

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Katherine Doughty



Minutes of the Extra Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Present: Cllr. Castle (Chair)
Cllr. Farmer
Cllr. Ford
Cllr. Lunn
Cllr. Webb

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk
Cllr Norris as a member of the public

1/4/25 Apologies for absence
Cllr. Leniec.

2/4/25 Minutes of last meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th September 2025 were SIGNED as a correct record.

3/4/25 Declarations of Interest
None.

4/4/25 Public Question and Speaking Time
None.

5/4/25 Community noticeboards
To review existing noticeboards and consider drafting a plan for new noticeboard location(s) to be included in the 2026/27 budgets and workplan.

The Clerk provided a map of new noticeboard locations which residents suggested at the Oxfordshire Play Association's fun day. In consideration of the cost of recycled plastic noticeboards (c. £1700 each), it was RESOLVED to pursue S106 funds and if approved, to finalise planned locations and install 3 noticeboards as a trial. Proposed by Cllr. Castle, seconded by Cllr. Farmer, carried unanimously.

6/4/25 Bench Art Trail

a) To receive an update on the installation of eight new benches around the town.

The new benches are being installed around town this week. Clerk is to draft a leaflet on their theme/background with the help of Councillors.

b) To consider the installation of a new bench at Town Park within the project and S106 funds.

The Clerk provided an overview of the current Town Park refurbishment design and the opportunity to install a ninth bench as part of the art trail. It was felt that the refurbishment project and bench installation should be undertaken at the same time to ensure a cohesive scheme was implemented. It was RESOLVED to refer the potential

new bench to the Facilities Committee for inclusion in the Town Park refurbishment project.

7/4/25 Precept 2026/27

- a) To receive a quarter 2 financial report.

The Clerk circulated financial information which was NOTED.

- b) To consider a programme of events for 2026/27.

A programme of events for the next financial year was RESOLVED.

- c) To consider draft budgets for 2026/27.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lunn and seconded by Cllr. Farmer that:-

- i. a draft budget of £16,553 is considered by the Finance & Audit Committee.
- ii. the ticket price for the cinema is increased to £5 in advance and £6 on the door with effect from 1 April 2026.
- iii. the Tourist Bus project may need to be fully grant-funded if the Council budgets (as a whole) are tight.

8/4/25 Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) The Wilderness – Representatives are to be invited to present their plans to the next committee meeting.
- b) Website update.

Meeting ended at 8.00 pm