

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Present: Cllr. Farmer (Chair)
Cllr. Boulton
Cllr. Castle
Cllr. Palmer
Cllr. Wild

In attendance: Liza Whitney, Community and Partnerships Officer
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Cllr. Webb
Carole Gough, Co-ordinator at The Place

1/3/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Morgan

2/3/23 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023 were SIGNED as a correct record.

3/3/23 Declarations of Interest

None

4/3/23 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/3/23 Items for Information and Action List

Members NOTED the Action List and items for information.

6/3/23 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED with thanks updates from the following:

- a) The Pump House Project – apologies sent for no report for this meeting
- b) Faringdon Youth Club and Play Day – officer to promote on FB
- c) Food Bank
- d) The Place – Members received a verbal report from Carole Gough. Carole is leaving her post as Co-ordinator at The Place and was thanked for all her wonderful hard work during her time there.

7/3/23 Precept 2024/25

- a) Members received and NOTED a quarter 1 financial report
- b) It was PROPOSED to agree a draft revenue budget of £23,005. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.

Members considered draft budgets for 2024/25

- c) Members were asked to think about further capital expenditure projects for 2024/25.

8/3/23 Community Engagement and Events

a) Members considered community engagement and further ways in which councillors can engage with residents. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the FTC gazebo be used once a quarter to be manned by councillors, twice outside at a Tuesday market and twice indoors in the Pump House on a Saturday morning.

b) Members reviewed the Green Day event. Clerk to discuss possibility of the event reverting to October as thought more people attended at this time of year. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that a Green Day should be held in October 2024 with more emphasis on educational elements rather than commercial.

9/3/23 Christmas Lights On event

a) Members considered the programme and budget for Christmas Lights-On and AGREED to defer to a future meeting. Members agreed:

- FTC should have their gazebo and stand at the event
- They should consider what elements could be more sustainable

b) Councillors were allocated to cover Christmas Lights-On on 2nd December, 11am-6pm, and clerk to email all councillors the rota so that they can cover any gaps.

10/3/23 Bus shelter signs

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to approve the new bus shelter signs on the basis that the signs can be updated in the future.

11/3/23 Tables in the marketplace

Members considered a proposal from The Crown to place tables and chairs in the market place. This would involve OCC and the bus companies and members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that consideration of the proposal should be taken to a Full Council meeting.

12/3/23 Cinema

a) Members were pleased to NOTE an update

b) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED obtaining full costings (to include officer time) for providing a one-off event outdoor cinema in 2024, to be considered at next meeting.

13/3/23 Bollards update

Members NOTED that 8 new bollards are about to be installed. Requested to be promoted on social media.

14/3/23 Items for information

15/2/23 Agenda items for the next meeting

Items for 4th December 2023 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 27th November 2023

- Bench trail update

Meeting ended at 8.30pm