

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of a Youth Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Al Cane (Chairman)  
Julie Farmer  
Steve Leniec  
Andrew Marsden  
Patrick Middleton  
Mike Wise

**Co-opted members:** Tim Vinal – Faringdon Scouts  
Kealy Whenray – Pump House Project

**In Attendance:** Sally Thurston, Town Clerk  
Rebekah Pugh, Youth and Community Officer  
Cllr. James Famakin

**1/1/16 Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr. David Price

**2/1/16 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**3/1/16 Minutes of Last Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
It was noted that the date was incorrect and there was a spelling error. Amendments were made and the minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

**4/1/16 Items for Information Only**  
None

**5/1/16 Public Speaking Time**  
None

**6/1/16 Public Question Time**  
None

**7/1/16 Youth Groups Update**  
a) Members received and NOTED an update from Kealy Whenray of the Pump House Project which highlighted:

- A disabled loo had been installed in the PHP and this was almost completed.
  - The project was encouraging community groups to use the venues rather than commercial ventures.
  - New projects running from TPHP include:
    - Open Access Youth Group - Faringdon Town Council
    - Drop in Youth Dance Classes – TPHP
    - Children’s Yoga
  - A Youth Arts festival is being planned working in partnership with Faringdon Town Council Youth Services
  - Parkour sessions are planned for School Holidays
- b) To receive an update from Faringdon Rotary Club  
Members were informed that Rota Kids is successfully running in TPHP. There has recently been a change in the Youth Section of Rotary and the new Youth Services link will be invited to the next meeting.
- c) Members received and NOTED an update from Tim Vinal of Faringdon Scouts which highlighted:
- A seconded section of Beavers and Scouts had been launched in the Barber Rooms and was running successfully. The young people had chosen the names for the new groups – Folly Foxes and Folly Wolves.
  - Scouts will be attending a National Camp in London on the weekend of 9/10 Jan.
  - Events were being planned to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> year of cubs.
- d) Members received and NOTED an update from Rebekah Pugh – Faringdon Town Council Youth Services which highlighted:
- New session for Young Activity Auditors was being launched with members for different youth groups.
  - FTC Senior Youth Worker is working in school promoting a variety of Youth Services in the town.
  - FTC Youth Services are working well from a variety of venues in the Town centre.
- e) No update from Faringdon Baptist Church Youth Group was available.

**8/1/16**

**S106 Funds**

No further update. The Clerk reminded all Youth Groups to come forward to the Town council if they wanted a project included in any future bids.

**9/1/16**

**Faringdon Youth Services**

- a) Members received a management update report from Youth and Community Officer, Rebekah Pugh which was NOTED with thanks. The report highlighted:
- Youth Services is operating very well from FTC Venues
  - New drama session has been launched
  - New open access group to start in January at Pump House Project
  - School Outreach working well
  - 789 contacts with young people have been made in the last month by the Youth Services team
- b) Members considered the future location FTC Youth Services. Following reports that Youth Sessions were successfully operating away from FAZE, it was PROPOSED that a recommendation be made to Council that Youth Services vacated the FAZE site and continued to operate their sessions in other venues in the Town Centre. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.
- c) Members considered purchasing two laptops for Youth services staff. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk be given a budget of £600+VAT from the Operating Reserves for Youth Services to purchase the laptops. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.
- d) Members received a financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This was NOTED.
- e) Members considered the budget for 2016/17. It was PROPOSED that the Youth Services presented a budget with the FAZE building Costs removed to the Finance and Audit Committee. This was SECONDED and CARRIED. The final revenue budget for Youth Services was AGREED at £10,380.

**9/1/16**

**FAZE site**

Members considered possible uses for the FAZE site if it was purchased by Faringdon Town Council.

The following suggestions were made:

- Depot for Recreation and Open Spaces
- Recreation Area
- Developers of the surrounding site develop as an open space