

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 31st March 2021 via Teams virtual conference.

1/1/21 Apologies for Absence

Carole Gough, The Place

2/1/21 Roll Call

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

Members present Cllrs. Thomas (Chair)

Bentley (arrived at item 7)

Castle

Martin

Morgan

Smith

Swallow

Wise

Members of the public present:

Partnership attendees

Representative, 2nd Faringdon Brownies

Lou Smith, Pump House Project (left at item 8)

Andrew Brown, Pump House Project (left at item 8)

Mairead Boyce, Food Bank

Christine Douglas, YOCO (left at item 9)

Martin Gillet, Oxfordshire Play Association (arrived at item 9)

Pan De Witt, Earth and Faith

David Williamson, Far Cycles

2 Members of the Public

Officers present

Marzia Sellitti Deputy Town Clerk

Jo King Town Clerks Assistant

3/1/21 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Community and Partnership Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

4/1/21 Declarations of Interest

None

5/1/21 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

6/1/21 Financial reports

- a) It was NOTED there is £2650 left in the events budget as events have not taken place. It was PROPOSED to earmark these funds for COVID-19 recovery events. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- b) Members received and NOTED a report on youth grants awarded.
- c) It was PROPOSED to recommend finance that the remaining funds £1272 are earmarked for next year. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

7/1/21 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED an update report from the Pump House Project

8/1/21 The Place

- a) Members received and NOTED a progress report.
- b) It was PROPOSED to accept the Terms of Reference for a Steering Committee. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

9/1/21 Community Engagement

- a) Members NOTED an update on recent community engagement.
Members discussed it would it be good idea to produce a short report/infographic for social media outlets to publish immediately after council meetings. Following lengthy discussion members NOTED matter will be deferred to next Full Council meeting to include all members.
It was NOTED monthly Advertiser going well.
It was NOTED that idea to consider larger media coverage was discussed and should be investigated further.
- b) Members considered future events Programme, it was NOTED that FTC could host two outdoor cinema in 2022 if too unsafe to host this event in summer 2020. This matter will be reviewed in due course depending on the government updates.
- c) Members discussed ideas to hold frequent summer markets and small events and introduce road closures to promote socially friendly environment in the town centre. It was PROPOSED to defer this item to the Full Council and for the task ultimately to be given to the COV19 recovery working party. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

10/1/21 Motion Under Notice

Members received the following motion proposed by Cllr. Swallow and Pam:
To support COP-26 in November this year (2021) to promote amongst residents, community groups and schools of Faringdon a tree planting project endorsed and supported by the Town Council. The Faringdon Churches Together 'Earth and Faith' Group have initiated this idea, but with the involvement of Faringdon Town Council to link together other interest groups to bring to life COP-26, our declaration of Climate Emergency and educating residents on carbon capture and the benefits of increasing biodiversity in our area.

It was PROPOSED to support this motion. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

11/1/21 Food Bank

Members NOTED an update on the Food Bank.

It was NOTED thanks to Clerk and officers for running the Food Bank, enabling it to be open throughout lock down, supporting many families. Also, the generosity of the public, organisations and business in donating food and money had been staggering.

12/1/21 Community Larder

Members NOTED an update.

13/1/21 Youth Club

- a) It was NOTED that next Oxfordshire Play association play day will be 6th August 2021.
- b) Members received and considered a proposal to deliver a youth club in Faringdon in partnership with the Oxfordshire Play Association. It was confirmed funding of £7,539.74 from Oxfordshire County Council had been secured to be used for the project, and a grant to cover the shortfall of £7,744.10 was requested from Faringdon Town Council. Members welcomed, being much needed in Faringdon. It was PROPOSED to recommend this grant to Full Council for approval with clarification of where the funds would be allocated from. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

14/1/21 Community Warden Schemes

Members NOTED an update.

15/1/21 Litter

- a) Members NOTED an update on future litter pick events.
- b) Members discussed littering and possible solutions; it was NOTED Pigeon bin already planned. It was NOTED members requested that Tesco to be contacted about installing a bin in that area.
- c) Members discussed an ongoing matter regarding dog feces in Faringdon. It was PROPOSED to work with VWHDC dog warden and carry out a dog poo campaign. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

16/1/21 Town Park -Fitness Project

Members received and considered a proposal of a pilot project for subsidised outdoor Fitness sessions for adults and children in Town Park to promote mental and physical wellbeing. It was PROPOSED to APPROVE a proposal for subsidised outdoor Fitness sessions in Town Park and to make recommendation to Finance to allocate £180 budget to run the pilot project. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

17/1/21 Saturday Market

It was PROPOSED to make the Saturday market weekly following increased interest and requests from residents. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

18/1/21 Community Lottery

Members NOTED an update on a new funding project to be launched by VWHDC.

19/1/21 Items for Information Only

- Waymark Property had donated £300 towards purchasing trellis in Southampton St car park.
- To NOTE agenda item for Full Council, photocopying certificates, and purchase frames for High Sheriff awards.
- Grant applications Learning Hub and for The Place had been submitted.

20/1/21 To consider agenda items for the next meeting.

Food bank co-ordination with the Pump House project

Meeting ended at 9:38pm