

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a meeting of the Facilities Committee be held on Wednesday 17th April, 2019 in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Faringdon.	
Cllrs Present	Jane Boulton (Chair) Kiera Bentley Beverley Capewell Andrew Marsden
In attendance	Sally Thurston, Town clerk
1/3/19	Apologies for Absence Phil Matson, Facilities Manager, Cllrs. Steve Leniec and Angela Finn
2/3/19	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th March 2019 were signed as a correct record
3/3/19	Declarations of Interest None
4/3/19	Public Question and Speaking Time None
5/3/19	Finance Members NOTED the following financial reports: a) Corn Exchange b) Pump House c) Recreation and Open Spaces
6/3/19	Facilities Reports Members NOTED updates and reports including: a) Elms Tennis Court b) Allotments c) Tuckers Play area d) All Saints Church Yard e) Town park f) Oakwood Park g) Christmas Lights h) Tidy Team i) Corn Exchange j) Pump House k) Venue Bookings
7/3/19	Health and Safety Members NOTED action points for the annual health and safety audit
8/3/19	Corn Exchange a) It was PROPOSED that a draft lease for the Old Council Chamber be recommended to the Full Council. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. b) Members considered installation of Wi-Fi in the Corn Exchange following the withdrawal of Town Wi-Fi by VWHDC. Members felt more investigation was necessary before the installation of broadband as this was costly. It was PROPOSED that Officers: a. Contact existing hirers and assess the need for Wi-Fi connection b. Put a question to the community to assess if Wi-Fi was needed in the Corn exchange c. Contact the VWHDC and ask if there were plans to reinstate Wi-Fi in the Town Centre. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
9/3/19	Condition Surveys Members considered a quote to carry out a condition surveys on the Corn Exchange and Pump House to enable a 5-year maintenance plan to be drawn up. It was PROPOSED that Weaver Khan Architects be instructed to carry out the surveys, and that the cost be taken from the maintenance budget. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

10/3/19	<p>Mayors Photographs</p> <p>Members considered locations for the photographs of previous Mayors following the installation of the museum It was PROPOSED that the photographs be hung up the staircase in the Pump House. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
11/3/19	<p>Rubbish Bins</p> <p>This item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>
12/3/19	<p>Grit Bin</p> <p>Members received a request to site a grit bin in the Town Centre. Members felt that a grit bin would be unsightly in the historic Town Centre. A bin is available in the Southampton Street Carpark. It was PROPOSED that no bin should be sited in the Town Centre. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
13/3/19	<p>Allotments</p> <p>a) Members NOTED a report b) It was PROPOSED that partnership agreement with Faringdon Allotment Society be APPROVED. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. The chairman duly signed the agreement.</p>
14/3/19	<p>Food Bank</p> <p>Members considered a proposal to house a food bank in the Pump House. It was PROPOSED this proposal be APPROVED. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. It was further PROPOSED that the Clerk draw up a partnership agreement and that it be suggested that the Community and Partnerships Committee manage the partnership. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
15/3/19	<p>Southampton Street Carpark</p> <p>Members considered a proposal to refurbish Southampton Street Carpark from the Earth and Faith group. It was PROPOSED that The Clerk be delegated to progress with the proposal with the group in conjunction with VWHDC. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
16/3/19	<p>Sensory Garden</p> <p>a) Members NOTED an update. The committee were very saddened to learn that the Sensory Garden would not go ahead, and that the Willes Close Triangle lease would be terminated on 14/6/2019. b) Members received a request to site a statue, originally planned for the Sensory Garden, in Town Park. Members were very concerned that the statue would be vandalised in the Town park, as there had been several cases of vandalism recently. The small garden at the end of the Eagles was suggested, although ownership of the land was unknown. The Clerk was asked to pass this suggestion on to the Sensory Garden committee for consideration. c) Members considered future options for Willes Close Triangle. It was PROPOSED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Clerk Contact the owner of the adjacent land to advise that the council were back in control of the triangle from 14/6/2019 and discuss possibilities. b. The Clerk investigate Community Orchards costs and grants c. Advise councillors of local community orchards for them to visit d. Bring findings to the next meeting <p>This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
17/3/19	<p>Flower Pasture</p> <p>Members discussed the idea of a flower pasture in Faringdon. Members felt this was a good idea but needed further exploration. Cllr. Bentley would research further and submit a motion under notice to council.</p>
18/3/19	<p>Items for Information Only</p> <p>Members were informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work will begin on The Old Theatre Roof after Easter – awaiting date • The capped meter charge in the Pump House has been waived for 6 months. This can only take place for 6 months then will need to be removed.
19/3/19	<p>Agenda items for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willes Close triangle • Wi-Fi in the Corn exchange update • Southampton Street Carpark update

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