



### Sally's Summary

This regular feature will include a round up from the meetings over the month. Full minutes are available on our website.

#### Faringdon Town Council Annual Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

Cllr. Kiera Bentley was elected Mayor and Cllr. Liz Swallow elected as Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Mike Wise was thanked for his many years of service to the town.



The following committee chairs were also elected:

Finance and Audit: Cllr. Leniec, Planning and Highways: Cllr. Boulton, Community and Partnerships: Cllr. Castle, Facilities: Cllr. Burns. Members were also elected to committees, working parties and outside bodies.

#### Other business

The Town Centre bollard replacement project was approved. The Pump House Project were granted a 5 -year lease. A project to make Eagles Park a Boules Court in partnership with the Twinning Association was moved to the next stage.

#### Town Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The annual meeting of town residents took place online. Reports from the council and a variety of organisations were received. Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions and a presentation from Solar Streets energy was received. The Solar Street project will be launched with a public meeting in the summer. Date to be announced shortly.

#### Finance and Audit Committee - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

The committee reviewed and approved end of year reports, balances and reserves, Asset Register and Financial Regulations. These can be viewed on our website.

Members agreed to continue the Painting and Planting Bursary. The Clerk was delegated authority to apply for funding to replace the town centre bollards, this project would be recommended to the town council.

A project was considered to purchase the ground floor of the former Volunteer Public House to ensure it remained a community space. This was approved in principal but was referred to the Strategic Working Party for full discussion and investigation and to formulate a recommendation to Council.

#### Planning & highways – update

OCC will conduct a speed survey in Lechlade Rd, the 20-mph scheme is moving forwards and a new Faringdon street name policy is in place.

### Grants

The following grants have recently been awarded:

Faringdon.org	£54	Website costs
Farcycles	£2,578	Various initiatives around the cycle park
Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust	£1,100	Running costs
Folly Tower Trust	£5,000	Running costs
Folly Fest	£3,000	Running costs
The Pump House Project	£1,050	Youth Counselling
Faringdon Community College	£1,320	Duke of Edinburgh Award running costs

### Councillor Profile - Cllr. Rosalind Burns

I have been lucky enough to make my home in Faringdon for the past six years. Since retiring from teaching, I have immersed myself in this fine community, helping at the library, our fair-trade shop and running a U3A activity group. I support local businesses and take part in many local ventures. Last year I joined the Faringdon branch of the Labour Party and have recently been elected as its chairperson. In May 2019 I was elected as a town councillor and continue to look for ways to serve our local community, by involvement in the different committees, with particular focus on projects such as the reintroduction of young traders market, town regeneration and in the preservation of some of the green spaces in Faringdon.



### CIL- Funds applications open

We welcome any organisation and community group in Faringdon to apply for funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund, using the form on our website.



<https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/>

Please get in touch if you have any ideas or comments. You can email or call the Town Clerk:

[sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or call: **01367 240281**

Contact [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) 01367 240281

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## Meetings in June

2<sup>nd</sup> June-Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust and Faringdon War Memorial Trust Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> June -Full Council

23<sup>rd</sup> June -Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> June -Grant Sub Committee Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> June -Community & Partnership Committee Meeting



## Fundraising for the Place Family and Children's Project

The Place is still seeking new fundraising volunteers who can raise funds for an important cause. If you are looking for a rewarding role with an organisation that makes a difference to families in Faringdon, The Place would like to hear from you. Contact [marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Town Fitness Park

Mission Fitness delivers three short sessions to teach people how to get fit whilst having fun and meeting new people. The sessions take place every Saturday morning from 9:15 until 11:30 in Town park, behind the library. New exciting training classes are on their way suitable for rainy or sunny weather. Check the Faringdon Town Council website or FTC Facebook page to register your free place. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

## Keep Faringdon Clean and Tidy

Take part in our anti-litter campaign by designing an eye-catching poster. Please send your designs to [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) by the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2021. Open to children up to 12 years old.



**Saturday Market every Saturday** - Join us for our weekly Saturday Market from 10am to 1pm in the Market Place. To book a stall please contact: [Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Faringdon Information Centre

Now open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1pm on Saturdays. Our museum will re-open on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## June Artist of the month

Faringdon Information Centre are happy to welcome Rose Coughlan as our Artist of the month for June. Our aim this year is to promote artists that have started a new



craft or skill during lockdown and give these artists a platform to showcase their newly learnt skills. Rose moved to Faringdon five years ago and has been learning the new craft of pom-pom making during lockdown with her sister, Mary Corbett, who lives in the Peak District. They started with hairbands and went on to pompom crowns, wands, bobbles and ties. They are excited to expand the range to now include nursery items. They are currently working on Christmas tree decorations, which include Christmas pudding baubles!

Please do pop into the Information Centre in the Pump House during June to see the fantastic pompom creations.

## Climate Emergency Declaration - update

Faringdon Town Council continues to investigate green solutions in response to the Climate Emergency declaration of 2019. At the Annual meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May the council changed all utilities contracts to green suppliers. A tree planting campaign has been launched by Earth and Faith with the support of the Town Council. Sites are being investigated to allocate planting. If interested, please contact [cllr.swallow@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.swallow@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

## The Wilderness

We had our first volunteer day in the Wilderness on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Thank you to everyone who took part and collected so much rubbish! If you would like to volunteer for the Wilderness Project, a designated wildlife sanctuary in the land next to the Hobble footpath, please contact [marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



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