

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee held on Wednesday, 17 June 2009 in the Council Chamber, The Corn Exchange, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. Leniec (Chairman)
Mrs. M.J. Barker
Mrs. J. Boulton
Ms. J. Farmer
J.C.W. Gillman
A.V. Hickmore
A. Marsden
D. Price
Dr. M.L.H. Wise

In Attendance: Mr. Sam Prince, M.A.D.D.
The Town Clerk

41/09 Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

42/09 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Wise was proposed by Cllr. Leniec and this was seconded and CARRIED.

43/09 Minutes of Last Meeting: 29 April 2009

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

44/09 Matters Arising

The Chairman proposed deferring this item to the next meeting, and this was AGREED.

45/09 Public Question Time & Public Speaking Time

No questions had been received and Mr. Prince did not wish to speak at this time.

46/09 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

47/09 Corn Exchange

Following a recent meeting of the Venues Committee's Future Development Working Party, the Finance Committee were asked to receive and consider requests for urgent expenditure on the following two items:

(a) Noise Limiter, Corn Exchange

Due to increasing problems with the current noise limiter, it was recommended that a new noise limiter be purchased as soon as possible. A lengthy discussion took place, during which Mr. Prince was invited to comment on the various options being discussed, and the members considered cost estimates from both local and online suppliers.

It was AGREED to purchase the following:

Castle Electronic noise limiter Model No. GA904 from George Henry Relay, Witney at a cost of £750 plus £200 for installation (excl. VAT) with the addition of a new microphone and additional light indicator. The Clerk was authorised to incur expenditure up to £1500 and, provided funds permitted, to additionally purchase a sound generator to enable testing to be carried out on a regular basis. The Clerk was asked to arrange for installation to be carried out as soon as possible. It was further AGREED that funding for this purchase should come from reserves in the first instance, and that a claim for 50% of the cost be made against the VWHDC.

(b) *Water Boiler, Corn Exchange*

The water boiler in the Corn Exchange kitchen has broken and it was recommended that a replacement water boiler be purchased as soon as possible. Members considered two cost estimates and it was AGREED to purchase an Instanta water boiler Model No. CT4000-3 from Taylors Catering Equipment at a cost of £678.36 + VAT. A further estimate for a replacement head and cartridge in the sum of £150 was received and the Clerk was authorised to incur expenditure totalling up to £850 to cover the cost of the additional items, if required.

It was further AGREED that funding for this purchase should come from reserves in the first instance, and that a claim for 50% of the cost be made against the VWHDC.