

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Youth Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 7.15 p.m. in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs. Andrew Marsden (Acting Chair)
Ian Bell
Julie Farmer

In Attendance: Andrew Gould, Senior Youth Worker
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Rebekah Pugh, Safeguarding Officer
Kealy Whenray, Pump House Project
John Nightingale, Faringdon Rotary

1/2/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. David Price and James Gregory

2/2/15 Declarations of Interest

None

3/2/15 Minutes of Last Meeting: 8th January 2015

The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting

4/2/15 Items for Information Only

None

5/2/15 Public Speaking Time

6/2/15 Public Question Time

NONE

7/2/15 Co-option of Outside Bodies

1. It was proposed to co-opt John Nightingale, representing Faringdon Rotary Club, as a non-voting committee member as agreed at meeting held on 8/1/2015. This was seconded and CARRIED.
2. It was proposed to co-opt Kealy Whenray, representing The Pump House Project, as a non-voting committee member as agreed at meeting held on 8/1/2015. This was seconded and CARRIED.

3. Members considered co-opting a member of Faringdon Scout Group as a non-voting member at the next meeting. This was AGREED.

8/2/15 Youth Groups Update

Kealy Whenray gave an update on the Pump House Project highlighting the following points:

1. 3 new arts projects have been launched for groups aged 5+, 7+ and 11-13.
2. A Folly Fest Arts project is being planned.
3. The Pump House project is now an Arts Award Centre with Kealy qualified to offer the award. Kealy suggested that there was a link-up with FAZE as staff members at FAZE are also qualified.
4. A new website for the project had been launched.
5. A family events program is currently being planned with professional performers.
6. Arts Festival for Youth – a project in the planning stage that will hopefully take place in May 2016.

John Nightingale informed the committee that Rotary had launched a new group for 12-16 year olds on Friday evenings. This group would fill the gap between Rota kids and Interactors.

9/2/15 S106 Funding

The Clerk explained that the Council was currently looking for projects to be considered for s106 funding. A business case needed to be made for any projects that should directly relate to the impact of any development. The committee discussed possible projects for s106 funding. The following suggestions were made:

1. Arts Festival
2. Development of FAZE to include an Arts Space
3. Scouts Hut Development
4. CodoDojo – to fund a permanent home

It was AGREED that the clerk should investigate these projects further and report to the next meeting.

10/2/15 FAZE

1. Members received a written report which was NOTED. Cllr. Farmer asked for more information about the gender specific groups that were planned. Andrew Gould would provide this at the next meeting.
2. Town Centre Issues – Andrew Gould reported that he and the Clerk had recently had a meeting with the local police to discuss possible initiatives to address the current anti-social behavior in the Town Centre. Areas in which FAZE could work with the police were discussed including a Fun Day where police could interact with young people with a view to building relationships.

It was felt that Outreach work could have a positive impact. Kealy Whenray offered to help with a Town Centre space for young people.

3. FAZE site security – The Senior Youth Worker and the Clerk reported that there had been an issue at the rear of FAZE with people accessing the site out of hours. The police had been informed. The clerk was asked to get prices for security lighting.
4. Friends of FAZE – The Senior Youth Worker informed members that the group was progressing and they were currently looking at the constitution.
5. Members received a report from Safeguarding Officer which was NOTED.
6. New policies and procedures for FAZE were presented to committee for approval. It was proposed that the committee sign these as a working document that would be constantly updated. This was seconded and AGREED.
7. Purchase of FAZE Site – The Clerk informed the committee that this was progressing well. Change of use planning was now in place and a solicitor has been instructed to act on the councils behalf.
8. Faze Management Board – The Clerk informed the committee that the FAZE Board had now been disbanded and all monies transferred to the Town Council. It was proposed that the Council agree to accept ownership of all remaining equipment. This was seconded and AGREED. The clerk was asked to write and confirm this to the ex-chairman of the FAZE Board.

11/2/15

Strategic Working Party Recommendations

1. Members considered the 3 year plan for FAZE as discussed at the previous meeting. It was AGREED to take this plan forward for the new committee to build on.
2. Maintenance Plan for FAZE for 2015/16 – this was DEFERRED to the next meeting for further discussion after the Leisure Services Team had had the opportunity to form a draft plan.
3. Members considered updated Youth Services Committee Terms of Reference. It was felt the FAZE should be referred to as a Project not a Centre. It was proposed that these be accepted with the amendment. This was seconded and AGREED.