

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Present: Cllr. Castle (Chair)
Cllr. Bentley
Cllr. Leniec
Cllr. Webb
Cllr. Morgan (online – non-voting)

In attendance: Liza Whitney, Community and Partnerships Officer
Sarah Johnston, Services and Facilities Officer

Joseph Mailler: Advice Services Manager, Citizens Advice
Carole Gough: Manager of The Place
Laura Loveridge: The Elms school PTA
Sarah Stoves: Project Manager, the Pump House Project (online)

1/1/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Martin

2/1/23 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022 were SIGNED as a correct record.

3/1/23 Declarations of Interest

None

4/1/23 Public Question and Speaking Time

A representative from The Elms primary school's PTA attended to confirm students would take part in the FTC Coronation event's maypole dancing and to declare the school is keen to be involved in future FTC events such as Health or Green Day 2023.

5/1/23 Items for Information and Action List

Members NOTED the items for information and the Action List

6/2/23 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED updates from the following:

- a) Record Fair
- b) The Pump House Project: 15-20 people per week on average attending for lunch, received £168,000 grant for internal strengthening.
- c) Opening Streets for Play

- d) Faringdon Youth Club: Members would support further funding but would need to see details of the application before they approve.
- e) Food Bank
- f) Warm Spaces: Members AGREED that FTC should write a letter of thanks to all the groups who were involved.
- g) Faringdon Netball Club
- h) Citizens Advice: the local Advice Services Manager updated Members regarding their re-grant and thanked FTC for their support.

7/1/23 The Place

Members NOTED a progress report – updated in-person by the Manager of The Place. The Place is considering opening an additional day (Friday) to cope with the huge demand for The Place’s invaluable services to families. The Clerk and steering board are to cost.

8/1/23 Finance Reports

Members RECEIVED and NOTED a financial report. Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Leniec SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to earmark any remainder of the Youth Grants budget to enable it to be spent in the 2023.24 financial year.

9/1/23 Project List

Members NOTED updates to the project list.

10/1/23 Bench Trail

Members RECEIVED and NOTED an update regarding the bench trail. It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Castle, SECONDED by Cllr. Bentley and RESOLVED to make an application for 10% release of s106 money to proceed with suggested plan.

11/1/23 Creative Bollards: Phase 2

Members NOTED an update.

12/1/23 Artweeks 2023

Members NOTED that FTC will not put on an exhibition in the Old Town Hall for Oxfordshire Artweeks 2023 but it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to go ahead with Artweeks 2024, with earlier planning to allow for encouraging a cluster of exhibition venues including the Old Town Hall and involving local businesses.

13/1/23 The King’s Coronation: 6th May 2023

- a) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED a draft plan for celebrating the Coronation.
- b) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Bentley SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to put forward a draft budget of £5,000 to the Finance and Audit Committee for the event’s costs.

14/1/23 Town Centre Regeneration Working Party

Members NOTED notes and recommendations.

15/1/23 Community Engagement and Events

- a) Members received and considered community engagement with an agreed suggestion that the councillor feature in Faringdon Town Magazine would have a theme to promote an FTC service or event.

- b) Members NOTED an update on engagement ahead of May 2023's elections.
- c) Members reviewed the Play Day in August and the FTC stall – defer to next meeting on 5th June. Fossil theme and excavation activity was suggested, using fossils from the FTC museum.
- d) Members NOTED the Green Day report, October 2022
- e) Members NOTED an update on community events
- f) Members NOTED a review of the Christmas Lights-On event. It was recommended that FTC officers research a green and less noisy alternative to fairground rides: donkey rides and pull swings were suggested.

16/1/23 Community Larder

Members wish to pass on a message of thanks to FTC's Projects Officer for the excellent running of this popular service.

17/1/23 Community Cinema

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED a proposal to work with Faringdon Library to hire out past Community Cinema DVDs to the community for £2 a loan, proceeds to The Place. Members suggest rotating which charity benefits once up and running. Members wish to pass on a message of thanks to FTC's Community Cinema Supervisor impressive running a successful cinema for Faringdon.

18/1/23 Agenda items for the next meeting

Items for 5th June 2023 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 29th May 2023.

Meeting ended at 20.29pm