

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Finn (Chair)

Castle
Farmer
Ford
Leniec
Wise

In attendance: Sarah Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
1 Member of the public

1/4/25 Election of Chair

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to appoint Cllr. Finn as Chair and this was RESOLVED.

2/4/25 Election of Vice Chair

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to defer the appointment of Vice Chair to the next meeting.

3/4/25 Apologies for Absence

4/4/25 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025 were APPROVED

5/4/25 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Ford is a Trustee of The Place.

6/4/25 Public Speaking and Question Time

The Chair PROPOSED and it was SECONDED and RESOLVED to bring forward item 12/4/25 (a) to enable a member of the public to speak.

A member of The Friends of Faringdon Folly spoke to the meeting about the current upkeep requirements of the woodland on Folly Hill, the various ongoing projects they have in and around the woodland both with regard to the trees but also the sculptures, and other channels of finance they have sourced. Members agreed that the Folly Tower and woodland are a valuable recreational space for the residents of Faringdon and Cllr. Finn PROPOSED, Cllr. Castle SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to award the requested grant of £2,500 to the Faringdon Folly Tower Trust, and to recommend to the next Finance Committee that funding come from General Reserves.

7/4/25 Items for information

- a) Members NOTED the Action List.
- b) Live at the Park 2025 – Members NOTED an incomplete grant application form received.

8/4/25 Finance

Members NOTED financial reports to date.

9/4/25 Advisory grant applications

Members considered applications for financial assistance from the youth grant budget including:

- a) Home-Start Oxfordshire - £500. Cllr. Finn PROPOSED, Cllr. Farmer SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £500 from the Youth Grant budget. The Clerk will suggest that they consider also applying for funding from Faringdon United Charities.
- b) Be Free Young Carers - £2000. Cllr. Farmer PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £2000 from the Youth Grant budget. The Clerk will suggest that they consider also applying for funding from Faringdon United Charities.

10/4/25 Event grant applications

Members considered an application for financial assistance from the events grant budget including:

Rotary Club Fireworks - £1000. Cllr. Farmer PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £1000 towards the fireworks from the events grant budget. The Clerk will ask the Rotary Club to acknowledge assistance from Faringdon Town Council in their publicity.

11/4/25 Youth grant applications

Members considered applications for financial assistance from the youth grant budget including:

Faringdon Netball Club - £2000. Cllr. Farmer PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £2000 to Faringdon Netball Club. Cllr. Finn PROPOSED and Cllr. Farmer SECONDED to recommend to the next Finance Committee that funding come from General Reserves.

12/4/25 General grant applications

Members considered applications for financial assistance from the events grant budget including:

- a) Faringdon Folly Tower Trust - £2500. See item 6/4/25.
- b) Southampton Street Car Park Community Gardeners - £150. Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Ford SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £150. Cllr. Finn PROPOSED and Cllr. Castle SECONDED to recommend to the next Finance Committee that funding come from General Reserves. Members also NOTED the excellent standard of the Southampton Street Car Park Community Gardener' Risk Assessment.

13/4/25 Agenda Items for the next meeting:

Members agreed that the grants are a valuable support to Faringdon's activities and infrastructure but budget levels need to be reviewed to ascertain the extent to which they have kept pace with the diversity and level of activities in the town and to reflect demand. It was therefore PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to review the grants budgets and then forward any recommendations to the Finance Committee.

Meeting closed at: 8.30 pm