

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of Town Council meeting held on MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:15pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

Cllrs. present: Kiera Bentley (Chair)  
Jane Boulton  
Rosalind Burns  
Peter Castle  
James Famakin  
Lucy Martin  
Kimberly Morgan  
Stephen Smith  
Liz Swallow  
Gene Webb  
Mike Wise

In Attendance: District Councillor David Grant  
Sally Thurston Town Clerk  
5 member of the public

### **1/9/21 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. Finn, Leniec and Thomas

### **2/9/21 Minutes of last Meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

It was PROPOSED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September be SIGNED as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

### **3/9/21 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations**

Cllrs. Bentley, Webb and Wise in respect of item 9f. Folly Trust application for CIL funding, none would vote on this item.

### **4/9/21 Public Participation Time**

A member of the public spoke in favour of the motion under item 10.

It was PROPOSED that Item 10. Be brought forward. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

### **10/9/21 Motion Under Notice**

Members considered the following motion:

*Cllr. Burns Proposes that Faringdon Town Council declares its support for The United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons. Seconded by Cllr. Smith*

Cllr. Burns spoke in support of the motion. A lengthy debate followed.

A counter proposal was made by Cllr. Bentley to put this motion to a town meeting for debate. This was seconded by Cllr. Famakin and RESOLVED.

### **5/9/21 Reports from Outside Bodies**

The following reports were NOTED:

a) Thames Valley Police

b) Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee

**6/9/21 County Councillor's Report**

Members NOTED a report from County Cllr. Thomas

**7/9/21 District Councillors' Report**

Members NOTED a report from District Cllrs. Bethia Thomas and David Grant Cllr. Grant agreed to make enquiries about the adoption of Folly Park View and, in particular, the car park of Folly Park to enable it to be repaired and maintained.

**8/9/21 Chair's Activity Report**

Members NOTED an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Bentley

**9/9/21 Reports from Committees and Working Parties**

To following minutes, notes, recommendations and reports were NOTED:

- a) Strategic Working Party – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- b) Planning and Highways – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021
- c) Community and Partnerships committee – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- d) Facilities Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> October
- e) Town Centre Regeneration WP – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- f) CIL working Party – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Recommendations:

- a. Faringdon Cricket Club – Solar Panels

50% (£17,500) grant be recommended to council.

A member of the cricket club spoke in support of the application.

Members felt that the VoWHDC should be supporting this, and legal fees should be waived.

There is also leisure funding in the Sands Hill application which should be investigated.

The Vale share of CIL money should be also investigated. Cllr. Webb questioned where the Vale CIL monies were being spent.

Cllr. Swallow PROPOSED that the full amount be granted (£35,000). With the following conditions:

- A quote be obtained from Solar Street Partners
- S106 was investigated fully

This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

It was further PROPOSED that the Clerk write a to the District Council requesting that legal fees be waived. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

- b. Faringdon Folly Trust – Renovation Works

Recommended a grant of £50,000 be earmarked pending additional funding from other sources and full application.

It was PROPOSED that this recommendation be accepted. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

**11/9/21 Premises Licence**

It was PROPOSED that NO Objections be made to the full variation of premises licence PL0282 - The Gin to My Tonic, 1Bromsgrove, Faringdon, SN7 7JF. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

**12/9/21 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**

- a) The Clerk's external activity report up to and including 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 was NOTED.

- b) It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Wise that the schedule of payments up to and including 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Bentley and RESOLVED (Appendix a.)

**13/9/21 Faringdon Town Centre Pavements**

Members considered recent correspondence suggesting that the pavements will not be resurfaced this financial year as promised.

It was NOTED that all accidents should be reported.

Members felt C/Cllr. Thomas should be asked when this was un-budgeted and why.

It was PROPOSED that the Clerk be delegated authority to write to Oxfordshire County Council express disappointment and highlight the urgency of the work. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

**14/9/21 Oxfordshire Together**

A briefing regarding Oxfordshire County Council's Oxfordshire Together programme was NOTED.

**15/9/21 Closing Streets for Play**

To receive a proposal from Oxfordshire, Play Association. This item was DEFFERED to a future meeting.

**16/9/21 Oxfordshire County Councils (OCC) Nine Priorities**

- a) It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Morgan and Castle attend an online workshop to introduce the new nine priorities of OCC's Cabinet and to explore what these might mean to you locally. This was SECONDED as RESOLVED.
- b) Members considered how FTC would prefer to engage with and hear from OCC about progress with delivering these going forward. It was PROPOSED that the County Councillor informed the council in person. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

**17/9/21 Items for Information Only**

Oxford Folk weekend comes to Faringdon was extremely successful. A letter of thanks should be written to the organisers.

Thanks were also recorded to the Mayor and Town Clerk who stepped in and ran the bar at short notice.

**18/9/21 Correspondence**

Members received and NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email up to and including 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**19/9/21 Action list update**

An update on actions from previous meetings was NOTED.

**20/9/21 Agenda Items for the next meeting**

Motion under notice item 10/9/21 back to December meeting if approved at Town Meeting

Master Plan for Faringdon

**Meeting closed at: 20.45pm**

<b>Appendix a. CLERK'S REPORT</b>	<b>Oct-21</b>		
Salaries	Salaries	£	10,691.68
HMRC	Tax and NI	£	2,576.48
OCC Pension CONTS	Pension Contributions	£	3,537.36
<b>Bacs payments to pay</b>			
The Little Goat Soap Co	Stock	£	103.20
Uffington Potter	Agency	£	578.70
S Irigoyen	Agency	£	182.39
J Fennelley	Agency	£	95.40
Maggie Bohm	Agency	£	16.20
Faringdon Honey	Agency	£	42.00
A Saunders	Agency	£	65.70
Community Bus	Agency	£	758.00
H Martin	Agency	£	45.09
MRD Digital Print	Stock	£	55.00
Spurgeons	Family Services	£	3,132.40
Pauls Planters	Town planters	£	160.00
Webbs	Maintenance Items	£	4.20
WPS Hallam	OTH Insurance	£	56.00
Vale Community Impact	Grant	£	2,000.00
Root and Branch	Grant	£	1,800.00
PHP	Grant	£	1,800.00
Seldram Supplies	Cleaning equipment	£	130.42
Moore	External Audit	£	1,200.00
VoWHDC	s106 underspent	£	1,148.00
AIS	Copier Costs	£	84.68
Witney Plant Hire	Container delivery	£	204.00
Leaseplan	Van Lease	£	152.53
Filmbank	Film Licence	£	99.60
OCC	Betterways to School	£	23,917.19
PHS	Sanitary bins	£	218.70
Aston James	Tables and stationery	£	722.77
The Advertiser Magazine	Newsletter to Jan 2022	£	1,400.00
The Place	Agency	£	76.80
The Wilderness	Agency	£	42.00
MHP	Stock	£	78.00
S Thurston (Bookers)	Bar stock reimbursement	£	294.04
<b>Direct Debits</b>			
Coop Bank	Credit Card repay	£	459.41
VWHDC	PH Rates	£	369.00
VWHDC	CEX Rates	£	773.00
Barclay card	Merchant fee Aug and Sep	£	62.86
O2	Mobiles	£	46.11
Fuel card service	Fuel	£	31.20
Mainstream	Phone and Broadband	£	311.86
British Gas	Corn Ex Electric	£	92.69
British Gas	Corn Ex Electric	£	228.10
Smart Energy		£	105.00
British Gas	PH Gas	£	547.59
Screwfix	Lock for container	£	70.35
<b>Total Town Council Invoices</b>		£	60,565.70