

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

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

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant  
D/Cllr. Grant  
Two members of the public

### **1/3/23 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Famakin

### **2/3/23 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were signed as a correct record.

### **3/3/23 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations**

None

### **4/3/23 Public Participation Time**

None

### **5/3/23 Items for information to include:**

Members NOTED the action list.

### **6/3/23 Correspondence**

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 up to and including 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **7/3/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

a) No report was received this month from Thames Valley Police as the local officer is on secondment. Members discussed the importance of receiving regular, local reports from

TVP and agreed that the Clerk should write referring to FTC's concern at lack of regular reports to the local Chief Superintendent, copying in Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- b) Members NOTED a verbal report from the Faringdon Community Bus AGM.

### **8/3/23 County Councillor's Report**

Members NOTED a report from C/Cllr. Thomas.

### **9/3/23 District Councillors' Report**

Members NOTED a report from D/Cllr. Grant.

### **10/3/23 Chair's Activity Report**

Members received and NOTED a verbal report from Cllr. Bentley.

### **11/3/23 Reports from Committees**

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

- a) Planning & Highways Committee: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- b) Climate Change Working Party Notes: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- c) Facilities Committee: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- d) An extra Finance and Audit Committee meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **12/3/23 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**

- a) Members NOTED Clerk's external activities to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- b) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED to approve the schedule of payments up to and including 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This was RESOLVED.

### **13/3/23 Climate Change**

- a) Members discussed the Climate Change Plan and PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to agree to the short-term actions as outlined in the plan.
- b) Members agreed to add a responsibility to consider the Climate Change Policy to all committee terms of reference, the wording to state as follows:

The committee has a duty to consider the long-term environmental impacts of its decisions and take steps to reduce FTC's carbon footprint and promote sustainability.

### **14/3/23 Finance and Audit Committee recommendations**

- a) Members considered a pilot scheme of operating a tourist bus to be financed from S106. Initial fare would be £5 per adult with concessions for Under-11s. Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to allocate £2,500 to the project.
- b) Members considered a quote for energy saving works to Corn Exchange Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Finn SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that a quote for £5,501.17 be accepted to replace Corn Exchange lighting to LED. It was further PROPOSED that the £501.17 shortfall should come from CEX maintenance budget. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

- c) Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Burns SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that an additional £3,500 be allocated to the Eagles Park project to enable completion, to be financed from CIL funding.

**15/3/23 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments:**

Members received and considered the following applications which have deadlines before the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting:

- a) **P23/V0316/FUL** To Install a purpose-built LED floodlighting system for Faringdon Town Football Club at Tucker Park  
**NO OBJECTIONS**
- b) **P23/V0444/FUL** Demolition of existing agricultural barn and replacement with new barn. Northfield Farm Radcot Road Faringdon SN7 8DT  
**NO OBJECTIONS**

**16/3/23 Faringdon Football Club Fencing Application**

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to support an application to VoWHDC to release s106 funding for fencing. Cllrs. Boulton, Burns, Smith, Thomas and Webb abstained.

**17/3/23 Amenity Land in Faringdon**

Members discussed the current situation with regard to the lack of amenity land available for community use in a growing town. Clerk to write again to the CEO of OCC again asking about the FAZE site on Highworth Road.

**18/3/23 Agenda Items for the next meeting**

Items for 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 should be forwarded to Clerk by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Meeting closed at: 8.28 pm