

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the
Finance & Audit Committee
held on Tuesday, 29 September 2009 at 6.30 pm
in the June Rennie Room, The Pump House, Market Place,
Faringdon**

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

IN ATENDANCE: **Deputy Town Clerk**

Before the meeting commenced, all members stood for one minute's silence in memory of Mr Don Moorhouse who had died after a serious illness. Mr Moorhouse had been a long serving town councillor who had retired from the council in 2007.

77/09 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

78/09 Minutes of Last Meeting: Wednesday, 2 September 2009

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79/09 Matters Arising

The Chairman proposed that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting and this proposal was seconded and CARRIED.

80/09 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

81/09 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

82/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

83/09 Corn Exchange

Members were asked to consider a request from the Venues Committee to release money to purchase two new replacement boilers urgently required for the Corn Exchange.

Cllr D Price, Chairman of the Venues Committee, explained that these two new boilers were required urgently as the winter heating was due to be switched on in October.

Quotes had been received and considered in detail by the Venues Committee and the committee now recommended that the quote from Gas Care be accepted in the sum of £11,600 + VAT for the installation of 2 x Vaillant Commercial, wall/frame mounted 65kw, high efficiency, condensing boilers with installation of 2 new vertical flues, plus independent control.

However, as the Venues Committee had no budget for this proposed purchase, a request for the money was now being submitted to the Finance & Audit Committee as a matter of urgency.

A list drawn up by the Town Clerk detailing reserve funded items to date was tabled and considered.

Following discussion, it was proposed seconded and CARRIED that the sum of £11,500 + VAT be made available from reserves for the purchase of the above boilers and that under the terms of the signed Agreement for the transfer of ownership of the Corn Exchange to the Town Council, a claim for this amount be made to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

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