

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 via Teams virtual conference

1/2/20 Apologies for Absence

Sjoerd Vogt (tennis Club) and Cllr. Martin

2/2/20 Roll Call

Chair welcomed the start of the meeting and reminded that the meeting was being recorded

Members present: Cllrs. Thomas, Bentley, Castle, Morgan, Swallow, Wise

Members of the public present: Kristine Douglas Yoco

Representative of Faringdon Brownies

1 Member of the Public

Officers present: Sally Thurston Town Clerk,

Marzia Sellitti Deputy Town Clerk

Jo King Town Clerks Assistant

3/2/20 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Community and Partnership Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30th September were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record

4/2/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Thomas declared an interest in item 6,13 and 16 (as a member of the Twinning Association and Faringdon Junior School).

Cllr. Wise declared an interest on item 6 (as a member of the Twinning Association)

5/2/20 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

6/2/20 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED an update from the following partner agencies:

- Farcycles and Twinning- David Williamson spoke about the success of the cycle park in town, which is attracting increasingly more people into Faringdon. DW informed the committee that a new gym equipment has been installed in the cycle park and that this was highly used in the weekends. It was NOTED that the better ways to school is still progressing very slowly despite the emphasis of OCC on sustainable transports and cycling routes.
- Yoco - Christine Douglas spoke about Yoco holding weekly virtual classes and mentioned a new Programme being launched 5 k to couch to keep young people fit. It was NOTED that a new Kenya trip will be planned when the Pandemic will be over. KD reminded members that Yoco welcome new suggestions to keep reaching young and marginalized people during the pandemic.
- A representative of the Brownies spoke about the ongoing action carried by the group in Faringdon, with weekly online meeting and craft activities.

7/2/20 The Place

Members NOTED a progress report from The Place. It was NOTED that Wednesday 2nd December the Place had the first face to face interaction. The baby massage group will also meet in the first week of January. It was NOTED that the volunteering meetings are ongoing and successful.

8/2/20 Precept 2021/22

- a) Members NOTED a financial report (attached)
- b) Members NOTED a reduction in income in and expenditure for cinema as advised by NALC. It was PROPOSED to approve the recommended draft budgets of £16.885 for 2021/22 to take to the next finance meeting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- c) Members NOTED that no capital expenditure projects were put forward for 2021/22

9/2/20 Community Engagement

- a) Members NOTED an update on recent community engagement.
- b) Members NOTED a program for future events in Faringdon.

10/2/20 Safer Streets Partnerships

- a) Members NOTED an update from Cllr. Bentley on closing streets in Faringdon to play. Members acknowledged that there is potential for a collaboration with the Playing out organization. The idea will entail to identify potential areas, consulting residents, for temporary streets closure to allow children to play safely from traffic. It was PROPOSED to investigate further this project to plan appropriately the time needed by FTC officers to develop this project.
- b) Members NOTED an update on the progress of a partnership to make streets around schools safer. This will be investigated further by Cllr. Thomas and Cllr. Swallow in conjunction with the Deputy Town Clerk.

11/2/20 Food Bank

Members NOTED an update from the FOOD bank. It was NOTED that the Town Council is still operating the Food Bank due to the Pandemic. It was also NOTED an increase in numbers of users since September from 34 adults to 65, together with an increase of families being supported by the Food Bank. The town council staff was thanked for the remarkable work done so far. It was also NOTED the generosity of community members, businesses, and Waitrose for the large donations.

12/2/20 Community Fridge

Due to the absence of Cllr. Smith, leading the project, this discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

13/2/20 Youth Grants

- a) Members received a recommendation from the Youth Grants Working Party to award full grant to the following:
Faringdon Brownies –£ 1328
Yoco- £ 2000.
Faringdon Junior School- £ 2000 for the purchase of chrome books (conditions apply)
It was PROPOSED to award a full grant for the organizations. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED
- b) Members NOTED a request from the Grant Sub-committee to award a £2000 grant to Be Free Young Carers from the youth grant budget. It was PROPOSED to approve the request. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

14/2/20 Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust

Members NOTED an update on the development partnership to develop wildlife sites in Faringdon. They were informed that the Town Clerk has contacted the organization and is currently waiting for a response.

15/2/20 Community Warden Schemes

Members received and NOTED that two information packs have been created in respect of the Footpath warden scheme and the Snow warden scheme and are ready to be promoted to recruit volunteers. It was PROPOSED to approve the schemes. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED

16/2/20 Boxes of Joy

Members NOTED an update on a new project from community initiative 'Flowers for Molly'. It was NOTED a that Cllr. Wise(in the role of Mayor) will sign the Christmas card accompanying the boxes of joy.

17/2/20 Items for Information

- Members NOTED an update on the Portway Underpass. Communication with the District is ongoing, but no work will be undertaken until late in the next year.
- Members NOTED the Christmas light have been switched on in Town. The light switch has been recorded live on social media.
- Member NOTED a request to improve and maintain the Park opposite the Swan in partnership with the District.
- Members NOTED that a survey was recently published online allowing local business to register their name in the new town welcome pack. The survey has received many positive responses with a total number of 54 registrations.
- Members NOTED a community survey was recently published and had a huge success collecting over 160 responses.
- Members NOTED that the new Town welcome packs are almost ready and will be soon distributed in the estate agencies in Faringdon.

18/2/20 To consider agenda items for the next meeting

- To contact TESCO regarding providing litter bins to help reducing littering in the Hobble.

Meeting ended at 20:45