

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of an extra meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6pm in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon**

Members Present: Cllrs: Leniec (Chair)  
Bentley  
Boulton  
Castle  
Finn  
Bentley  
Wise  
Morgan (online, non-voting)

In attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

### **1/1/23 Apologies for Absence**

None

### **2/1/23 Minutes and notes of meetings**

- a) The minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were signed as a correct record.
- b) The notes of a discussion meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were NOTED.

### **3/1/23 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations**

None

### **4/1/23 Public Participation Time**

None

### **5/1/23 Items for Information Only**

None

### **6/1/23 Eagles Park**

- a) Members received and NOTED an update
  - Site cleared by our team.
  - Benches need replacing and could not be repaired as first hoped.
  - Work has started to install court.
  - Sleepers are repurposed as edging and to retain court.

- Twinning association will maintain the court once finished. They plan to plant up beds and raise further funds for extra seating and better edging for flower beds.

Thanks to the FTC team were recorded for their hard work in clearing the site.

- b) It was PROPOSED that a recommendation be made to Full Council that an additional £3,500 be allocated to the project to enable completion, from CIL funding. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

### **7/1/23 Planting Bursary Vouchers**

Members considered a proposal from the Town Centre Regeneration Working Party to replace the grant process for the planting bursary with a voucher scheme.

It was PROPOSED that a voucher scheme be implemented as follows:

20 x £50 vouchers, for planting, be printed with and expiry date in 6 weeks' time.

Terms and conditions for the vouchers are that they can be reimbursed on production of a receipt and photographs. Vouchers can be allocated to town centre businesses only.

This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

Cllr. Finn voted against the proposal as she felt it was unfair that private properties were not getting the same and equal opportunity.

### **8/1/23 Corn Exchange Climate Change grant**

a) Members received notification of successful grant application for £5,000 for LED lighting in the Corn Exchange and accepted the offer.

b) It was PROPOSED that a recommendation be made to Full Council that a quote for £5,501.17 be accepted to replace Corn Exchange lighting to LED. It was further PROPOSED that the £501.17 shortfall should come from CEX maintenance budget. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

### **9/1/23 Tourist Bus**

Members received a proposal for a pilot scheme to operate a tourist bus linking tourist attractions as well as Highworth and Lechlade to Faringdon. It was PROPOSED that a recommendation be made to Full Council that £2,500 be allocated to the pilot scheme from s106 retail park monies.

This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

It was AGREED that:

- The ticket cost should be reduced to £5 with a concessionary fare of £2.50 for 11 and under.
- A service on alternate Saturdays and an alternate weekday in line with Kelmscott Manor and Buscot House opening days.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm