

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Katherine Doughty



## **Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

**Present:** Cllr. Castle (Chair)  
Cllr. Farmer  
Cllr. Ford  
Cllr. Leniec (from Item 8d)  
Cllr. Lunn  
Cllr. Webb

**In attendance:** Liza Whitney, Community and Partnerships Officer  
Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant

**1/2/25 Apologies for Absence**  
None

**2/2/25 Minutes of last meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were SIGNED as a correct record.

**3/2/25 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**4/2/25 Public Question and Speaking Time**  
None

**5/2/25 Items for Information and Action List**  
a) Members NOTED the Action List and items for information.

**6/2/25 Election of Vice Chair**  
It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to appoint Cllr. Lunn as Vice Chair and this was RESOLVED.

**7/2/25 Community Engagement and Events**

- a) Members NOTED community engagement undertaken by Councillors
- b) Members NOTED the Clerk's verbal report re. the Christmas Lights-on event on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The 3-year contract with the electrician is up for renewal and he has re-quoted. The Christmas Lights Working Party will meet in due course.
- c) Members NOTED a report from the latest Councillor Surgery held in May and agreed that along with Thames Valley Police attending the next one on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025, they would also hold a joint surgery with the local District Councillor and local County Councillor. The success of a joint councillor surgery will subsequently be reviewed.
- d) Members were asked to fill in the Councillor rota to help man the FTC stall at Folly Fest which will be emailed round.
- e) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Ford SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to go ahead with the plans and budget of £465.84 to come from the events budget for August Play Day to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

- f) Members were asked to fill in the Councillor rota to help man the FTC stall at the August Play Day and the form will be emailed round.
- g) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Farmer SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to purchase two Faringdon Town Council branded tablecloths for events at a cost of £167.94 from Digital Press to come from the events budget.

### **8/2/25 Partnerships Update**

Members NOTED with thanks updates from the following:

- a) The Pump House Project
- b) Food Bank
- c) Community Larder
- d) The Place
- e) OPA, Junior Youth Group: Clerk and Chair to meet with OPA's Junior Youth Group organiser to discuss future and look at funding if this group has stopped meeting.
- f) Faringdon Games Club
- g) Faringdon Artistic Skaters
- h) Citizen's Advice – representative to speak
- i) Root & Branch
- j) Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

### **9/2/25 Open & Community Cinema – 23 August 2025**

- a) Members NOTED a report on the Community Cinema
- b) Members NOTED an update on redistribution of DVDs at Community Cinema
- c) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Lunn SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to collect donations for The Place and YoCO at Tucker Park entrance at Open Cinema.
- d) Members were asked to fill in a marshalling rota for Councillors to support Open Cinema event on 23 August and this will be emailed round.

### **10/2/25 Activities in the Market Place**

- a) Members discussed restarting music in the Market Place on Saturdays and would broadly support this. Clerk to investigate any regulations around busking.
- b) Members discussed the reviving of the markets and possibility of re-employing a Markets Officer. it was agreed that the Clerk would undergo some research into how local towns and villages run their markets and farmer's markets and come back with a report in the autumn.

### **11/2/25 Agenda items for the next meeting**

- The Community Larder
- Items for 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

**Meeting ended at 7.58 pm**