

**FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL TRUST (Registered Charity No. 202549)**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Faringdon War Memorial Trust held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017, at 7pm in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon.**

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| <b>Cllrs present:</b> | <p><b>David Barron (Chair)</b><br/> <b>Kiera Bentley</b><br/> <b>Jane Boulton</b><br/> <b>Julie Farmer</b><br/> <b>Angela Finn</b><br/> <b>Steve Leniec</b><br/> <b>Mike Wise</b><br/> <b>Anne-Marie Wright</b></p>   |
| <b>In attendance:</b> | <p><b>Joy Blake, Royal British Legion</b><br/> <b>Bill Law, Royal British Legion</b><br/> <b>Sally Thurston, Town Clerk</b><br/> <b>Adele Vincent, Trainee Clerk</b></p> <p>Trust members observed a minutes silence to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the battle of Passchendaele. Sgt. James Clements and Private. James Henry Wearn both soldiers from Faringdon lost their lives in this battle.</p>   |
| <b>1/2/17</b>         | <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b><br/> Cllrs. Andrew Marsden, Mark Greenwood and Al Cane</p>  |
| <b>2/2/17</b>         | <p><b>Election of a Vice Chairman</b><br/> It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Anne-Marie Wright be elected as Vice Chairman of the War Memorial Trust. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p>   |
| <b>3/2/17</b>         | <p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b><br/> The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.</p>   |
| <b>4/2/17</b>         | <p><b>Declarations of interest - None</b></p>   |
| <b>5/2/17</b>         | <p><b>Public Speaking and Question Time - None</b></p>  |
| <b>6/2/17</b>         | <p><b>Report from Royal British Legion</b><br/> The Trust received and NOTED a report from the Royal British Legion which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £20,913.38 had been raised so far during the 2016 Poppy Appeal – collections will be held at the White Horse Show and Shrivenham Fete</li> <li>• A service had been held at Shellingford Church to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the battle of Passchendaele.</li> <li>• Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90) will be the Legion's biggest membership event in their history. A tour to WW1 battlefields and cemeteries will mark 90 years since the Great Pilgrimage. A decade after the end of WW1, veterans and war widows visited the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres on 8 August 1928. On 8 August 2018, two representatives from every branch and county or their local community will carry their standards along the same route in Ypres to the Menin Gate, representing an entire generation that served while defending their country. It is hoped that two members from Faringdon can attend but £1,000 needed to be raised for each member. Grants were being applied for.</li> </ul> |

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|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is hoped that plans can begin for Faringdon to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1. Adele Vincent, Faringdon Town Council, would be leading this and would call a meeting shortly.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>7/2/17</b>  | <b>Financial Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Trust received and NOTED a financial report.</li> <li>It was PROPOSED that the Trust request reimbursement from Faringdon Town Council for hire charges granted to Folly Fest which amounted to £120 for the 3 days. This was RESOLVED</li> </ul>  |
| <b>8/2/17</b>  | <b>Bookings</b><br>The Trust received and NOTED a report on bookings in the Old Town Hall.  |
| <b>9/2/17</b>  | <b>Funding Application</b><br>The Trust received and NOTED an update, which highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An application had been made to the War Memorial Trust and we are awaiting news.</li> <li>Continuing with public engagement events and recording evidence</li> <li>A Leader funding grant is being explored.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>10/2/17</b> | <b>Remembrance Exhibition</b><br>The Trust received and NOTED an update, which highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTH is now booked for weekend</li> <li>Faringdon Community College are keen to work with the Trust and the RBL to help with the exhibition – a meeting is scheduled in September to discuss further. Joy Blake requested that an update was circulated to Trust members after the meeting.</li> <li>A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 2nd August to discuss the exhibition. It was requested that Wednesdays be avoided in the future to allow Mark Stone to attend who will be involved in the exhibition. This was AGREED.</li> </ul> |
| <b>11/2/17</b> | <b>Health and Safety</b> - No issues at present   |
| <b>12/2/17</b> | <b>Items for Information Only</b><br>Cllr. Wise is currently updating the war memorial records and it is now thought that a complete list for Faringdon Town has been compiled.   |