

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting
held on **Monday 4th April at 7 pm**
in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Committee members present – Cllrs:

- Burns - Chair
- Boulton
- Famakin
- Martin
- Swallow
- Bentley - online
- Finn - online

In attendance:

Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Sarah Johnson, Services & Facilities Officer
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant - online

1/1/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Leniec, Cllr Caslte

2/1/22 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on **Monday 13th December 2021** were SIGNED as a correct record

3/1/22 Declarations of Interest

None

4/1/22 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/1/22 Finance Reports

a) The following financial reports were NOTED:

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

Members resolved to request that the Finance Committee earmark unspent budgets to the new financial year.

6/1/22 Facility Reports

Members received, considered and NOTED updates and reports including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- a. Corn Exchange
- b. Pump House
- c. Elms Tennis Court: Clerk to investigate issue of whether OCC or Faringdon Learning Trust are the leaseholders of the tennis court.
- d. Tuckers Play Area
- e. All Saints Church Yard
- f. Town Park
- g. Oakwood Park

- h. Tidy Team
- i. The Wilderness
- j. Bus stops
- k. Salt Bins
- l. Telephone boxes
- m. Highworth Rd Layby
- n. Eagles Park

7/1/22 Energy Audit

Members received and considered quotes for changing all lights in the Corn Exchange and in the Pump House to LED. As quotes seemed very high, members agreed to wait for another quote and defer to next meeting.

8/1/22 The Wilderness

It was PROPOSED that the draft partnership agreement be approved. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

9/1/22 Faringdon Art Society

It was PROPOSED that members agree to the special hire charge for the Corn Exchange in October 2022. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

10/1/22 Town PA System

Members considered the need for a PA system for the Town Centre and received and considered costs. It was PROPOSED that a quote for costs be taken to the Finance Committee and this was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

11/1/22 Live Music in the Corn Exchange

Members received and considered a report about the possibility of live music returning to the Corn Exchange on a regular basis. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that a pilot event be organised in consultation with local residents. It was also agreed that the recommendations made by Cllr Castle, including the possibility of soundproof curtains, be investigated.

12/1/22 Eagles Park

Members received an update on Eagles Park including the possible costs of creating a boules court and putting in a gate at the entrance. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that a proposal will be put together with costs which will be taken to the Finance Committee.

13/1/22 Mayor's Events

Members APPROVED the use of the Corn Exchange for upcoming mayoral events on 9th April and 26th May.

14/1/22 Town Centre Planting

Members considered a suggestion from the Town Centre regeneration working party to increase town centre planting and discussed bulb planting and wild flower planting for other areas. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that

- a) A draft project plan be put together for planters with full costings and maintenance plan
- b) Bulbs should be planted in Town Park

It was also agreed that Cllr Swallow will visit areas owned by the District Council and discuss possible planting in these locations.

15/1/22 Pump House Tables

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to accept quote for new tables.

16/1/22 Town Park

OCC will grant a new 25-year lease for the Town Park but the Town Council has to put forward a plan for the park. Various suggestions raised including Cllr Bentley's that the Town Park could become a non-faith based meeting point, or it could be an amphitheatre for performances and in the past exercise classes have been held here. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that

with the help of Sarah Johnson, the Services and Facilities Officer, a new Town Park Regeneration Working Party be created, led by Cllr Bentley and including Cllr Boulton, Cllr Famakin, Cllr Martin, Cllr Swallow.

17/1/22 Corn Exchange Notice Board

Members received an update on the proposal for a new noticeboard outside the Corn Exchange. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that an audit be done of current noticeboards followed by a plan for new boards and possible new locations with costings.

18/1/22 Pink Pigeon

Members discussed possible location of the metal Pink Pigeon recycling bin and It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to place this in the Southampton Street Car Park where the current grit bin sits, and move the grit bin to near the electricity substation.

19/1/22 Oakwood Park Letter

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to send out letter to residents next to Oakwood Park as per letter to residents who back onto Tuckers Park, clarifying that they have access on to Town Council owned land and that this can be withdrawn at any time. This letter is sent out approximately every 5 years.

20/1/22 Items for Information Only

Clerk has arranged for the water fountain in the Market Place to have a valve replaced at a cost of £89.

21/1/22 Action list update

NOTED

22/1/22 To consider agenda items for the next meeting

- Quotes subsequent to energy audit for putting in LED lights at CEX and Pump House

Meeting ended at 8.03pm