



Sally's Summary

Full Town Council Meeting 9th January 2023

Faringdon Rugby Club's requested information on the s106 monies that were allocated to the Wessex Leisure Centre, which will no longer go ahead. The club needs funding for new changing facilities, which will allow them to grow the ladies' teams. Members will attend a Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) meeting to ask the question and write to District Councillors to enquire about the funds.

Three representatives from **The Pump House Project (PHP)** attended the meeting and presented their need for more space to meet the growing needs of the groups they run and the demand resulting from the increasing population of the town. Faringdon Town Council (FTC) support in principle and asked the PHP to be more specific about the size of building they are looking for.

Members discussed **Faringdon's pressing need for more community space** and the disappointing allocation of it, given all the new housing developments in the town. The following actions will be undertaken aiming to find a solution:

- Ask Cllr. Thomas for support and encouragement for a community space and about the FAZE building's intended use (building on Highworth Road).
- Enquire about possible interim use of the Faringdon Infant School site.
- Ask if planned SEND school will use the whole Infant School site.
- Investigate the use of unused land in Tucker Park for new community building.
- Investigate any available land surrounding Faringdon – **landowners who may have land available for community use, please get in touch!**

Members were sad to learn of the **resignation of Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Swallow**. A replacement councillor would not be sought prior to the Full Council election in May.

Cllr. Wise was elected as **Deputy Mayor** until May 2023.

A request to support a draft application to Vale of White Horse District Council to release s106 funding to install **pathways in the Wilderness** was supported in principle.

The Council agreed they would like to support a proposal for **Brookes BA in Urban Design students** to carry out a project in Faringdon. Suggested projects they might consider included new Rugby Club facilities, a community building in Tucker Park, land next to Rogers Concrete and the Infant School site.

Grants Sub Committee 16th January 2023

A grant of £1,000 was agreed for the French Twinning Association to support Youth Twinning trips to Le Mêle-sur-Sarthe.

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. Meetings start at 7pm. Links to attend meetings are on our website: www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Dates for February and March 2023 council meetings are as follows:

Full Council	13 th February
Trust Meetings	20 th February
Planning & Highways	27 th February
Facilities	6 th March
Full Council	13 th March
Community and Partnerships	20 th March
Planning and Highways	27 th March

ELECTIONS MAY 2023

Make a Difference

If you care about Faringdon and are passionate about our community then join us and become a councillor!

WHAT DOES FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL DO?

We have an overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. Our work falls into three main categories:

1. Delivery of services
2. Improving quality of life for residents
3. Giving communities a democratic voice

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor, you can become a voice for Faringdon and make a **real change**. Councillors are **community leaders** and **represent the interests of the communities they serve**.

Local councillors have four main responsibilities:

1. Engaging with local residents
2. Decision-making
3. Monitoring
4. Getting involved locally

MAY 2023 Local Council Elections

Faringdon Town Council will have an election in May 2023

Please stand if:

- You care about your community ✓
- You want to make a change ✓
- You speak up when needed ✓
- You are fair ✓

To find out more:

- Visit www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
- Email sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
- Call 01367 240281

Become a Councillor





SAVE THE DATE

The Coronation of His Majesty The King Saturday 6th May 2023 Faringdon Market Place



More details to follow on how Faringdon will be celebrating this royal event.



Save the date for 2023 upcoming events:

- The King's Coronation – Saturday 6th May
- Big Green Day – Saturday 17th June
- Faringdon Fun Day - Friday 4th August
- Faringdon Health Day – Saturday 23rd September
- Remembrance Day Parade – Sunday 12th November
- Christmas Light Switch On – Saturday 2nd December
*more details to follow



Big Ginger Tom Music events in 2023: Held in the Corn Exchange doors open 7pm

- Friday 24th March**
Edwina Hayes with support from Barton Hartshorn
- Friday 23rd June**
Good Habits with support from Hogers Wolf
- Friday 15th September**
The Askew Sisters with support from Wednesday's Wolves
- Friday 17th November**
A double bill with Katie Grace Harris and Calum Gilli

Tickets from WeGotTickets.com and from Duncan by e-mailing biggingertommusic@gmail.com or calling 07999 052720

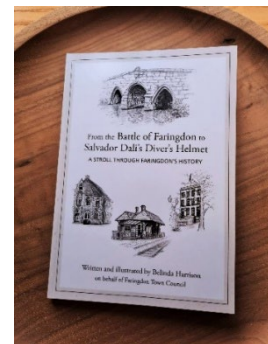
If you would like to get involved in any of our events listed above, please email adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk



The Information Centre sold **£6,033.08** worth of charity cards in the Information Centre, a **big thank you to** all that supported charities this festive season!

A Stroll Through Faringdon's History

Are you curious to learn about the history of Faringdon? Our Information Centre stocks a beautifully illustrated book which, as the title suggests, takes 'a stroll through Faringdon's history'. Discover how Faringdon gained the folly and learn about the eccentric gentleman behind the building of it. Have you ever wondered where the railway station used to be or why there is a diver's helmet in the centre of town? For all the answers and more look no further than 'A Stroll Through Faringdon's History'. It is written and illustrated by Belinda Harrison, is priced at £7.99 and is available from the Information Centre, 5 Market Place, Faringdon. Do hurry, our first print run was soon sold out!



Become a Fix my Street Super User

We need volunteers now!



Super Users are trained to report and action certain road repairs on minor roads like potholes and damaged kerbs. County Council will provide training online. If you are interested, please contact us! **01367 240281** or adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
Please report any issues in our town using Fix my Street <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Update: Creative Bollards Community Art Project

Our Marketing and Community Officer and the VoWHDC's Arts Officer have run successful art workshops with 4th Faringdon Rainbows, 1st Faringdon Scout Troup and The Place, Faringdon's family and children's support project. Faringdon Community College is now part of the project and we are excited to receive final artwork which will take us to the next stage: the printing and installing of 10 more beautiful bollards to adorn our town centre. Watch this space!



Faringdon Food Bank is Open

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-12pm in The Pump House, 5 Market Place SN7 7HL.

Your local food bank works with referral agencies to issue food vouchers to those in need of food. You can get a referral 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.

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