

## Sally's Summary

### Full Town Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November

A letter was received from a local resident about lack of direct **access to the new Folly View School**, resulting in a long, much less safe walking route to the school. County Cllr. Thomas has been in correspondence with Faringdon Community College about this. Although this is not a Town Council matter it will be discussed further at the Planning and Highways Committee to see if we can assist with a solution.

**Super-fast broadband:** representatives from Gigaclear gave an update on the installation of fibre broadband throughout Faringdon. Works are planned to commence in early 2023.

**County Cllr. Thomas** informed the council that she is appealing for the speed limit to be reduced to 50mph on road from Faringdon to Lechlade.

It was agreed to make a grant application for upgrading the Corn Exchange lighting infrastructure to the **Vale of White Horse District Council Climate Action Fund**.

A Town Council representative **trustee** was appointed to the **Faringdon Food Bank**. This will be the Chair of the Community and Partnerships Committee.

The council agreed to fully support a **Faringdon Bowls Club s106 Application** for improvements to their car park.

### Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November

The committee heard **partnerships updates** from:

**The Pump House Project** and **Warm Spaces** that will be available throughout Faringdon. **Opening Streets for Play** which will launch in Spring 2023. **Faringdon Youth Club:** venue changed to the Cricket Club for years 6,7 and 8 from 18:00-20:00. **Faringdon Food Bank** which is open 10:00-12:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the council offices.

The **Citizens Advice Bureau** has a drop-in service on Wednesday mornings in Town Council offices (The Pump House, 5 The Market Place). **Faringdon Netball Club** and **Far Runners Group** gave updates on their recent grants from Faringdon Town Council. **The Place**, a family project, provided an update on their services and progress.

It was agreed to purchase a **branded gazebo** that features the Faringdon Town Council logo to take to events and help with public engagement.

A working party was set up for the **King's Coronation** on 6 May 2023. If community members have any ideas or suggestions for the celebratory events, please get in touch:

[office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

**The Community Larder** is running well and currently has over 130 members. A report on numbers for the **Community Cinema** was received: attendance numbers were excellent. Both projects provide valued services to our community. Please visit our website if you'd like to know more!

The committee agreed their **budget for 2023-24 of £23,989** to be recommended to the Finance Committee.

### Planning and Highways Committee Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October

Concern was noted regarding the closure of Gravel Walk and difficulty of the diversion. Eight minor planning applications were considered with no objections raised. The responsibilities of the Planning Committee were reviewed. It was agreed that liaising with the District and County Councils over matters involving highways, that are not Town Council responsibility, should be added including parking, pavements, road closures, traffic orders and street cleaning.

### **Town Council meetings – all are welcome!**

Residents are invited to all our meetings – you can join remotely online or attend in-person at the Town Council offices: The Pump House, 5 Market Place. Meetings start at 7pm. The links to attend meetings virtually can be found on our website:

[www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/category/meetings](http://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/category/meetings)

Dates for forthcoming council meetings are as follows:

<b>Finance and Audit</b>	<b>5 December</b>
<b>Full Council</b>	<b>12 December</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Highways</b>	<b>19 December</b>
<b>Full Council</b>	<b>9 January</b>

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Faringdon residents gathered to pay their respects at the



Remembrance Sunday commemorations at Faringdon's War Memorial on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, honouring those who had passed serving their country. A parade and wreath laying service was attended by the Deputy Lieutenant, MP, local councillors, Police, Fire Service,

organisations, groups, and residents. Thanks to the Royal British Legion for organising in partnership with Faringdon Town Council.



### **Old Town Hall Award Nominee**



Faringdon's Old Town Hall (OTH) and War Memorial was shortlisted for a prestigious national award: the **SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) 'Best Loved Building 2022'**. The awards took place in London in November and our OTH was one of four, shortlisted projects. Sadly, the OTH didn't receive enough

votes to win but we received an **SPAB Heritage Awards tile**. Well done to FTC staff and councillors for their dedication in sourcing grants, caring for the building, preparing the application and putting the OTH on the map! Thank you also to the public who cast their vote in support. **To hire our beautifully refurbished OTH for events please email:**

[liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)



Faringdon Town Council  
would like to wish all their residents a  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year.

#### **Faringdon Town Council Christmas Hours**

The Council and Information Centre office will close at 4pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 and re-open at 9am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

#### **Bollards Phase Two: Update**

Many thanks to the community groups who have submitted artwork for their reserved bollards. We have made exciting links with the Faringdon Arts Society and Faringdon Scouts who are now participating. The Marketing & Community officer will be in touch with the next stages but would like to thank the following groups for an impressive range of creative concepts and styles:

- Far Runners
- FarCycles
- Faringdon Rugby Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> Faringdon Rainbows
- Faringdon Arts Society
- Faringdon Scouts
- The Place

*Photo: artwork by Helen Martin*



COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR  
LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

## Faringdon Christmas Light Switch On

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December  
Faringdon Market Place

Lights switch on at 5pm

Faringdon Town Council working in partnership with  
White Horse Rotary Faringdon

Artistic Craft Fair by  
the Art Society in the  
Corn Exchange

Santa's Grotto and  
stalls  
in the Market Place

#### **Faringdon Christmas Light Switch On**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2.30pm.**

Santa's Grotto, Children's rides, Thomas the Tank Engine, and market stalls will be in the Market Place.

Unique gifts at the **Faringdon Art Society's Artisan Craft Fair in the Corn Exchange from 1pm to 5.30pm.**

Support local businesses, pubs, and restaurants.

Count down with Father Christmas to switch on at **5pm**

If you would like to book a market stall or volunteer, please email [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### **Food Bank: opening hours**

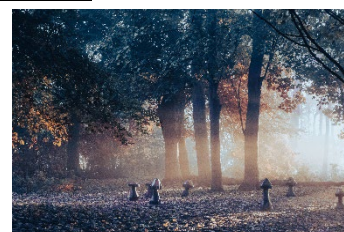
Your local food bank works with referral agencies to issue food vouchers to those in need of food. The food bank provides emergency food on presentation of a voucher. You can get a referral voucher from your school, doctor, health visitor, advice service, children's centre, local church, social worker, CAB, CAP, Housing Associations, or any agency that is giving you support. We provide tinned and dried food donated by the local community, and other essential non-food items such as toiletries.

From Friday 4 November 2022 Faringdon Food Bank's new operating dates and times will be **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-12pm in The Pump House, 5 Market Place SN7 7HL.**

If you need support or would like to donate, please call: **07548 535855** (please note that this number is only answered during operating hours) or email: [faringdonfb@gmail.com](mailto:faringdonfb@gmail.com)

#### **Artist of the Month – December**

**Jen Louise Photography** is run by Jennifer Roberts, a local photographer who first picked up a camera as an eleven-year-old child when she entered a photo in her school Eisteddfod.



Over the years, Jennifer has developed a passionate interest in photography and is rarely without her camera. She enjoys all genres of photography, but is particularly drawn to landscapes, capturing local landmarks and scenes through the seasons.

**Visit the Information Centre at The Pump House** in Faringdon **Monday to Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday 9.30am to 1pm** during December to purchase her framed photos, prints and cards featuring local scenes.