

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting  
held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.15pm**  
**in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

**Committee members present – Cllrs:**

- Burns - Chair
- Bentley
- Boulton
- Swallow
- Webb
- Finn - online
- Leniec - online
- Martin - online

**In attendance:**

- Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
- Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant - online
- Liza Cooper, Assistant Clerk – online
- Cllr Castle

**1/4/21 Apologies for Absence**

None

**2/4/21 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were SIGNED as a correct record

**3/4/21 Declarations of Interest**

None

**4/4/21 Public Question and Speaking Time**

None

**5/4/21 Precept 2022/23**

a) The following financial reports were NOTED:

- I. Corn Exchange
- II. Pump House
- III. Recreation and Open Space

b) Draft budgets for 2022/23

- I. Corn Exchange  
Members considered increasing energy budget for gas and electricity. PROPOSED by Cllr Bentley to increase the budget by £1000, SECONDED by Cllr Burns and RESOLVED.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bentley that the DRAFT budget provided be put forward. This gives an expenditure budget of £11,871 (this includes a £7,000 internal recharge for The Place room hire). This was SECONDED by Cllr Burns and RESOLVED.

- II. Pump House  
Members considered increasing energy budget for gas and electricity. Members discussed increasing the budget by £500. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bentley that the DRAFT budget provided be put forward. This gives an expenditure budget of £11,585. This was SECONDED by Cllr Swallow and RESOLVED.
- III. Recreation and Open Space  
It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bentley that the DRAFT budget provided be put forward. This gives an expenditure budget of £18,219. This was SECONDED by Cllr Boulton and RESOLVED.

c) No costed capital expenditure projects were put forward for 2022/23.

#### **6/4/21 Motion under Notice**

Consideration was given to the following motion proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Burns.

*This Council agrees to reconsider the noise limiter/circuit-breaker currently installed in the Corn Exchange, including options to retain, adjust or remove it entirely. This should be done after a consultation period with potentially affected residents and the wider town. This Council notes that removal would greatly enhance the attractiveness of the Corn Exchange as a performance venue.*

Members discussed the motion and agreed that, given that it is now 10 years on from initial consultations, the Clerk and Cllr Castle, who has relevant expertise, should explore options leading to possible consultation process to include trial events to check use of current sound limiter, explore possible technical solutions and consult again with local residents.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bentley that the motion be upheld. This was SECONDED by Cllr Burns and RESOLVED.

#### **7/4/21 Items for Information Only**

None

#### **8/4/21 Action list update**

NOTED

#### **9/4/21 To consider agenda items for the next meeting**

- Noise limiter consultation
- Christmas lights tender
- Wifi booster for the Corn Exchange
- Town Centre Wifi

**Meeting ended at 7.57pm**