

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Bentley (Chair)
Burns
Castle
Famakin (from item 4/4/23)
Thomas
Webb
Wise
Finn (online, non-voting)

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Thames Valley Police's Police & Crime Commissioner
One member of the public

1/4/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Leniec, Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Morgan, D/Cllr. Grant

2/4/23 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 13th March 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 were signed as a correct record.

3/4/23 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/4/23 Public Participation Time

Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED that item 17/4/23 should be brought forward to enable a member of the public to speak. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

A representative of Faringdon Netball Club (FNC) presented Members with a report. The club has seen a huge increase in membership from their foundation in 2009 but they are currently facing frustrating issues around finding regular suitable training facilities which is limiting their ability to train and expand. Cllr. Thomas noted and will look into highlighted issues with the Leisure Centre with regards to costs and cleanliness. FTC will investigate the use of s106 funding to improve the courts (lighting and surfaces) for FNC's use at Faringdon Community College and will liaise with the College. FNC itself will contact the new primary school to see if they have any suitable facilities that they might share.

5/4/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Members received and considered reports including:

a) Thames Valley Police (TVP): TVP's Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, attended the meeting and gave a verbal report and update on local policing. Mr Barber outlined an increase in local police numbers as well as answering Members' questions

about the proposed future move of the police to the fire station in Faringdon and the future possibilities for the original police station site, neither of which yet have any dates. Mr Barber agreed to ensure that a regular report is sent to FTC with local crime and police activity statistics.

b) Thames Valley Police: no report received

c) Parish Transport: it was proposed that a bus to Witney be discussed at the next Parish Transport Meeting.

d) Faringdon Community Bus have pulled out of the new proposed tourist circular bus. The Clerk has been in touch with Stagecoach and Barnes Coaches and will put a fresh proposal together.

6/4/23 Action List and Items for information

Members NOTED the action list and updates.

7/4/23 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email from 13th March 2023 up to and including 3rd April 2023

8/4/23 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from C/Cllr. Thomas. Cllr. Thomas asked for her thanks to be noted to D/Cllr. Grant for his four years of hard work for the town which included particular focus on planning applications and lobbying for the successful installation of solar panels and air source heat pump at the Faringdon Leisure Centre.

9/4/23 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED a report from D/Cllr. Grant and D/Cllr. Thomas.

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to give a vote of thanks from FTC to D/Cllr. Grant and D/Cllr. Thomas for all their effective hard work on behalf of the town of Faringdon including their quick responses to concerns and the good relationship with FTC.

D/Cllr. Thomas mentioned a young woman from Fairford who had been doing a daily litterpick raising money for The Firefighters Charity who should be thanked on Faringdon's behalf. Cllr. Thomas will pass her contact details to the Clerk for action.

10/4/23 Chair's Activity Report

Members received and NOTED a verbal report from Cllr. Bentley which included her thanks to all the councillors for their efforts over the past two years.

11/4/23 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: 27th March 2023

b) Community and Partnerships Committee: 20th March 2023

12/4/23 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

a) Members NOTED Clerk's external activities to 3rd April 2023.

b) Cllr. Bentley PROPOSED and Cllr. Wise SECONDED to approve the schedule of payments up to and including 3rd April 2023. This was RESOLVED.

13/4/23 Leisure Funding

Members received and considered a response drafted by Cllr. Bentley to VoWHDC following a question posed to the District Council regarding s106 Wessex Leisure monies. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to send the letter to VoWHDC.

14/4/23 Area weight restrictions engagement

Members received and considered a request for views on where there are existing or potential future challenges with inappropriate Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements. Cllr. Thomas reported that she has already asked OCC officers to look at signage. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to delegate Clerk to respond to this request with reference to clearer signs on approach to Faringdon town centre and towards Radcot Bridge.

15/4/23 Faringdon Pink Plaques

Members received and considered a report and update from Cllr. Burns. The hope is that five pink plaques will go up by mid-May - they are waiting for Listed Building Consent for two of them - along with production of an explanatory leaflet in due course. The final budget needs to go the Finance Committee for approval. Cllr. Bentley thanked Cllr. Burns for all her hard work on this project.

16/4/23 Health Survey

Members received and considered a request to complete a health survey and agreed that this would best be completed as personal individuals.

17/4/23 Faringdon Netball Club

See 4/4/23

18/3/23 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/V0580/FUL** Resubmission of planning application P22/V2367/FUL for the construction of a self-build family home with parking and associated infrastructure Land adjacent to The Boneyard, Highworth Road, Faringdon SN7 7NN
SUPPORT
- b) **P23/V0624/LB** Proposed plaque on a listed building. 27 London Street, Faringdon Oxfordshire SN7 7AG
SUPPORT

19/4/23 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Items for Tuesday 9th May 2023 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Meeting closed at: 8.58 p.m.