

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra Venues Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 23rd October 2014 at 7.15pm in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs Ms J Farmer (Chairman)
I Bell
Mrs J Boulton
D Price

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M Blatch
Deputy Town Clerk
Town Clerk's Assistant

65/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms A Finn, Ms K Draper and S Leniec.

66/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

67/14 Minutes of Meeting – Tuesday, 23 September 2014

The Minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday, 23 September 2014.

68/14 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

69/14 Public Speaking Time

No member of the public wished to speak at this stage of the meeting.

In view of the confidential nature and commercial sensitivity of the following item, the Chairman proposed invoking Town Council Standing Order No. 1(c) which states that Press and Public should be asked to withdraw from the meeting. The proposal was seconded and CARRIED.

70/14 Corn Exchange Bar

A tender from Mr Mark Blatch was received for consideration. Mr Blatch outlined the background to his tender and answered queries raised.

Following his presentation, Mr Blatch left the meeting.

The members considered the options available, one of which was that Town Council could run the bar itself. However, it was AGREED that this was not possible at this moment in time.

It was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that Mr Blatch be invited to operate the Corn Exchange on the terms and conditions as discussed and agreed with Mr Blatch.

It was NOTED that Mr Blatch or a representative should attend each Venues Committee Meeting, or in the event there was no-one available, a written report should be submitted.

It was AGREED that a letter of thanks should be written from the Town Council to the current bar franchisee as he had provided an excellent service over many years.