



Sally's Summary

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

Facilities Committee 17th March 2021

- Members agreed a staged reopening of the Council venues, starting on April 12th, in line with government guidance.
- A plan to revamp the Town Centre with new bollards, in partnership with the County Council who will be resurfacing, will be recommended to the Finance Committee.
- It was agreed to create a recycling bin sculptured in the shape of a pigeon in the Hobble, using s106 arts funding.
- Members agreed to investigate improvements for Town Park – watch this space for consultations coming soon!



Full Council 10th March 2021

Recommendations from the Parking Working Party were approved:

1. The Clerk will write to Town Centre businesses to inform about parking and loading.
 2. Barrier at bottom of bus lane to be investigated further.
 3. To investigate staggered, 30min parking on London street
- Faringdon Town Council resolved to support the Climate and Ecology Emergency (CEE) Bill. Faringdon Town Council declared a state of Climate Emergency on 11th September 2019. Since then, the council has focused on making the soundest ecological and environmental decisions possible.



The re-opening plans for Faringdon Information Centre and Town Council were noted, these may change depending on government advice.

12th April - Information Centre reopens with restrictions 9am to 12.30pm. Corn Exchange opens for regular hirers providing children's activities.

17th May - Information Centre returns to 9am to 4pm opening. Controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity in Venues. Foodbank volunteers to return.

21st June – services return to normal.

28th June – Public Meeting in the Corn Exchange

Planning and Highways 24th February 2021

13 planning applications were considered full details of these are available on our website.

It was agreed to make a recommendation to Council that the Faringdon Neighborhood Plan be reviewed. The project will start after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted to allow face to face consultation. If you are interested in taking part in the review process, please contact:

Marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



Newsflash... Faringdon will be in receipt of funding from developers at the end of 2021. Does your group need funding? A new working party has been set up to consider applications and spending opportunities. Visit the CIL page on our website to find out more.

The Trusts

The Town Council are the sole trustee for both Tuckers Park and the Old Town Hall, which is a dedicated war memorial. Both trusts had meetings in March, here are the highlights:

Faringdon War Memorial Trust 3rd March 2021



- Exciting News - A grant has been received to enable a full refurbishment of the Old Town Hall in 2021; full details will be in next month's edition.
- The Old Town Hall has remained closed throughout CV-19.

Tuckers Recreation Ground Trust 3rd March 2021

- The football club are working towards building new changing facilities and have made pitch improvements.
- Scarrott's Fair have requested to hold their annual fair in June 2021, this was agreed if CV-19 restrictions allow. The football club requested that special care was taken of newly treated and improved pitches.
- Investigation into a possible multi-use games area at Tuckers Park has discovered that there is no ideal location in the park. Therefore, alternative locations will be investigated.
- A new junior pitch and training area will be investigated.



Councillor Profile – Cllr. Kimberly Morgan



I became a resident of the United Kingdom in 2010 and moved to Faringdon in 2013 after buying a home in town. In 2017 I became a British citizen and in May 2018, I was elected as a Faringdon town councillor. I am on a number of council committees including Community and Partnerships, Traffic Advisory, and Finance and Audit along with being on the Parking working party. I also represent Faringdon Town Council at our local Neighbourhood Action Group. In addition to being a town councillor, I am also a community governor for Faringdon Infant School, a trustee for Wantage Independent Advice Centre and a member of the White Horse Medical Practice Patient Participation Group. All of that keeps me very busy but my most treasured role is being a single mother to a young son. Feel free to say hello when you see us out and about in town!

Meetings in April

Full Council – April 14th

Planning and Highways – April 21st

Finance and Audit – 28th April

Please join us via Microsoft Teams, details, agendas and links are available on our website.

Town Clerk Passes Community Governance Degree

Sally Thurston, your Town Clerk, has been awarded a First in her Community Governance Degree after 6 years of study. The presentation was made virtually at the Society of Local Council Clerks Practitioners conference in February. Sally was also awarded the Blachere prize for the highest average mark. The course has benefitted the Town Council in many ways over the years and ensures that the council remains at the forefront of any legislation changes and changes in the sector. Sally begins a Masters in Public Management in April 2021.



War Memorial Flower arrangements

Faringdon Town council has been working with community groups to provide flowers on the War Memorial. We would like to thank "Flowers from Molly", Faringdon History Society and Faringdon United Church for the beautiful floral arrangements so far this year.



If your group would

like to get involved in this very important community project, please contact

adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Faringdon Information Centre is set to reopen on the 12th of April once government restrictions are lifted. We will open Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays. Please pop in to see our range of maps, guidebooks, Faringdon souvenirs, local artist gifts, soaps, cards, Uffington Pottery and much more. Our friendly team are happy to help with any questions or queries you may have.



Artist of the month



Faringdon Information Centre would like to welcome Tracy Barker as the artist of the month for April. Tracy first discovered the delights of sea glass early in 2020

whilst visiting a friend in Cornwall. Since then, she has managed to amass a rather impressive collection of pieces of broken bottles and suchlike which have somehow found their way into the sea. After decades of being pounded, churned, tumbled and smoothed by the sea and sand, each piece of glass she uses in her creations happened one day to end up on the shore at her feet. During the first lockdown of 2020, Tracy turned her newfound passion into creating one-of-a kind art and sterling silver jewellery and Seaberry Moon was born! As time went on, she created other gifts - sun-catchers, candle holders, wine-glass charms, small Christmas trees and bookmarks to name a few. To see Tracy's wonderful creations please pop into the Information Centre from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Footpath wardens in Faringdon

Our Footpath warden packs will soon be ready for collection! We are looking for volunteers to join the two new schemes in Faringdon, looking to start as soon as restrictions are lifted. People interested in these projects are invited to fill the application form on our website, or from the Information Centre.



Community Support

Faringdon Foodbank

Monday and Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm. The Faringdon Foodbank is aimed at supporting people who are in financial crisis. If you need support, please call: 07548 535855 (this number is only accessed during operating hours) or email Faringdonfoodbank@gmail.com



The Place supports families in Faringdon

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