

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



<b>Minutes of a Facilities Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.</b>	
<b>Cllrs Present:</b>	<b>Kiera Bentley (Chair)</b> <b>Jane Boulton</b> <b>Julie Farmer</b> <b>Liz Swallow</b>
<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Sally Thurston (Town Clerk)</b> <b>Joanne King (Town Clerk's Assistant)</b>
<b>1/5/19</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllrs. Mike Wise, Angela Finn and Steve Leniec.
<b>2/5/19</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> The minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 were signed as a correct record.
<b>3/5/19</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None
<b>4/5/19</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None
<b>5/5/19</b>	<b>Financial reports</b> a) Members NOTED financial reports for: a) Corn Exchange b) Pump House c) Recreation and Open Spaces b) Members considered projects that need costing for the 2020/2021 financial year. Two projects were put forward, Town Park; to add native hedging and general nature development within all of Faringdon, planting trees etc
<b>6/5/19</b>	<b>Christmas Lights 2019</b> Members NOTED an update, highlights including refurbishment of overhead strings are well underway, new lights to be purchased for central tree and Chamber of Commerce donated £1000 to project.
<b>7/5/19</b>	<b>Facilities Reports</b> Members NOTED the following updates and reports: a) Elms Tennis Court b) Allotments c) Tuckers Play area d) All Saints Church Yard e) Town park f) Oakwood Park g) Tidy Team h) Grit Bins i) Bus Shelters j) Corn Exchange k) Pump House l) Lift inspections
<b>8/5/19</b>	<b>Willes Close</b> Members NOTED an update on Willes Close wildlife sanctuary, it was highlighted to members that advice from Wild Oxfordshire had been received to install entrance gate and cut pathways. MEMBERS PROPOSED to take this part of project to finance to request that the grant money secured from the County Councillors Priority Fund was

	released. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. Clerk to investigate the source of flooding on hobble path and possible spillage and contamination into Willes nature reserve.
9/5/19	<b>Bus shelters on Marlborough Street</b> Members NOTED an update, it was highlighted that following request from a member of the public, costings had been received and that no planning permission was required. Clerk to investigate funding from S106 monies
10/5/19	<b>Town Council App</b> Members NOTED an update.
11/5/19	<b>Remembrance Day Flags</b> Members NOTED an update, Royal British Legion would like to promote the remembrance exhibition, it was agreed that flags will be fixed to the bollards and removed at night.
12/5/19	<b>Town Centre Regeneration Working Party</b> a) Members NOTED reports for the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Fountain</li> <li>• Benches and planters</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Bentley, Julie Farmer and Rosalind Burns on panel to review artistic applications for this project, also the Town sign and plastic bottle sculptures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town sign</li> <li>• Plastic Bottle Sculptures</li> <li>• Table License</li> </ul> <p>Members were informed planning application had been submitted.</p> <p>b) Members considered wildflowers in public spaces, on verges and in parks. The Clerk would arrange for all Council owned parks to be assessed and report back to a future meeting. This item would remain on the agenda for updates from the Climate Emergency Working Party.</p> <p>c) It was AGREED that a craft fair would be held weekly in the Pump House on Saturday mornings alongside Councillor Surgeries. Starting November 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>d) Members received and considered applications forms for the Planting and Painting Bursary. Members PROPOSED that Policy and application forms be APPROVED and that the project was launched as soon as possible. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p>
13/5/19	<b>Climate Change</b> Members NOTED the following updates and reports a) Reusable partyware for venues. Faringdon Town Council to state policy on single use plastic and encourage hirers to support this. b) Utilities – green energy, to be reviewed 2021. c) Audit of council practices, review is underway. d) Suggestion from the climate emergency public meeting, deferred until after next Climate Change working party meeting.
14/5/19	<b>Condition Surveys</b> Members NOTED condition surveys for: a) The Pump House, quotes being sought for next meeting b) The Corn Exchange, no update
15/5/19	<b>Southampton Street Carpark</b> Members NOTED report from VWHDC which highlighted that they are to clear flower beds to allow Earth and Faith to plant them. The raised bed at back of Budgens would be removed, walls cleaned, and signs replaced.
16/5/19	<b>Items for Information Only</b> The Clerk shared an idea for a living museum trail using bus shelters. This would be brought to a future meeting for discussion.
17/5/19	<b>To suggest agenda items for the next meeting</b> Bus shelter Town Park Climate Emergency Electric Cars reduced parking fee

**The meeting closed at 8.39pm**