

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Kiera Bentley (Chair)
Rosalind Burns
Peter Castle
Stephen Leniec
Stephen Smith
Liz Swallow
Bethia Thomas
Gene Webb
Mike Wise
Angela Finn (online, non-voting)
Kimberly Morgan (online, non-voting)

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
10 members of the public
Liza Cooper, Community and Partnerships Officer (online)

1/7/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Martin; District Cllr Grant; Facilities and Services Officer; PC Alex Norris.

2/7/22 Minutes of last Meeting – Wednesday 13th June 2022

It was PROPOSED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th June 2022 be SIGNED as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

3/7/22 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/7/22 Public Participation Time

One member of the public spoke about problems with parking. Clerk will email details to them of the next Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory meeting.

5/7/22 Splash Park presentation

Members received a presentation proposing the provision of a Splash Park for children in Faringdon possibly sited at Folly Park. Cllr Thomas will liaise with them over presenting the proposal to the District Council either this week or in September and will also discuss possible sources of funding. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that Faringdon Town Council support the proposal for the District Council to provide a splash park in Faringdon.

6/7/22 Reports from Outside Bodies

- a) Members received and NOTED a report from Thames Valley Police
- b) Members received and NOTED a report from OALC
- c) Members received and NOTED a report about Parish Transport
- d) Members received and NOTED a report about the new Parish Forum. Cllr Bentley reported that the first meeting was a success with 5 parishes represented and that the forum will meet 4 times a year.

7/7/22 County Councillor's Report

Members received and NOTED a report from Cllr Thomas. From this report Cllr Thomas will follow up on:

- use of the 1st floor rooms above the library specifically for use by COGS and youth services
- frustration at use of gas in new primary school which will inevitably lead to need for retrofitting a greener system in the future for which finance will need to be found
- Infants School to become SEN school but question remains as to use of the woods and playing field
- Future use of FAZE site

Cllr Thomas advised that Faringdon Town Council can make a representation themselves to OCC meetings on items they feel particularly strongly about.

8/7/22 District Councillors' Report

Members received and NOTED a report from District Cllrs. Thomas and Grant.

9/7/22 Chair's Activity Report

Members received and NOTED a verbal report from Cllr Bentley.

10/7/22 Reports from Committees and Working Parties

Members NOTED minutes and reports from the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- a) Community and Partnerships: 20th June 2022
- b) Planning & Highways: 27th June 2022
- c) Climate Change WP: 28th June 2022
- d) Facilities: 4th July 2022

11/7/22 Motion Under Notice

Members received and considered the following motion:

Cllr. Swallow proposes that Faringdon Town Council employ a part-time non-permanent Climate Change Officer / Community Champion. Seconded by Cllr. Bentley.

Members discussed the proposal at length, raising concerns about need and financial procedures.

The motion was therefore amended:

Cllr. Swallow proposes Faringdon Town Council will investigate employing a part-time non-permanent Climate Change Officer / Community Champion. Seconded by Cllr. Bentley. The amended motion was CARRIED.

12/7/22 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Members received the schedule of payments up to and including 11th July 2022. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bentley that the payments be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr Wise and RESOLVED.
- b) Members NOTED the Clerk's external activity report to 8th July 2022

13/7/22 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

Reviewing the process for allocating CIL funding and considering a draft policy was deferred to a future meeting.

14/7/22 S106 Bench Trail Scheme

Members received and considered an artist's brief and plan for a bench trail project in partnership with VoWHDC. It was PROPOSED the Community and Partnerships Officer, should go ahead with sending out project brief to artists. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

15/7/22 Konigstein Twinning

- a) Members NOTED with thanks an invitation for Councillors to visit Konigstein, September 22nd to 25th 2022. Members would have to pay for themselves and organise their own travel. Members should let the Clerk know of their intention to go so that she can let Konigstein members know who is coming.
- b) A draft crest was not yet available. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk be delegated to APPROVE the design. This was RESOLVED. The Clerk would consult members via email.

16/7/22 Items for Information Only

- Follyfest was a huge success
- Co-Wheels car share survey has gone out
- FAZE registration as an asset of community value was not approved.
- Infant School registration as an asset of community value was approved.

17/7/22 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated to them up to and including 7th July 2022

18/7/22 Action list

Members NOTED the update.

19/7/22 Agenda Items for the next meeting to be held on 12th September 2022

- CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy): to review the process of allocating CIL funding and to consider a draft policy

Meeting closed at: 9.02pm