

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 7:15 pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon.

Present: Cllrs. Bentley (Acting Chair)  
Martin  
Smith  
Swallow  
Thomas  
Webb

In attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk  
Liza Cooper, Marketing and Community Officer

Online: Cllr. Morgan  
4 members of the public

## **1/1/22 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. Castle and Leniec. Town Clerk's Assistant.

## **2/1/22 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2022 were SIGNED as a correct record.

## **3/1/22 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **4/1/22 Public Question and Speaking Time**

A suggestion of a go kart event considered. The member of public should be advised to contact the Festival of Transport organisers as it was felt would work well with their event. .

## **5/1/22 Finance**

- a) Financial report NOTED.
- b) It was PROPOSED to agree youth grant of £3,000 for Be Free Young Carers, as recommended by the Grants Sub Committee. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

## **6/1/22 Partnerships Update**

Members NOTED updates from a variety of partner agencies

- a) Record Fair: Next record fair on 7th May. It was AGREED that the committee support an application to the trust for free use of the Old Town Hall.
- b) Pump House Project: it was NOTED that COGS, a youth counselling project, needs a permanent home.
- c) Earth and Faith Tree Planting scheme: finishes in March. Green Day was a success. Most of 30 saplings were homed. Thanks to all involved in the project were NOTED.
- d) Community Learning Hub: Community Champions course to start 27<sup>th</sup> April
- e) Opening Streets for Play: 3 streets in mind, a summer project.
- f) Faringdon Youth Club: low numbers slowly rising.

### **7/1/22 The Place**

Update NOTED with thanks.

### **8/1/22 Motion Under Notice**

Cllr. Swallow PROPOSED, "we work towards Faringdon achieving a 'Plastic free community status' with surfers against sewage, showing our commitment to the environment with our declaration of a Climate Emergency and working with our community to achieve this".

SECONDED by Cllr. Thomas

This motion was upheld and would be recommended to Full Council on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

### **9/1/22 Town Centre Regeneration**

- a. Town centre regeneration working party notes were NOTED.
- b. Report on future management of markets NOTED. It was PROPOSED that the Town Council continue to administer stalls on a Saturday and support the current management of the Tuesday market. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. It was agreed the council do not have capacity to organise further events but the community should be encouraged to get involved.

### **10/1/22 Community Engagement and Events**

- a. An update on community events was NOTED. It was agreed that this was the maximum number of events the town council had capacity for, with the addition of a Green Day event in September which would be organised by the Climate Change Working Party.
- b. A Community engagement plan was NOTED.

### **11/1/22 Faringdon Food Bank**

An update NOTED. It was PROPOSED, following a request from the current volunteers, that a recommendation be made to Full Council that the management of the foodbank be undertaken by council staff, with churches together volunteers organising the day to day operation. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. It was agreed that the Town Clerk draw up a new partnership agreement.

### **12/1/22 Community Arts**

- a. Draft plans for a bench trail were NOTED.
- b. It was PROPOSED that the 'Faringdon Quarters' division for the trail themes be APPROVED. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- c. A Bollard project update was NOTED: all artwork received, files to Printer week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> April. Installation is 2 weeks after. Launch event: 14<sup>th</sup> May with music.

### **13/1/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Members received NOTED an update.

### **14/1/22 Community Larder**

An update was NOTED. 2.5 tonnes of fruit and vegetables saved from landfill. Thanks were recorded for the excellent work of Projects Officer, Adele Vincent.

### **15/1/22 Cinema**

An update was NOTED, with thanks to staff and volunteers

### **16/1/22 Youth Council**

- a. An update regarding Youth Councils was NOTED. It was agreed that youth representatives would be a better option. The Clerk would retry contact with FCC to forge links, as new staff were in place.
- b. It was agreed to consider a £500 training budget for youth councillors in the next budget setting process.

### **17/1/22 Art Weeks**

It was PROPOSED that a Children's art exhibition in May 2023 in partnership with Art Weeks, potentially in the Corn Exchange, be investigated by Cllr. Morgan. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

### **18/1/22 Post Office stamp change**

It was NOTED that traditional stamps were being phased out. This should be communicated to the community.

### **19/1/22 Action List update**

NOTED

### **20/1/22 Items for Information Only (to follow)**

NONE

### **21/1/22 To consider agenda items for next meeting**

None at this stage.

Meeting ended at 21:25 pm