

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Cllrs. present: Bentley (Chair)
Burns
Castle
Leniec
Smith
Webb
Wise
Boulton (online, non-voting)
Famakin (online, non-voting)
Morgan (online, non-voting)
Thomas (online, non-voting)

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
PC Alex Norris, TVP

1/11/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Finn, Martin and Swallow

2/11/22 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 10th October 2022

It was PROPOSED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022 be SIGNED as a correct record. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

3/11/22 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/11/22 Public Participation Time

Correspondence received from a local resident about lack of direct access to new Folly View School resulting in a long, much-less safe walking route to the school. Cllr Thomas has been in correspondence with Faringdon Community College about this and the matter will be discussed further at the Planning Committee.

5/11/22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Members NOTED reports including:

- a) Super-fast broadband: two representatives from Gigaclear attended online to give an update on the installation of fibre broadband throughout Faringdon. Works are planned to commence early 2023.
- b) Members NOTED a report from PC Norris from Thames Valley Police which highlighted the following:
 - Response times: if the response shift is in Abingdon the response time will be the same as the patrols are out in the area
 - Burglaries: a police officer will always attend a property following a burglary

- Neighbourhood engagement: they are keen to continue their efforts at neighbourhood engagement. Cllr Thomas will email the list of local 'Hotspots' being run by community groups which they could possibly visit.
- c) OALC Larger Councils meeting
- d) Community Action Groups meeting
- e) Parish Transport Meeting
- f) Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory (FATAC) Meeting

6/11/22 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from Cllr Thomas including

- Cllr Thomas is appealing to the OCC Cabinet Member for speed limit to be reduced to 50mph on road from Faringdon to Lechlade
- S106 monies for social services: Cllr Thomas will chase again

7/11/22 District Councillors' Report

Members received and NOTED a report from District Cllrs Thomas and Grant. A request was made for a copy of the consultation document to be made available to the Town Council that investigated spending of the Wessex Leisure s106 monies.

8/11/22 Chair's Activity Report

Members received and NOTED a verbal report from Cllr Bentley.

9/11/22 Reports from Committees and Working Parties

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

- a) Finance and Audit Committee: 17th October 2022.
Cllr Thomas will chase VoWHDC re new Council Tax banding valuations.
- b) Grants Sub Committee: 17th October 2022
- c) Planning and Highways: 24th October 2022
- d) Climate Change Working Party: 1st November 2022
 - Cllr Castle PROPOSED, and Cllr Burns SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to make an grant application for upgrading the Corn Exchange lighting infrastructure to the VWHDC Climate action fund.
 - Members agreed to ask Facilities Committee to consider setting a budget specifically for Climate Change Action.

10/11/22 Planning and Highways Recommendations

Members considered an amendment to the Planning and Highway committee responsibilities. Cllr Bentley PROPOSED, Cllr Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to amend the Terms of Reference to include the added responsibility to liaise with principal authority regarding highway issues such as parking, potholes, pavements and street cleaning.

11/11/22 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Cllr Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr Castle SECONDED, and it was resolved to approve the schedule of payments approved under delegated authority up to and including 7th November 2022.
- b) Members NOTED Clerk's external activities to 4th November 2022 including attendance at the SLCC Conference which she will report back on at the next meeting.

12/11/22 Faringdon Food Bank

Members NOTED that Faringdon Food Bank have changed their registered charity name from previous name of Faringdon Family Centre.

Members received and considered a request for Faringdon Town Council to appoint a trustee to the charity and it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to appoint the named chair of the Community and Partnerships Committee as this trustee.

13/11/22 Faringdon Bowls Club s106 Application

Cllr Webb PROPOSED, Cllr Bentley SECONDED, and it was RESOLVED to fully support the Bowls Club application for S106 funds for improvements to their car park.

14/11/22 County Council Vision Zero Summit

Members received an invitation to the County Council Vision Zero Summit and agreed that Cllr Wise should attend. Clerk to email Cllr Thomas who will extend the invitation to the Farcycles group.

