

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 7:15 pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon.

Present: Cllrs. Castle (Chair)
Bentley
Martin
Morgan
Swallow

In attendance: Cllr. Webb
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Jo King, Town Clerks Assistant

1/3/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Leniec and Smith. Representatives from: Food Bank, Pump House Project and Earth and Faith

2/3/21 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th June 2021 were SIGNED as a correct record.

3/3/21 Declarations of Interest

None

4/3/21 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/3/21 Precept 2022/23

- a) Members received and NOTED a financial report.
- b) It was PROPOSED to agree a draft revenue budget of £19,700. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- c) Cllr. Bentley suggested the purchase of a flagpole and agreed to bring a costed proposal to the next meeting. Members were asked to think about further capital expenditure projects for 2022/23 and bring with costings to the next meeting.

6/3/21 Newsletter

Members considered an increased rate to £360 per month for the double page monthly newsletter. It was PROPOSED to accept the rate increase. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

7/3/21 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED updates from a variety of partner agencies

- a) Faringdon Food Bank
- b) The Pump House Project, report will be distributed tomorrow.
- c) Earth and Faith Tree Planting scheme
- d) Community learning Hub

The first session course called "Knowing Me" went well. The second course in partnership with Oxfordshire Adult Learning will begin 4th October.

e) Folly Fest. Proposed dates 8th to 10th July 2022 were NOTED.

8/3/21 The Place

Members NOTED a progress report.

9/3/21 Community Engagement and Events

Members NOTED an update on recent community engagement and events including:

Events held:

- Anti-littering Campaign
- The Place Fundraising Garage Sale 8th July.
- Mayors Summer Fun Market - 4th September
- Greenday - 25th September

Future events:

- **Remembrance Day 14th November 2021**

Members NOTED the Church will not hold an open service due to the risk of CV-19 but will do an outside reading as normal. Royal British Legion are considering carrying out a restricted parade with mustering indoors restricted to officials and flag bearers. It was PROPOSED to allow the use of the Corn Exchange for restricted mustering and administer the event as normal. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

Suggested events:

- May Day event
To include a parade and maypole. Cllr. Bentley to research costings and draft a proposal - to be sent to Clerk for inclusion in a future meeting.
- Catch the pigeon Boxing Day event.
Cllr. Bentley would approach Farcycles to organise an event based in and around pubs in Faringdon on wheels prams/bicycles etc, person dressed as pink pigeon, fancy dress event. It was PROPOSED that a budget of £500 budget be set aside to assist Farcycles to put on the event. A full proposal would be brought to the next meeting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- Community litter picks
It was suggested litter picks were scheduled monthly on Saturday afternoons 2pm – 4pm.
Due to staff shortage, it was PROPOSED that one litter pick is held in November 2021 and increased to monthly when new staffing is recruited. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- Earth and Faith
It was agreed tree planting information would be placed in welcome packs and in newsletter

10/3/21 Queens Platinum Jubilee

Members considered celebration events 2nd to 5th June.

It was PROPOSED to set up working party consisting of Cllrs. Castle, Morgan, Bentley Martin, and the Projects Officer. Members to send ideas to the Clerk to be amalgamated and form an agenda for the first meeting. The WP would suggest a budget to the next meeting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

11/3/21 Christmas Lights Switch on

- a) Members received and NOTED an update from Faringdon Rotary
The rotary club do not have funds for this event but are happy to help with marshalling and Thomas the Tank Engine.

- b) It was PROPOSED that the Council organise a Faringdon focused early evening event with carols and local businesses on Saturday 27th November. Setting aside a budget of £500. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. Laser lights to be investigated as part of the event.

12/3/21 Community Larder

Members NOTED an update. The mock larder on 28th September went well. Larder will open from the 5th October every Tuesday, 2:30 to 4:30pm in the Corn Exchange.

13/3/21 Cinema

Members received NOTED an update.

14/3/21 Youth Engagement

- a) Cllr. Swallow would report on the investigations into Youth Councils at the next meeting. The Clerk had contacted the Community College and hoped to have youth representatives on the Full Council meeting in November 2021.
- b) Allocating training budget for potential young or youth councillors was deferred until further information on youth councils was received.

15/3/21 Record Fair

Members NOTED this item had already been decided at the War Memorial Trust meeting.

16/3/21 Action List update

Members NOTED an update

17/3/21 Items for Information Only

None

18/3/21 To consider agenda items for the next meeting

May Day event
Youth Council

Meeting ended at 20:19pm