



Sally's Summary - Your Town Clerk, Sally Thurston, summarises recent meetings below. Please see our website for detailed minutes:

Grants Sub Committee 29th April 2024

The following Grants were awarded:

1. **Faringdon Junior Youth Club** were awarded **£5,000** to operate a youth club in Faringdon.
2. **Faringdon Games Club** awarded **cost of room hire**
3. **Live at the Park** were awarded **£1,200** to help fund the running costs of the event in June 2024.
4. **Folly Fest 2024** were awarded **£3,500 + £1200 room hire** towards cost of FollyFest: 7th – 9th July.
5. **Bangers and Beer Festival** – were awarded **cost of room hire**.
6. **Enrych** – Applying for **£1,000**. A grant was **deferred** in order for Enrych to present more details explaining how Faringdon residents benefit from their work.

If your organisation needs financial assistance, visit our website www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk. The next deadline for application is **5th July 2024**.

Finance Committee 29th April 2024

Painting and Planting Grants

Own or rent a property in the centre of Faringdon? If so, you can apply for a grant of up to **£250** towards painting your property and **£80** for planting - window boxes, hanging baskets and pots.

Email: sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
Deadline: 31 June 2024

A **Painting and Planting Bursary** was agreed for **2024-25**; an allocated budget of **£1,500** from the **s106** fund for town centre regeneration as well as **£174** rolled over. Grants are now available for businesses in

Faringdon's centre: **up to £250 for painting** and **up to £80 for planting**. Visit our website to apply using a simple application form. Please note the **31st June 2024** deadline.

Repairs to the Portwell in Faringdon's Market Place: Members agreed to request **CIL Funding of £13,666** from Full Council to complete this project.

Town Archive: Members approved the town archive list and agreed to **purchase a fire-resistant cabinet** to safely house and protect this.

Faringdon Tourist Bus

Funds have been allocated to run the bus from **May to October 2024 every Saturday** from the Market Place with a revised route and timetable. **The Tourist Bus departs at 10am** from the **Market Place every Saturday** and tickets can be bought from the bus driver.

Full Council Meeting, Monday 13th May 2024

Cllr. Peter Castle was elected as **Mayor** and **Cllr. Jane Boulton** was elected as **Deputy Mayor for 2024/25**. The Annual Meeting saw **all the appointments to FTC's Committees, Working Parties and outside bodies**. These can be found on the FTC website. The meeting also **reviewed all council policies and procedures**.

Councillors approved funding to renovate the **Portwell in the Market Place using CIL money**.

Following the news that Sally Thurston, our long serving **town clerk**, will retire from her post on the 31st August, councillors appointed her successor, Katherine Doughty, currently clerk at Eynsham Parish Council. Read more about your new clerk in our July newsletter.

Planning and Highways 20th May 2024

Cllr. Rufus Lunn was elected **Vice Chair** to support newly elected **Chair Cllr. Alan Ford**.

Five planning applications were considered with **no objections** registered.

The Vale of White Horse **deep clean** will come to Faringdon in **early July** members suggested locations in need of attention.

A new County Council (OCC) **Highways engagement team** is in place, FTC will request a meeting to discuss issues that have been raised and cause problems for residents. The committee was disappointed to be informed that **OCC do not have the budget in 2024 to carry out proposed changes to Swan Lane traffic flow**. This would be monitored and raised again in 6 months.

LET'S GO
TOURIST BUS

WHEN?
Saturdays from 4 May until 28 September 2024

LOCATIONS & TIMES

Faringdon Market Place	10:00	12:00	15:00
Radcot The Swan Hotel	10:05	12:05	15:05
Kelmscott Manor	10:12	12:12	15:12
Lechlade Market Place	10:30	12:30	15:30
Highworth Swindon Street	10:45	12:45	15:45
Shrivenham High St Surgery	10:55	12:55	15:55
White Horse Hill Uffington Castle	11:06	13:06	16:06
Uffington Shotover Corner	11:10	13:10	16:10
Fernham Elmside Close	11:18	13:18	16:18
Badbury Clump	11:28	13:28	16:28
Coleshill	11:30	1:30	16:30
Buscot Weir Car Park	11:43	13:43	16:43
Faringdon Market Place	11:53	13:53	16:53

COST
Adults £5 | Children £2.50 | Seniors £2.50

Upcoming Council Meetings

Links to join remotely are available on our website: www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk and on FTC's Facebook page. At each meeting, there is always an opportunity for the public to speak - come along and have your say.