15/11/22 National Highways and Transport survey

Members received an invitation to complete a national highways and transport representative online survey and agreed to complete the survey as individuals

16/11/22 Items for information only

- **Salary increases** have been agreed nationally
- **The Volunteer – Update**
The current owners have received two offers for the property. The Clerk has explained FTC's position that we need a feasibility study and options appraisal before we can consider a purchase. The feasibility and options report should be ready for next Council meeting, but the Volunteer may be sold by that time.
- **Old Town Hall: SPAB Award.** Margaret Townsend attended the awards ceremony in London on behalf of FTC. Sadly the Old Town Hall did not receive enough votes to win but we received an SPAB Heritage Awards terracotta tile awarded to all the shortlisted projects
- **Town Regeneration Working Party:** Cllr Burns reported that the Pink Plaques project was progressing well
- **Pigeon bin:** The required signed licence is now in place and the bin will be installed in Southampton Street carpark.

17/11/22 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated to them up to and including 2nd November 2022

18/11/22 Action list

Members NOTED the update.

19/11/22 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Items for Town Meeting 16th November 2022 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 8th November 2022.

Items for 12th December 2022 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 6th December 2022

Meeting closed at: 9.04 pm

| Appendix a. CLERK'S REPORT | | Nov-22 | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Salaries | Salaries | £ | 14,000.73 |
| HMRC | Tax and NI | £ | 2,747.26 |
| OCC Pension CONTS | Pension Contributions | £ | 4,447.07 |

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| Bacs payments to pay | | | |
| Mr A Poon | Painting Bursary | £ | 300.00 |
| OCC Pension Fund | Cost of early retirement | £ | 338.80 |
| P Wheeler | Agency | £ | 183.60 |
| L Remington | Agency | £ | 116.10 |
| J Fennely | Agency | £ | 85.50 |
| Faringdon Community Bus | Agency | £ | 184.00 |
| J Puddifoot | Agency | £ | 36.00 |
| N DeBank | Agency | £ | 152.55 |
| AIS | Copier | £ | 48.51 |
| Filmbank | Licence | £ | 105.70 |
| Blachere | Wall Washers | £ | 2,085.60 |
| L Whitney | Staff miles to training | £ | 50.32 |
| FarRunners | Grant | £ | 1,060.00 |
| OALC | Training | £ | 6.00 |
| Spurgeons | Family Services | £ | 3,911.58 |
| RBL Poppy Appeal | Wreath | £ | 20.00 |
| R Harrison | PHOUSE Boiler | £ | 96.00 |
| Pyrotech | Fire Safety Contracts | £ | 1,226.40 |
| The Place | Agency | £ | 6.00 |
| Direct Debits (in Q2 folder) | | | |
| Veolia | Waste | £ | 101.22 |
| Veolia | Waste | £ | 86.33 |
| British Gas | Cex Elec | £ | 305.40 |
| British Gas | CEX Elec | £ | 169.63 |
| British Gas | Cex Gas | £ | 67.60 |
| British Gas | Cex Gas | £ | 261.89 |
| Total Energies | PH Gas | £ | 358.81 |
| Smartest Energy | PH Elec | £ | 110.28 |
| Smartest Energy | PH Elec | £ | 93.95 |
| Smartest Energy | PH Elec | £ | 92.77 |
| Direct Debits | | | |
| Coop Bank | Credit Card repay | £ | 386.85 |
| VWHDC | PH Rates | £ | 369.00 |
| VWHDC | CEX Rates | £ | 773.00 |
| Veolia | Waste | £ | 96.31 |
| Castle Water | Tucker Water for Reimbursement | £ | 1,097.56 |
| O2 | Mobiles | £ | 50.77 |
| Jacksons | Phouse lift service | £ | 376.80 |
| Fuel Card Services | Fuel | £ | 9.60 |
| Mainstream | Broadband and Telephone | £ | 232.42 |
| Screwfix | Maintenance Items | £ | 188.91 |
| British Gas | Gas CEX | £ | 575.64 |
| Total Town Council Invoices | | £ | 37,012.46 |