

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL TRUST (Registered Charity No. 202549)

Minutes of the Trust meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.00pm, in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon.

Cllrs. present: Martin (Chair)
Bentley (online)
Castle
Finn (online)
Leniec
Morgan (online)
Swallow
Webb (online)
Wise

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Sarah Johnson, Services & Facilities Officer

1/1/22 Apologies

Cllr Boulton; Joy Blake, Royal British Legion; Bill Law, Royal British Legion

2/1/22 Minutes of last meeting

Error was NOTED in 8/3/21a to correct the spelling of "defences". With this corrected, it was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021 be signed as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

3/1/22 Declarations of interest

None

4/1/22 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/1/22 Report from Royal British Legion

No report received this quarter.

6/1/22 Financial Report

a) Members NOTED a financial report. Balances of £3400 and £8995.40.

b) Members NOTED the annual accounts for 20.21.

c) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED a budget for 2022.23

d) There were no invoices for payment.

7/1/22 Bookings

- a) Members NOTED a bookings report: bookings have started to come in following refurbishment closure. A Spring marketing campaign is to be planned which includes Artweeks in May.
- b) Members discussed a request for reduced hire charges for Faringdon Whist Club. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED a reduction of £153 per annum as requested.
- c) Members considered a proposal for the use of the Old Town Hall over the Jubilee weekend: to hold an exhibition to thank local volunteers and as a marketing exercise possibly to recruit new volunteers. Members supported the proposal and it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED.

8/1/22 Artweeks

- a) Members considered a proposal for a Community Artweeks exhibition in May. The proposal is for local artists to be able to exhibit 3 items in return for help with invigilating the exhibition. Following discussion covering how much officer time this might take up plus the benefits to the town, Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to support the Artweeks exhibition.
- b) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to support the purchase of new art hanging equipment to the sum of £280.42 to replenish what's been lost or damaged over the past 23 years.

9/1/22 Renovations

- a) Members NOTED a report
- b) Members NOTED receipt of the Health and Safety files
- c) Members discussed an opening event at the Old Town Hall following the refurbishment with the suggestion that there be a welcome drinks with invited guests on the Friday evening before the opening of Artweeks on Saturday 14th May. Suggested budget of £100 which could come from the Mayor's allowance. Event and budget PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- d) Members NOTED an update on the possibility of a telephone line. Cost would be £4000 for a new line and a grant has been applied for from OCC grants for wifi installation in village halls. Also arranging a trial of a 4G hub for wifi and the emergency line.

10/1/22 Health and Safety

No health and safety issues

11/1/22 Items for Information Only

Margaret Nairne introduced a new award for 2022 created by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (the SPAB) - the Best-Loved Award – with idea that

The Old Town Hall could be an excellent entrant. Closing date is 28th March 2022. A shortlist of buildings will be drawn up following which a public vote will decide the winner. Awards ceremony to be in London in November 2022 with prizes awarded by Kevin McCloud.

Meeting closed at 19.29