

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon.

1/2/21 Apologies for Absence

Carole Gough, The Place

Roll Call

Members present Cllrs. Castle (Chair)

Leniec

Martin

Morgan

Swallow

Thomas

Members of the public present:

Partnership attendees

Representative from the Pump House Project

Representative from Earth and Faith

2 Members of the Public

Officers present

Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

Jo King, Town Clerks Assistant

2/2/21 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Community and Partnership Committee meeting held on Wednesday 31st March 2021 were AGREED and SIGNED as a correct record.

3/2/21 Declarations of Interest

None

4/2/21 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/2/21 Elect a vice chair

It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Martin be elected as Vice Chair for the Community and Partnership Committee. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

6/2/21 Financial reports

Members received and NOTED a report.

7/2/21 Terms of Reference

Members reviewed and NOTED terms of reference, change for item 4 The Place.

It was PROPOSED that these be APPROVED. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

8/2/21 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED updates from a variety of partner agencies:

- a) Faringdon Food Bank.
- b) The Pump House Project, highlighting events for over 50's, table tennis tables, crafty crew and next month will launch COGS. See their website for further information.
- c) Earth and Faith Tree Planting scheme, highlighting tree planting event in November, they are currently preparing publicity and leaflets, would like to hold an event in September to advertise the event within September green week, Town Council happily accepted an offer for a tree to be planted on their behalf.
- d) Community Learning Hub, highlighting successful community adult sessions in conjunction with Abingdon and Witney College, next step is to start courses with Community Champions in September, hopefully, also collaborating with the Pump House project.

14/2/21 Motion Under Notice (Members agreed to bring item forward in connection with item 8/2/21 c)

Members received and considered the following motion:

'To support Oxfordshire Green Week culminating in a Green Day event to be held at the Corn Exchange on September 25th 2021'

Cllr Swallow who would be lead Councillor for this event informed members that the event which will facilitate Earth and Faiths publicity of their event but would also bring/invite groups in Faringdon with an interest to come together with stands. Faringdon Town Council input would include free use of the Corn Exchange and use of kitchen for the day, setting up and clearing away, the co-ordination of groups and promotion. It was PROPOSED to support the motion and to place use of Corn Exchange on Facilities agenda. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

9/2/21 The Place

Members received and NOTED a progress report.

10/2/21 Community Engagement and Events

- a) Members received and NOTED an update on recent community engagement.
 - a. The Town Park Fitness Project, successful pilot programme was NOTED.
 - b. The Saturday Market, increased number of stalls was NOTED.
- b) Members NOTED future events programme.
- c) Members considered a proposal for Street Food Festival in partnership with The Bell and Stay Grounded, Faringdon Town Councils input would be carrying out a risk assessment, insurance, traffic management and promotion on the organisers behalf, it was NOTED to address the refuse collection. Members PROPOSED to support this event. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- d) Members considered a proposal for a Folk Festival in partnership with Folk Weekend Oxford. In October, in Market place, pubs, Faringdon Town Council was requested the use of the Corn Exchange for event in the day/evening. Members PROPOSED to support this event. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- e) Members considered a proposal to hold a Mayors event in the town centre on Saturday 21st August. It was PROPOSED in principle to support this, deferring final decision to Chair of Community and Partnerships and Facilities. Mayor and Town Clerk details could be discussed. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

11/2/21 Youth Grants

Members PROPOSED to delegate responsibility for the consideration of Youth Grants to the Grants Sub Committee. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

12/2/21 Community Larder

Members considered to work in partnership with SOFEA, the Foodbank and The Place to operate a Community Larder in the Corn Exchange, on Thursdays between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, from mid-September. Facilities Committee would need to approve a request to use the Corn Exchange is free of charge. The event would also have a café and possibly a repair workshop going forward and extending to Saturdays would be explored, if successful. Members PROPOSED to support this initiative. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

13/2/21 Youth Council

Members discussed setting up a youth council, members were interested and agreed it would be a great idea but were worried how this would work practically. Cllr. Swallow agreed to undertake further research and bring information back to a future meeting.

15/2/21 Cinema

Members NOTED an update.

16/2/21 Action List update

Members NOTED an update

17/2/21 Items for Information Only

None

18/2/21 To consider agenda items for the next meeting

- Queen Platinum Jubilee preparation
- Youth Council

Meeting ended at 8:35pm