

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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The Parish of Great Faringdon in the County of Oxfordshire
Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
held in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL
on Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 7.00pm

In Attendance:

Town Councillors:

Castle (Chair)

Boulton

Finn

Leniec

Lunn

Webb

Wild

Wise

Lucy Edwards – D/Cllr.

Staff Present:

Katherine Doughty – Town Clerk

Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

Margaret Nairne – Town Clerk's Assistant

PC Norris, Thames Valley Police

4 members of the public

1. Mayor's Opening Address

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Minutes of the Town Meeting held on 6th November 2024.

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

It was agreed that Cllr. Steve Leniec, a resident of Eaton Hastings, be invited to join the meeting as Town Councillor/Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee.

It was agreed to bring item 8 forward: Thames Valley Police

PC Norris, the local Police Neighbourhood Supervisor, attended the meeting and provided a brief report. He emphasised the local team's priority to organise more regular engagement opportunities with local residents. He referred the meeting to police.uk where you can find local statistics, impressed on the meeting the importance of reporting crimes and anti-social behaviour to the police, and answered questions on a number of matters including a recent, local spate of anti-social behaviour, the priority of addressing violence against women and girls and whether CCTV would be possible in the town centre.

3. Presentation and reports by Town Council

The Mayor introduced a Powerpoint presentation:

- a) Introduction to your Town Councillors
- b) The work of the Town Council including the strategic plan.
- c) Reports from Town Council Committees: The following reports were received and NOTED and are available to be read online.
 - i. Finance and Audit (including Grants Sub-Committee)
 - ii. Planning and Highways
 - iii. Facilities
 - iv. Community and Partnerships
 - v. Climate Change Working Party
- d) Reports from
 - i. Tucker's Recreation Ground Trust
 - ii. Faringdon War Memorial Trust

4. County Councillor's Report

The County Councillor's report was received and NOTED and is available to be read online on the FTC website.

5. District Councillors' Report

The District Councillor's report was received and NOTED and is available to be read online on the FTC website.

6. Reports from grant recipients

The following reports were received and NOTED and are available to be read online.

1. The Place
2. Citizens Advice
3. Pump House Project
4. The Abingdon Bridge
5. Faringdon Beer Society
6. Live at the Park
7. Faringdon Folly Tower Trust
8. FollyFest

7. Reports from Local Organisations

The following reports were received and NOTED and are available to be read online.

1. German Twinning
2. Faringdon PAD Committee
3. Faringdon Community Bus
4. French Twinning
5. The Place
6. Vale Community Impact

8. Thames Valley Police (see above)

9. Public Speaking Time

A resident asked questions with regard to the new ANPR system being installed in the bus lane in the Market Place. Their questions referenced the consultation, and concerns that if "no motor vehicles" are allowed the restrictions will have a major

impact on deliveries. The Clerk is talking to the relevant officer at OCC to ask if the NPR can match that at Witney where businesses are allowed to accept deliveries.

Cllr. Castle thanked the meeting given that this will be his last Town Meeting as Mayor of Faringdon and the meeting applauded.

Meeting ended at 8.05 pm