Full Council	10 th June 2024
Traffic Advisory	10 th June 2024
Facilities	17 th June 2024
Planning and Highways	24 th June 2024
Community and Partnerships	1 st July 2024

Town Meeting, Monday 1st May 2024

Mayor Cllr. Castle opened with an address briefly outlining FTC's strategic objectives. This was followed by the announcement of 2024's Faringdon Community Awards winners (see opposite). Alongside this, Cllr. Mike Wise was awarded Honorary Freeman of the Town for his extraordinary contributions to Faringdon's community. Other matters raised were reinstatement of the town's ATM machine and permission to use the undercroft of the Old Town Hall.

The Community Awards 2024 were also announced at the meeting. FTC would like to take this opportunity thank all the nominees for their service and commitment to our community.



Clive Davis Community Hero Award – Nominees

- Elouise Hill - Rachel Williams- Annabelle Zinovieff
- Winner: Elouise Hill**

Group Award – Nominees

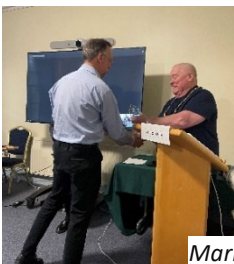
- Games Club - Day Centre - Open Kitchen - Community Bus
- Winner: Faringdon Open Kitchen**

Business Award – Nominees

- Tribe Zero-Waste - The Swan - The Market Café
- Winner: The Swan**

Community Volunteer Award – Nominees

- Tessa Timms - Mark Coleman- Pam De Wit
- Winner – Mark Coleman**



Mark Coleman being awarded Volunteer Award

We look forward to the next Community Awards in 2026.

Faringdon Civic Service

The Faringdon Civic Service took place at **All Saints' Church on Sunday 21st April 2024** to thank Faringdon's community groups for all their work. The service was led by Revd. Maria Jukes. Attendees included Faringdon's Mayor Cllr. Peter Castle, The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire James Sibbald (now retired), Deputy Lieutenant, Major (Retd) James Sibbald DL MSc FRGS FIoD, Honorary Alderman Judith Heathcoat, The Army Cadets and The Mayor's Cadet along with representatives of various community groups.



At Civic Service: Chair of Vale, Mayor Cllr. Castle and The Mayor's Cadet

Refreshments and a light finger buffet followed in the Barber Rooms. The service was enjoyed by all.

May's Councillor Surgery at Farmers' Market

The second surgery of 2024 was a success with local businesses, stall holders and passers by stopping to chat and share feedback. The sun shone which helped the turnout. The next surgery is **Tuesday 6th August, Market Place.**



Cllrs. Castle (Mayor) and Morgan running the surgery

Artist of the Month



FTC welcomes **Jan Fennelly** as the **Artist of the month for June.**

Jane started working with glass by making leaded-glass panels over 20 years ago then 12 years ago she was lucky enough to have a studio built in her garden, enabling space for a kiln so she could also experiment with fused glass. This opened up whole new avenues of possibilities, Jan doesn't believe that she will ever stop being excited by learning about and making glass art – each piece is unique. Come along to the Information Centre throughout June to see Jan's work. The Information Centre is **open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am to 1pm on Saturdays**



Faringdon's Big Green Day
 Saturday 15th June 2024
 10am - 1pm at the Corn Exchange
 A celebration of **green** activities, projects and businesses in and around Faringdon
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