

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of a Youth Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.15 p.m. in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Faringdon**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Steve Leniec  
Andrew Gould, Senior Youth Worker  
Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

### **33/14 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. James Gregory and David Price

### **34/14 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **35/14 Minutes of Last Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

The Minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

### **36/14 Items for Information Only**

None

### **37/14 Public Speaking Time**

None present

### **38/14 Public Question Time**

No questions were received.

### **39/14 FAZE Youth Centre**

- a) A written report, that detailed activities at the center and explained how the project continued to help individual children, was received and NOTED. The Senior Youth Worker informed the committee that he was progressing in setting up the Friends of FAZE group that would operate as a fund raising body under the same terms as a school PTA. Cllr Andrew Marsden felt that the group should have control of the funds it raised. This was AGREED.

It was explained that funding from outside bodies was difficult to obtain because the project was part of a local authority. Cllr. Julie Farmer suggested that Faringdon United Charities were approached.

Andrew was congratulated on his report and thanked for his continuing hard work and dedication.

- b) Members were informed that Cllr. Roger Cox is currently acting as temporary Safeguarding Officer. The clerk explained that an existing member of council staff had a Youth Work degree and had expressed an interest in the role. It was proposed the Clerk progress the matter. This was AGREED. The Senior Youth worker explained he had many contacts in youth work and regular worked with other agencies to benefit the young people. He and the Clerk are hoping to meet with the Abingdon Hub project to build even stronger links.
- c) An update from a FAZE board meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was received. It was proposed, at this meeting, the FAZE board disband and funds be reallocated. This could not happen because the meeting was not quorate. The meeting has been rescheduled for December 2014.
- d) A yearly report from the Chairman of FAZE Board was received and NOTED.

#### **40/14 Finance**

- a) ½ year financial report was received and NOTED.  
The clerk explained that the sundries expenditure was high due to spending that should be reimbursed by FAZE board.
- b) To draft budget and capital expenditure for 2015/16 were discussed.
  - (i) Budget  
The Clerk was asked to investigate unexplained lines in the budget and high costs for boiler maintenance.  
Revenue Budget: £63,735
  - (ii) Capital Expenditure  
It was AGREED that funding for a freezer and cooker should be sought from this year's budget or alternative funding sources.  
The Senior Youth Worker was asked to get detailed costing for tables, chairs and a new floor and presented to the next meeting.