

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6 p.m. in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

**Cllrs present:** Cllr. Wild (Chair)  
Cllr. Boulton  
Cllr. Castle  
Cllr. Leniec  
Cllr. Webb

**In attendance:** Sarah Johnson, Services & Facilities Officer  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant

**In attendance remotely:** Cllr. Finn

### **1/1/25 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Finn, Cllr. Norris; Cllr. Palmer

### **2/1/25 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 4th November 2024 were signed as a correct record.

### **3/1/25 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **4/1/25 Public Question and Speaking Time**

None

### **5/1/25 Project list**

Members NOTED the project and action list.

### **6/1/25 Precept budget 2025/26**

a) Members NOTED financial reports

I. Corn Exchange

II. Pump House

III. Recreation and Open Space

b) Members APPROVED draft budgets for 2025/26

I. Corn Exchange: Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the budget for the Corn Exchange.

II. Pump House: Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the budget for The Pump House.

III. Recreation and Open Spaces: Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the budget for Recreation and Open Spaces.

- c) Members considered and NOTED the proposed capital expenditure projects for 2025/26
  - I. Corn Exchange
  - II. Pump House
  - III. Recreation and Open Space

**7/1/25 Members NOTED updates and reports including decisions taken under delegated authority:**

- a) Corn Exchange
- b) Pump House
- c) Elms Tennis Court
- d) Tuckers Play Area
- e) All Saints Church Yard
- f) Town Park
- g) Oakwood Park
- h) The Wilderness
- i) Bus stops
- j) Salt Bins
- k) Telephone boxes
- l) Highworth Rd Layby
- m) Eagles Park/ Clos Mèlois
- n) Planters
- o) Noticeboards

**8/1/25 Corn Exchange**

- a) Members NOTED continued action towards the refurbishment programme for the Corn Exchange.
- b) Members considered quotes for a new stage for the purposes of storage. Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to forward this to the Finance and Audit Committee for approval with the quote for £4977.82 from Metrodeck/ Stage Solutions with money to come from reserves.
- c) Members considered quotes for a commercial dishwasher. Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Boulton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to forward this to the Finance and Audit Committee for approval with the quote for £1500 from Buffalo with money to come from reserves.

**9/1/25 Pump House. This item was deferred to the next meeting.**

- a) To receive and consider quotes for the redecoration of the building.
- b) To receive and consider quotes for repairing the sash windows.
- c) To consider obtaining quotes for the refurbishment of the toilets.
- d) To receive and consider quotes for the restoration of the two Bennett portraits.

**10/1/25 Canada Lane telephone box**

Members considered the quote available for completing the work decorating the telephone box which will contain a defibrillator. Subject to the recent planning applicant for the old Infant's School site not carrying out the work themselves, members agreed to approve the single quote obtained on the basis of a single-source justification note to be placed on file, with funds to come from reserves.

**11/1/25 Fire extinguishers**

Members considered quotes for replacing 12 x fire extinguishers (Corn Exchange x 6 and the Pump House x 6) as per recent Pyrotec report. Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Boulton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to forward to the Finance and Audit Committee for approval of the quote for £1099.55 from Pyrotec with money to come from reserves.

**12/1/25 Replacement bus shelter Coxwell Road**

Members considered quotes to install a new bus shelter. Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to forward this to the Finance and Audit Committee for approval of the quote from Ace Shelters. There is £4900 paid by insurance for replacement.

**13/1/25 Model horse: This item was deferred to the next meeting.**

To consider the sale of the horse

**14/1/25 Oakwood Park: This item was deferred to the next meeting.**

- a) To receive an update on the refurbishment of Oakwood Park.
- b) To consider a public consultation process and project actions.
- c) To consider and recommend that all refurbishment costs are funded from CIL.
- d) To consider and resolve the maximum spend for replacement play equipment.

**15/1/25 The Place: This item was deferred to the next meeting.**

To receive and consider the repair or replacement of a number of fire doors.

**16/1/25 Items for information only: This item was deferred to the next meeting.****17/1/25 To consider agenda items for the next meeting: This item was deferred to the next meeting.**

**Meeting ended at 6.56pm**