

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

**Present:** Cllr. Farmer (Chair)  
Cllr. Castle  
Cllr. Leniec  
Cllr. Palmer

**In attendance:** Liza Whitney, Marketing & Community Officer  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant  
Cllr. Morgan (online)  
Lucy Redwood Hanson (The Place)

### **1/4/23 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Morgan, Cllr. Wild

### **2/4/23 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were SIGNED as a correct record.

### **3/4/23 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **4/4/23 Public Question and Speaking Time**

None

### **5/4/23 Items for Information and Action List**

Members NOTED the following items for information:

- a. Action list
- b. Remembrance events
- c. Christmas Light Switch on 2023

Members asked that grateful thanks be passed on to officers for all their hard work arranging these events and ensuring their smooth organisation.

### **6/4/23 Precept 2024/25**

- a. Members NOTED a quarter two financial report.
- b. Members considered a DRAFT for 2024/25.  
It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to recommend that the youth grants budget be allocated to the grants sub-committee.  
Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr. Castle and RESOLVED a draft revenue budget of £15,205 achieved by reducing newsletter spend by £2,000 and increasing cinema revenue by £600.
- c. Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council the purchase of a Maypole using CIL funding of up to £700.

If this is not agreed recommend to the Finance and Audit Committee that this is purchased from reserves.

### **7/4/23 Partnerships Update**

Members NOTED with thanks updates from the following:

- a) The Pump House Project
- b) Faringdon Junior Youth Club and Play Day: Clerk to organise meeting between Oxfordshire Play Association, Mayor and Chair of Communities and Partnerships Committee, to discuss ways of improving numbers.
- c) Food Bank
- d) Community Larder
- e) The Place: members NOTED a verbal report from the Co-ordinator of The Place also noting that there is demand for it to be open 5 days per week, an increase from the current 3 days per week.

### **8/4/23 Community Engagement and Events**

- a) Members NOTED and thanked councillors for their efforts in contributing to community engagement.
- b) Members reviewed the proposal for a Green Day for 2024. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to request that the Climate Change Working Party take on organisation. A budget should be requested from the Communities and Partnerships Committee.

### **9/4/23 Artistic Bench Trail**

Members considered a map of the bench locations and the draft designs and Cllr. Palmer PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the implementation of the project and the application for s106 funds.

### **10/4/23 Tables in the marketplace**

Members considered a proposal from a local business for tables and chairs to be placed in the centre of the marketplace. There is currently a bye law that prevents drinking alcohol in public spaces in the town. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to request that the Town Regeneration Working Party to look at the viability of the proposal.

### **11/4/23 Cinema**

- a) Members NOTED the update and the excellent feedback from questionnaire and asked to pass on their thanks to the Regent Cinema team.
- b) Members considered providing an outdoor cinema in 2024 based on detailed costings and PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that this should go ahead next summer.

### **12/4/23 Items for information**

None

### **13/4/23 Agenda items for the next meeting**

Items for 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Meeting ended at 8.22pm**