

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Facilities meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 7.15pm, via video conferencing. Cllr. Bentley welcomed everyone to the Facilities virtual meeting. This meeting was carried via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing.

1/3/20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr.Finn and Cllr.Swallow

2/3/20 Roll call

Councillors present:

Kiera Bentley (Chair)
Steve Leniec
Mike Wise

In attendance:

Cllr. David Brown
Sally Thurston: Town Clerk
Marzia Sellitti: Deputy Town Clerk
Jo King: Clerks Assistant

3/3/20 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on on Wednesday 16th September 2020 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

4/3/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

5/3/20 Public Question Time

None.

6/3/20 Christmas Lights

- a) It was NOTED that there is now a full Christmas light display, running without issues.
- b) Members discussed and agreed to set up a working party to look at improving the light display for next year.

7/3/20 Precept 2021/22

- a) Members NOTED the following 2020/21 financial reports:
 - I. Corn Exchange.
 - II. Pump House
 - III. Recreation and Open Spaces.
- b) Members considered the following draft budgets for year 2021/22:
 - i. **Corn Exchange**
It was PROPOSED that the DRAFT budget provided be put forward. This gave an expenditure budget of £18,786.This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
 - ii. **The Pump House**
It was PROPOSED that the DRAFT budget provided be put forward. This gave an expenditure budget of £11,941. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
 - iii. **Recreation and Open Spaces**
It was PROPOSED that the DRAFT budget provided be put forward. This gave an expenditure budget of £17,863. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- c) It was PROPOSED to approve the following capital expenditure projects for 2021/22

- Corn Exchange: None
 - Pump House: Tables for Council meetings up to £3,600
 - Recreation and Open Spaces: Mower for Churchyard up to £6000.
- This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

8/3/20 Facilities Reports

Members NOTED updates and reports including decisions taken under delegated authority for the following.

- No update on Elms tennis courts Nothing to report on Elms tennis courts
- Tuckers Play area and e) Oakwood Park;
Locking of both parks now ceased at night. Both are still sprayed with disinfectant weekly.
Oakwood park bench area has been dug and prepared ready to sow wildflower seeds.
- All Saints Church Yard No issues reported
- Town Park
Flowerbed has been dug in preparation for wildflower seeds and tree survey works permission received
- See above
- Tidy Team
Has been busy clearing, sweeping and cutting pavements at several locations within Faringdon.
- Wilderness
The sides have been recut and we are in the process of clearing dead wood and rubbish from The Hobble side hedge ready to plant native hedging whips donated by the Woodland Trust.
- Corn Exchange
Problems with the Hall floor boards rising during lockdown. Flooring contractor attended and re-laid the boards, advised that damp was the cause and the need to keep some background heat going.
There are several issues with the roof, with leaks at both ends. Specialist roofing contractor scheduled for next week to inspect.
Awaiting quotes on works from builders on the maintenance plan and condition survey. These will be available at the next meeting
- Pump House
Town Information Centre has reopened with limited access due to Health and Safety restrictions.
Jubilee room continues to serve as food bank.
- Bus stops
Bus stops had been cleaned, still awaiting further news from OCC about new Marlborough Street bus shelter.
- Salt Bins.
Discussion that there may be a need to think about a larger budget for this with the introduction of the snow warden scheme, but currently all bins are full.

9/3/20 Corn Exchange

- Members NOTED that the Geology Trust has relocated to the front of the building. Members PROPOSED to give permission to use this room as a dedicated clothes library for The Place. It was NOTED that The Place had received a grant of £1,200 for racking and will run the clothes library.
- It was PROPOSED to replace carpet in the room as per quote of £501, from the Corn Exchange maintenance budget. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- Corn Exchange Floor - See item 8h

10/3/20 Small Park on Park Rd

Members received an update on use of the VWHDC owned park. This item will be deferred to the next meeting in the absence of Cllr Thomas who proposed the item more information to be collected as to requirements

11/3/20 Sculptured Recycle Bin

Members NOTED that artist designs will be available at next meeting.

12/3/20 Open Space for Dog Owners

Members considered possibilities for providing a fenced dog walking area located in Faringdon. Members agreed to investigate further.

13/3/20 Faringdon Free Foods

- a) Members prior to meeting were given list of free food sites in Faringdon.
- b) Members AGREED to investigate providing a free foods map.

14/3/20 Town Centre Improvements

Members were informed that costs are outstanding for arts installation and bollards, project, these will be available at the next meeting.

Members were updated with information from recent FATAC meeting, It was NOTED that the resurfacing of Park Road is scheduled for the next financial year.

It was further NOTED that C/Cllr. Heathcoat has written to the Cabinet members enquiring about the works needed in Market Square.

15/3/20 Town Park

It was NOTED that OCC would like a proposal and costs before discussing lease/rent terms. Members PROPOSED to submit estimated costs for improvements and the installation of an outdoor performance and reflection area. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

16/3/20 Items for Information Only

Members NOTED:

Update on the Portway Underpass – will be cleaned by OCC. Project to be revisited by District Council next year to assess need and community opinion

Lights replaced with LED in Southampton Street carpark

Commercial bins are still an issue in Southampton Street carpark, ownership of the land has been investigated but no satisfactory conclusion reached. On-going investigation required

Pump House Project lease expires May 2021.

17/3/20 Agenda Items for next meeting

- Pump House Project
- Commercial bins are still an issue in Southampton Street carpark, ownership of the land has been investigated
- Update on Small park in Park Rd

- Faringdon Free Food map in Faringdon
- Town Park ideas and estimated costing proposals
- Receive estimates for The Corn Exchange roof works

Meeting ended at 20:23