

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

**Present:** Cllr. Castle (Chair)  
Cllr. Bentley  
Cllr. Famakin  
Cllr. Leniec  
Cllr. Martin  
Cllr. Webb  
Cllr. Morgan (online, non-voting)

**In attendance:** Liza Whitney, Community and Partnerships Officer  
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant  
Adele Vincent, Activities Officer  
Joseph Mailler, Advice Services Manager, Citizens Advice  
Sarah Stoves, Pump House Project

### **1/4/22 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. Thomas and Swallow

### **2/4/22 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 were SIGNED as a correct record.

### **3/4/22 Declarations of Interest**

None

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

None

### **5/4/22 Items for Information and Action List**

Members NOTED items for information and the action list.

### **6/4/22 Partnerships update**

Members received and NOTED updates from a variety of partners including:

- a) Record Fair
- b) The Pump House Project (PHP): highlighted their food distribution 'Community Cupboard'. PHP asked to report back with numbers of those using the Community Cupboard.
- c) Earth and Faith Tree Planting Scheme – no current report.
- d) Community Learning Hub: PHP will be contacted again to see if they would be interested in taking this project forward.
- e) Opening Streets for Play: this will go ahead in Spring 2023.
- f) Faringdon Youth Club: venue changed to the Cricket Club.

- g) Food Bank: Members discussed current demand and agreed a weekly circular detailing what is required would be useful for those donating. Members also discussed different local supermarket donation points and Cllr. Castle PROPOSED and it was AGREED that he and the Clerk should arrange to meet a representative of the PHP, who currently have a Tesco collection box, to clarify aims and ensure co-operation.
- h) Warm Spaces
- i) Faringdon Netball Club
- j) Citizens Advice: highlighted there is no limit to the number of people they can help – via in-person drop-ins, via the phone and internet. Citizens Advice are hoping to expand the service to Wednesday afternoons in Faringdon as well as mornings, in due course.
- k) Far Runners Group

#### **7/4/22 The Place**

Members NOTED a progress report.

#### **8/4/22 Project list**

Members reviewed and NOTED the project list with suggested updates. Community Fridge could be a project for the PHP, Cllr Castle will mention this to them when they meet.

#### **9/4/22 Community Engagement and Events**

- a) Members received and considered a community engagement update. Members discussed councillor engagement and wider dissemination of town council information.
  - Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, and it was SECONDED and RESOLVED to purchase, up to a sum of £500, an FTC branded gazebo to be set up on market days and at events.
  - Cllr. Leniec will provide an article on Finance for January and Cllr. Castle an article on The Place for February.
  - For next meeting: members were asked to bring any specific gaps they felt there were in the council's wider communications with suggestions to resolve.
- b) Members reviewed and agreed on the success of the Play Day in August and the FTC stall. The contribution for next year will be reviewed and the addition of an activity considered.
- c) Members reviewed and agreed on the success of the Green Day in October which has had positive feedback.
- d) Members received and considered an update on other community events: Remembrance Day went well which included an excellent exhibition in the Old Town Hall.
- e) Christmas Lights Switch-On planning for 3<sup>rd</sup> December is under way and Cllrs. Bentley, Castle, Leniec and Martin volunteered to cover road closures and the Information Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.00-18.00 for the event.
- f) Members agreed to set up a working party for the King's Coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to include Cllr. Bentley, Cllr. Castle, Cllr. Famakin, Town Clerk and Projects Officer.

#### **10/4/22 Community Larder**

Members NOTED an update. Cllr. Webb suggested the entire running and management of the larder be passed on to volunteers to save staff time. The meeting agreed it currently works well, so should continue as is. This should be reviewed periodically should the situation change.

#### **11/4/22 Cinema**

Members NOTED an update.

### **12/4/22 Precept 2023/24**

- a) Members received and NOTED a financial report.
- b) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr. Leniec and RESOLVED a draft revenue budget of £23,989 on the basis that, because the final tax basis for the precept is not yet known, each committee, including the Community & Partnerships Committee, should have a short meeting to finalise the budget prior to the Full Council Meeting in December.
- c) Possible capital expenditure projects for 2023/24:
  - Members discussed possibility of purchasing a small portable stage (a dais) but decided easier to borrow or hire.

### **13/4/22 Items for Information Only**

None

### **14/4/22 Agenda items for the next meeting**

- Communications strategy

Suggestions must be sent to the Clerk by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Meeting ended at 8.43pm**