

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



**Minutes of a Youth Services Committee meeting
held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House,
Faringdon.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. David Price (Chair until 8/3/15)
Al Cane (Chair from 8/3/15)
Steve Leniec
Julie Farmer
Andrew Marsden

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Rebekah Pugh, Safeguarding Officer
Kealy Whenray, Pump House Project
Tim Vinall, Faringdon Scouts

1/3/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Alex Meredith and Mike Wise. John Nightingale: Faringdon Rotary

2/3/15 Declarations of Interest

None

3/3/15 Minutes of Last Meeting: 2nd April 2015

The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting

4/3/15 Items for Information Only

None

5/3/15 Public Speaking Time

None

6/3/15 Public Question Time

None

7/3/15 Election of Vice Chair

It was Proposed that Cllr. Al Cane be elected as Vice Chair. This was seconded and CARRIED.

Councillor Price left the meeting and Cllr. Cane chaired the remainder of the meeting.

8/3/15 Co-option of Outside Bodies

It was proposed to co-opt Tim Vinall, from Faringdon Scout Group, as a non-voting committee member. This was seconded and CARRIED.

9/3/15 Youth Groups Update

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

1. Rota Kids a rotary group for primary age children, that is hosted by PHP, is running well.
2. Trailblazers, a new 12– 16 year olds Rotary Club group is being hosted at the Pump House once a month.
3. Parkour is not currently running. PHP are searching for an instructor.

The report was NOTED.

b) The rotary club is very active in Youth Services:

1. They have launched Trailblazers, 13 – 16 and are hoping to launch an 18 – 30 group.
2. Funded a recent trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park for the FAZE AAA group
3. Continue to fund a Youth Worker for FAZE Young Carers group.

c) Tim Vinall provided an update on the Faringdon Scout Group highlighting the following points:

1. All groups are going well.
2. They have a long waiting list.
3. Hoping to launch a second section in all age groups
4. Sessions at the Pump House Project are running well but they hope to find a permanent location and would like to work with Town Council to achieve this.

The report was NOTED.

d) Rebekah Pugh gave a written update for FAZE highlighting the following points:

1. Two recent successful trips for Young Carers and AAA.
2. Re-launched Girls and Boys group with lottery funding
3. Working on links with all other groups and outside bodies.
4. Market research taken place about Youth Services in the town with a very positive response.
5. A Facebook group for young people is being created to include all youth groups.

The report was NOTED.

10/3/15 Youth Council

Rebekah Pugh presented a written report, which was NOTED. Members felt that a Youth Council would be an excellent initiative. It was proposed that Sally Thurston and Rebekah Pugh carry out more research into setting up a Youth Council and make a recommendation to a future meeting. This was seconded and CARRIED.

11/3/15 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. These would need to be in place so funding requests were in place for future developments. It was AGREED that the clerk would continue to work with the scouts and the PHP to further develop requests.

12/3/15 FAZE

- a. Members received accounts to 31st May 2015.
These were NOTED.

Cllr. Cane proposed to invoke standing order 1(c) due to the confidentiality of some parts of the following items. This was seconded and CARRIED.

- b. Members received a report from Sally Thurston, Town Clerk.
The report outlined information received during research undertaken regarding the need for Youth Services provision in Faringdon, with a recommendation for a future staffing structure for FAZE to meet demand. It was proposed that the clerk take the recommendation with full costing's to the Staff Working Party. This was CARRIED.
- c. To receive a report from Safeguarding Officer.
Members received a written report from the Safeguarding Officer. This was NOTED. It was proposed that all committee members undertake safeguarding training. This was AGREED. The Clerk was asked to organize this training.
- d. To discuss the future management structure of FAZE.
It was proposed that future meeting be divided into two sections: Youth Services and FAZE Management. This was CARRIED.
- e. To formulate a mission statement to be approved by council for the future operation of FAZE.
To following mission statement was proposed:
To provide open youth work sessions with positive activity and to deliver an active programme by engaging with the community, to provide better life chances for our young people.
This was seconded and AGREED.
- f. Members discussed obtaining DBS checks for committee members.
It was proposed that all committee members should have DBS checks. This was seconded and CARRIED.
- g. Purchase of FAZE Site
Members received an update which was NOTED.

13/3/15

Councillor Roles

Members discussed allocating roles to councillors within the Youth Services remit. It was proposed that the clerk refine the roles and that they be allocated at the next meeting.

This was AGREED.

14/3/15

Strategic Working Party Recommendations

Members discussed the following:

1. Further develop the 3 year plan for Youth Services
2. Discuss a Maintenance Plan for FAZE for 2015/16

It was proposed that these items be deferred until the purchase of the FAZE Site was resolved. This was AGREED.