

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs. present: Castle (Chair)
 Boulton
 Famakin
 Farmer
 Finn
 Ford
 Leniec
 Wise
In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk
 Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
 C/Cllr. Thomas; D/Cllr. Edwards

1/4/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were NOTED from Cllr. Palmer, Cllr. Webb and Cllr. Wild.

2/4/25 Minutes of last Meeting – Monday 10th March 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 were signed as a correct record.

3/4/25 Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/4/25 Public Speaking and Question Time

None

5/4/25 County Councillor and District Councillor's Reports

Members NOTED verbal reports from the County and District Councillors which will be available online at <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/homepage/reports/>.

6/4/25 Thames Valley Police Report

Members welcomed PC Norris who provided an update report on the latest incidents and data. The local police are working hard to bring together other agencies in a holistic approach to resolving local issues. He reported that the team is being expanded with more PCSOs. He highlighted how important it is for residents to report incidents and crimes to the police e.g. via calling 101, rather than just noting it on Facebook. Local team will join Councillor Surgeries as part of their community outreach. Cllr Famakin joined the meeting.

7/4/25 Items for information and action list:

Members NOTED the following:

- a) Action List.

8/4/25 Correspondence

Members NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email up to and including 7th April 2025.

In response to an email regarding shops in the town centre, it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to carry out an audit of vacant shops and premises in the town centre and write to the owners to find out what their intentions are.

9/4/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

None.

10/4/25 Chair's Activity Report

Members NOTED the following:

- The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the opening of the new allotments.

11/4/25 Reports from Committees

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

- a) Grants Sub-committee meeting 3rd February 2025.
- b) Facilities Committee meeting 24th February 2025.
- c) Community & Partnerships Committee meeting 3rd March 2025.
- d) Finance & Audit Committee meeting 10th March 2025.
- e) Community & Partnerships Committee meeting 24th March 2025.
- f) Planning & Highways Committee meeting 24th March 2025.

12/4/25 Clerk's Report and Finance

a) Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments up to and including 7th April 2025 totalling £63,778.48.

b) Members NOTED the Clerk's external activities.

c) Members NOTED the vandalism and arson to the Pink Pigeon recycling bin and a young person has admitted causing the damage to the Police. On behalf of the Council, the Clerk has submitted a Victim Impact Statement which confirms details of the artwork. The artist has advised she could repair the bin for £300 and is investigating paint options. The Clerk is investigating whether the young person can assist the artist (with a responsible adult) to help make the repairs.

d) Members received an update on the Folly Sports Park project. Five Oxfordshire-based companies have been asked to quote for the early stages of the design project. So far, one has declined to quote (due to lack of capacity) and two have said they will be providing a quote by the deadline of 22 April.

13/4/25 Annual Town Meeting

Members noted the date of the Annual Town Meeting on 30th April 2025.

14/4/25 Agenda Items for the next meeting

Items for Monday 12th May 2025 should be forwarded to Clerk by Tuesday 6th May 2025.

Meeting closed at: 7.58 p.m.