

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Peter Castle (Chair)
Julie Farmer
Alan Ford
Steve Leniec
Rufus Lunn
Chris Palmer
Gene Webb
Mark Wild
Jane Boulton (online)
Kimberley Morgan (online)

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
D/Cllr. Lucy Edwards
1 member of the public

1/1/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Boulton; Cllr. Famakin; Cllr. Finn; Cllr. Morgan; Cllr. Norris; Cllr. Wise;
C/Cllr. Thomas; Thames Valley Police

2/1/24 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 13th November 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023 were signed as a correct record.

3/1/24 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/1/24 Public Speaking and Question Time

- 1) Q: How is anti-social behaviour on school buses being dealt with? A: This has been referred to the police who have CCTV.
- 2) Q: Can numbers of residents can be noted when minutes say, "a resident" or "several residents." A: This will be considered .

5/1/24 Items for information and action list:

Members NOTED the following:

- a) Action list
- b) Artificial grass pitch: response from VoWHDC Planning Department
- c) Probations Community Service: to be added to future meeting agenda.
- d) Bus update: Clerk to meet with bus providers to enable FTC to develop a wish list for Faringdon services, based on facts. FTC will then elect a member to sit on a bus review working party.
- e) New laptops for councillors ordered.

6/1/24 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email up to and including 15th January 2024.

7/1/24 Reports from outside bodies:

- a) No report this month from Thames Valley Police as PC on secondment.
- b) Parish transport meeting: defer to next meeting.

8/1/24 County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from Oxfordshire County Council Cllr. Thomas.

9/1/24 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED a report from Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) Cllrs. Thomas and Edwards.

Cllr. Edwards highlighted the consultation taking place on the new Local Plan which closes on 21st February 2024. Councillors and residents can respond online at

<https://theconversation.southandvale.gov.uk/ilp/> and the consultation team will be in Faringdon on 6th February 2024.

10/1/24 Chair's Activity Report

- a) Members NOTED the Mayor's activity report.
- b) Members NOTED a report from Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr. Jane Boulton

11/1/24 Reports from Committees

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

- a) Facilities Committee: 18th December 2023
- b) Finance and Audit Committee: 8th January 2024
- c) Community and Partnerships: 4th December 2023

Members considered and approved a recommendation to purchase a Maypole at a cost of up to £700 using CIL funding. As an alternative, members proposed and agreed to investigate funding from Faringdon United Charity.

12/1/24 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

- a) Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments up to and including 15th January 2024.
- b) Members NOTED Clerk's external activities to 15th January 2024.

13/1/24 Precept 2024/25

- a) Members received and approved the draft budget and precept request for 2024/25 as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee held 8th January 2024.
- b) It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Leniec to agree the budget as presented for 2024/25. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Farmer and RESOLVED. UNANIMOUS.
- c) It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Leniec to request a precept of £535,283, from VWHDC, which equates to £157.03 for a band D property. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Farmer and RESOLVED. UNANIMOUS.

14/1/24 Calendar of Meetings

Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the draft calendar of meetings from 1st April 2024 to 30th March 2025.

15/1/24 Fernham Road Footpath Link

Deferred to next meeting as documents delayed.

16/1/24 Planning Applications to Vale of White Horse District Council awaiting comments from Faringdon Town Council:

- a) **P23/V2646/HH** Retention of single storey extension and 1no. porch, as approved under applications P20/V1919/HH & P20/V1921/LB - Bridge Farm Littleworth Faringdon **NO OBJECTIONS**

- b) **P23/V2712/LB** Proposed installation of clay pot atop existing chimney with associated works -
26 London Street Faringdon **NO OBJECTIONS**

18/1/24 Agenda Items for the next meeting

- Buses
- Maypole
- Fernham Road footpath

Items for Monday 12th February 2024 should be forwarded to Clerk by Friday 2nd February 2024

Meeting closed at: 7.40 pm

Appendix A. Schedule of Payments Jan 24		
Salaries	Salaries	£ 16,972.49
HMRC	Tax and NI	£ 4,552.43
OCC Pension CONTS	Pension Contributions	£ 5,809.93
Bacs payments made early due to urgency		
N Biggs	Kitchen	£ 1,610.00
Earth Anchors	Bench Retail Park	£ 853.20
Jacksons	Lift service / works	£ 415.20
Bacs payments		
Aston James	Stationery	£ 25.44
Sarah Oliver	Agency	£ 35.73
A Saunders	Agency	£ 40.50
Community Choir	Agency	£ 48.00
P Tomlinson	Agency	£ 48.60
Plan and Paint	Museum Exhibition research	£ 50.00
K Dyche	Agency	£ 64.80
L Hounam	Agency	£ 69.30
C Purdy	Agency	£ 90.00
Faringdon Honey	Agency	£ 90.00
H Martin	Agency	£ 95.67
Filmbank	Film Licence	£ 104.40
S Irigoyen	Agency	£ 120.60
AIS	Copier Costs	£ 123.12
Pyrotech	Fire Safety	£ 143.94
Lupe Creations	Agency	£ 155.70
J Cole	Agency	£ 155.70
OALC	Training	£ 168.00
The Place	Xmas Donation	£ 174.85
FCB	Agency	£ 180.00
Town and Green	Agency	£ 184.50
So Pure	Agency	£ 206.01
P Wheeler	Agency	£ 207.00
Alphagrahics	Stock	£ 208.20
Leaseplan	Van lease and recharge	£ 218.53
Southfield	Stock	£ 248.83
Red Sky Creative	Stock	£ 270.00
J Fennelly	Agency	£ 350.10
PHS	Hygienic Waste	£ 375.75
Folly and Wild	Agency	£ 489.15
James Hallam	Property valuation	£ 522.00
Spotless Cleaning	Cleaning contract	£ 540.00
Uffington Potter	Agency	£ 733.50
Brown Hare Farming Ltd	Christmas Trees	£ 1,166.40
Currys	Councillor Laptops	£ 6,398.13
Faringdon Electrical Services	Christmas Lights	£ 9,093.59
Direct Debits		
Coop Card	Repay	£ 107.30

Lloyds Card	Repay	£ 1,198.97
VWHDC	CEX Rates	£ 812.00
VWHDC	PH rates	£ 274.00
Mainstream	Broadband and telephone	£ 111.85
Fuel Card	Fuel	£ 98.57
Barclaycard	Credit Card Fee	£ 132.07
Screwfix	Maintenance	£ 138.98
O2	Mobiles	£ 47.32
Veolia	Waste disposal	£ 130.37
British Gas	CEX Gas	£ 847.87
British Gas	CEX Electric	£ 391.70
Total Energies	OTH Electric	£ 370.63
Smartest Energy	PH Electricity	£ 131.60
Total Energies	PH Gas	£ 312.24
Castle Water	PH Water	£ 35.08
Castle Water	OTH Water	£ 18.60
Castle Water	CEX Water	£ 81.22
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 58,649.66

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