

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL TRUST (Registered Charity No. 202549)

Minutes of the Trust meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7pm, in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Cllr. Ford (Chair)
Cllr. Castle
Cllr. Finn
Cllr. Leniec
Cllr. Webb
Cllr. Wild
Cllr. Wise

In Attendance: Sarah Johnson, Services and Facilities Officer
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Bill Law for Royal British Legion
Cllr. Morgan (online)

1/1/24 Apologies

Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Farmer, Cllr. Morgan

2/1/24 Minutes of last meeting

It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023 be signed as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

3/1/24 Declarations of interest

None

4/1/24 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/1/24 Items for Information Only and Action List

None

6/1/24 Report from Royal British Legion

- a) Members received and NOTED a report from the Royal British Legion including the following points:
 1. The Poppy Appeal for Faringdon and district RBL is currently at £24,271.01 for 23.24
 2. Membership stands at 87

- b) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to hold another War Memorial Exhibition in 2024.

7/1/24 Old Town Hall

- a) Members NOTED an update.
- b) Members NOTED a bookings report.
Re. room hire rates:
Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to continue with discounted room hire rate for the Whist Club.
Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED a £2 increase in the room hire rate from £8 per hour to £10 per hour.
- c) Members considered venue marketing but there is currently limited scope here as the Bookings Clerk and the Leisure Team are working at full capacity. No further action at this stage.
- d) Members considered quotes for the replacement of curtains and blinds as the existing ones are dilapidated and do not comply with current fire regulations. Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Finn SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve a total budget of up to £2000 to include the lowest quote from Thames down Curtains and Blinds and a contingency for any possible remedial work removing the old poles and fixing the new curtain rails.
- e) Cllr. Wise PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve a grant application from FollyFest to include room hire / electricity use.

8/1/24 Finance

- a) Members NOTED a financial report.
Bank account balances at
£3,435.99
£4,284.40
- b) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED a budget for 24.25. Cllr. Finn PROPOSED, Cllr. Wild SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to request £1,000 from the town council grants budget to go towards higher energy bills.
- c) Cllr. Wise PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to ask the Finance Committee to allow further monies to be made available should they be required for energy bills.
- d) There were no invoices for payment.
- e) Members NOTED the charity return receipt for 2022.23.
- f) Current bank signatories are Sarah Johnson, Sally Thurston and Cllr. Finn. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to add Cllr. Ford as a signatory.

9/1/24 Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- Look at performance of the electric heaters.
- Investigate all users of power from OTH source.
- Elect members to organise the Remembrance Exhibition

Meeting closed at 7.38 p.m.