

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.15pm Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon.**

**Committee Members Present:** Cllrs: Leniec (Chair)  
Bentley  
Burns  
Castle  
Swallow  
Wise  
Boulton - online  
Finn - online  
Smith - online

**In attendance:** Sally Thurston, Town Clerk  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant - online

**1/5/21 Apologies for Absence**  
None

**2/5/21 Minutes of last meeting**  
It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be signed as correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED

**3/5/21 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations**  
None

**4/5/21 Public Speaking and Question Time**  
None

**5/5/21 Items for Information Only:**  
NOTED including round up from CCLA regarding the investment year.

### **6/5/21 Precept 2022.23**

#### **a) Office & Establishment**

(i) A current financial report was NOTED.

(ii) Members considered the draft revenue & grants budget. It was PROPOSED that a draft revenue budget of £355,925 and a GRANT budget of £22,600, total being £378,525, be put forward. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

(iii) No capital expenditure was put forward at this time.

#### **b) Faringdon Information Centre**

(i) A current financial report was NOTED.

(ii) Members considered the draft revenue budget. It was PROPOSED that a draft revenue budget of £1,250 be put forward. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

(iii) No capital expenditure was put forward at this time.

#### **c) Direct Council Expenditure**

(i) A current financial report was NOTED.

(ii) Members considered the draft revenue budget. It was PROPOSED that a draft revenue budget of £15,516 be put forward. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

(iii) No capital expenditure was put forward at this time.

#### **d) Committee Budgets**

(i) Facilities Committee

Following a reduction in the repairs and maintenance budgets, the following DRAFT revenue budgets were NOTED:

Corn Exchange = £11,317 (The Place rental will be transferred as an internal recharge)

Pump House = £11,585

Recreation and Open Spaces = £17,719

(ii) Community and Partnerships Committee

A DRAFT revenue budget of £ 19,700 was NOTED.

#### **e) Precept Request**

It was PROPOSED that a total precept request of £455,612 be presented to Full Council.

PROPOSED by Cllr Leniec, SECONDED by Cllr Castle and RESOLVED.

#### **7/5/21 Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Budget**

Members NOTED the consultation on the OCC budget.

#### **8/5/21 Christmas Opening**

Members approved the office closure from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

PROPOSED by Cllr Castle, SECONDED by Cllr Bentley and RESOLVED.

#### **9/5/21 Action List update**

Noted

Due to the confidentiality of item 10. It was PROPOSED that it should be held in confidential session and that the press and public be excluded from the meeting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

**10/5/21 Staffing Matters**

Members considered staff performance during recent unforeseen events: member of staff to be appropriately thanked. PROPOSED by Cllr Leniec, SECONDED by Cllr Bentley and RESOLVED.

**11/5/21 Agenda items for meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

To be sent to the Clerk.

**Meeting closed at: 19.54**