Wadcock	Repairs to wall - rear of Pump House	552.00
B&W Lift Services Ltd.	Service charges – Pump House lift	175.38
Chubb Electronic Security	Bar Alarm maintenance	142.00
Michael's Workwear	LSA uniform	56.01
Faringdon Newspapers	TIC advertising	32.89
Imprest Wages A/c	Salaries for May 2009 (incl. £150 P/Cash)	11750.22

3. Direct Debits

O2 Online	Venues Mobile Phone	21.79
O2 Online	ROS Mobile Phone	13.22
Zen Internet Ltd.	Broadband charges	48.92
PWLB	Loan Instalment – Pump House	6,410.35

4. The following payments were made under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and were authorised at the previous Council meeting.

British Heart Foundation (in memory of Mrs. D. Hughes)	45.00
H. Godsell (Retirement gift for Mr. D. Hughes)	75.00

The following payment was made under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and had been recommended by the Finance Committee.

Faringdon Baptist Church	702.00
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TOTAL F.T.C. INVOICES **27,662.63**

5. *F.C. & T.I.C. Invoices*

G.J. Barnett & Son Ltd.	Stock purchases	13.75
Faringdon Newspapers	Stock purchases	4.32

Agency Sales

Faringdon Community Bus	Ticket Sales	294.05
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It was proposed by Cllr. J.C.W. Gillman and seconded by Cllr. N. O’Keeffe that the bills in Sections 1-5 be authorised and paid.

110/09 Accounts 2008/09

The following documents were received and APPROVED.

- (i) Annual Return (Sections 1 and 2), Supplementary Information & Working Papers
- (ii) Cash, Investment & Reserves Reconciliations as at 31.3.2009 & Working Papers
- (iii) Balance Sheet
- (iv) Income & Expenditure Account
- (v) Trial Balance
- (vi) Supporting Statement to Accounts & Asset Register

111/09 SLCC/University of Gloucester Summer Seminar 2009

Members were asked to consider sending delegate(s) to this year’s Summer Seminar being held at Cheltenham on Wednesday & Thursday 15th & 16th July at a cost of £152 per delegate, plus cost of accommodation and travel. Cllr. Mrs. Boulton expressed an interest in attending and it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that she should attend and that her expenses would be paid as an approved duty.

112/09 Centenary of the North Berks Football League 1909 – 2009

Members were asked to consider a recommendation from Tucker’s Recreation Ground Trust to authorise the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend the Centenary Celebration Dinner on 9th October 2009 at a cost of £35.00 each. It was AGREED that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor should attend and that the cost of tickets should be taken from the Mayor’s Allowance.

113/09 Correspondence

The correspondence received since the last meeting was NOTED.