

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.15pm pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

PRESENT: Cllrs.

Dr Mike Wise (Chairman and Town Mayor)
David Barron
Ian Bell
Al Cane
James Famakin
Julie Farmer
Mark Greenwood
Steve Leniec
Andrew Marsden
Alex Meredith
Patrick Middleton
David Price

In Attendance:

Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat to min. 10/12/15
Sarah Jelley, Oxfordshire County Council to min. 10/12/15
SGT. Ryan James, Thames Valley Police to min. 14/12/15

1/12/15 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Angela Finn and Jane Boulton. D/Cllrs Mohinder Kainth and Roger Cox. Bethia Thomas, Town Team.

2/12/15 Minutes of last meeting: Wednesday 14th October 2015.
The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

3/12/15 Declarations of Interest
No declarations of interest were made at this time.

4/12/15 Public Question Time
None received.

5/12/15 Public Speaking Time
No one wished to speak at this time.

Cllr. Mike Wise PROPOSED that agenda item 15. be brought forward to enable Sgt. James to participate in the discussion. This was seconded and CARRIED.

6/12/15 Antisocial Behaviour
Members received a report detailing a recent increase of anti-social behaviour and vandalism at Tuckers Park. Sgt. James informed members that steps were being

taken now that the police were aware of the problem. Tuckers Park had been added as a patrol point and the PCSO was working with the Football Club to address the problem. The meeting considered ways the community can work together to combat the problem. The following suggestions were made:

- Hold a community meeting
- FTC Youth Worker to work closely with Police and Football Club to engage young people in positive activity.
- Write to surrounding houses to ask them to call the police if they witness any anti-social behaviour.
- Publicity campaign –to inform the public what vandalism costs and ask them to report and incidents.

It was PROPOSED that a balanced public meeting be held to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour. It was further PROPOSED that this be added to the Town Meeting Agenda to be held on in January 18th 2015. This was SECONDED and CARRIED. It was PROPOSED that the Town Clerk be delegated authority to work with the police to implement these suggestions. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

Cllr. Mike Wise PROPOSED that agenda item 7. be brought forward to enable Sgt James to continue. This was seconded and CARRIED.

7/12/15 Reports from Outside Bodies

(a) Thames Valley Police

Sgt. James gave a report detailing the work of the Neighbourhood Policing Team. This was NOTED with thanks.

8/12/15 Oxfordshire County Council Devolution of Services

Sarah Jelley, OCC Officer gave a presentation detailing the Oxfordshire County Council planned savings and the Oxfordshire Together scheme, which included devolution of services. This was followed by a lengthy question and answer session where queries were answered by both Sarah Jelley and County Councillor Judith Heathcoat. The Town Council had several concerns regarding the devolution of services. C/Cllr. Heathcoat informed the meeting that a meeting would be held, shortly, for all Parish and Town Councils in the Faringdon Division with OCC Officers from various departments present who could give more detailed information.

9/12/15 County Councillor's Report

Members received a report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat which was NOTED.

10/12/15 District Councillors' Report

Members received a written report from District Cllrs. Roger Cox and Mohinda Kainth which was NOTED.

11/12/15 Chairman's Activity Report

Members received an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise which highlighted the success of the recent Remembrance Day Parade and the Apple Day Market. The Clerk was asked to write letters of congratulations to the organisers. This was CARRIED.

12/12/15 Reports from Committees

Members received and NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

(a) Planning & Highways: 27th October

(b) Recreation and Open Spaces 21st October
(c) Venues 4th November

13/12/15 **FAZE Purchase**

Members were informed that no response had been received from OCC following a written request to remove clause 11 from the terms of purchase agreement. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk contact OCC and enquire why they had not responded and report and findings to the Finance and Audit Committee on 25/11/2015. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

14/12/15 **Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**

Members received the following schedule of payments up to and including November 11th 2015:

CLERK'S REPORT October 2015		
Cheque payments		
Andrew Townsend Architects	War Memorial Trust	£ 756.00
John Hartley Ass. Ltd	Valuations	£ 1,140.00
PRS	Youth Centre License	£ 11.64
Viking Ltd	Stationery	£ 74.65
Thames Water	Allotments	£ 341.75
Faringdon Motorist Centre	Van parts	£ 47.96
Filmbank	License	£ 99.60
M Wise	Chairmans expenses	£ 693.05
Royal British Legion	Wreaths	£ 17.00
Microshade	IT Provision	£ 291.90
VWHDC	Premises license	£ 180.00
Tom Wheeler	Cleaning Services	£ 95.00
Faringdon Garage	Van MOT	£ 168.10
PHS	Sanitary service	£ 213.72
Davis DIY	Maintenance ittems	£ 48.92
Bank transfers	Reimb for Salaries imprest to £30k	£ 16,754.01
Charge Card Payments		
Co-op	Card fee	
Amazon	DVD	£ 7.99
Elite	DVD	£ 7.98
Amazon	Youth worker vest	£ 7.91
Screwfix	Water heater	£ 64.99
Co - Op Bank	Card fee	£ 2.00

Direct Debits		
VWHDC - Business Rates	C/Ex	£ 913.00
	P/House	£ 355.00
	FAZE	£ 413.00
Thames Water	Corn Exchange	£ 149.01
	Pump House	£ 16.91
	OTH	£ 26.68
	FAZE	£ -
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
Fuel Card Services	Van and Tractor Fuel	£ 38.49
o2 online	Venues Phone Contract	£ 13.14
Mainstream Digital	Telephone & Broadband	£ 226.57
Talk talk	P/House Broadband	£ 22.20
SSE	OTH	£ 180.13
	Pump House	£ 33.72
	Pump House	£ 39.95
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 23,474.77
FC&TIC Invoices		
Historical Society	Replacement for lost cheque	£ 69.81
Faringdon Newspapers	CTIC Ad	£ 26.25
DWN Ltd	Stock Purchase	£ 8.66
Photographic Heritage	Stock Purchase	£ 75.00
Ann Strowger	Agency Sales	£ 67.50
Uffington Potters	Agency Sales	£ 28.80
Helen Martin	Agency Sales	£ 18.53
Loveden Booklets	Agency Sales	£ 10.50
Diz white	Agency Sales	£ 7.50
Royal British Legion	Agency Sales	£ 220.00
Theatre Tokens	Agency Sales	£ 9.40
Pink Pigeons	Agency Sales	£ 74.00
PMG Schoolwear	Stock Purchase	£ 41.97
Total FC&TIC Invoices		£ 24,132.69

Cllr. Price PROPOSED that the above bills be authorised for payment. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Barron and CARRIED.

15/12/15

Oxfordshire County Council Savings Plans

- (a) Members received and a report from Cllrs. Bell and Marsden, following attendance of the Talking Oxfordshire Town and Parish Councils meeting which detailed Oxfordshire County Councils savings plans. This was NOTED.
- (b) Cllr. Wise gave a report of a meeting with OCC regarding the future of Faringdon's Children's Centre. Of the three current provisions: Family Support, Health Support and Universal Services only the last (e.g. providing early intervention through playgroups) is under threat; OCC is looking for 'community support' if it is to continue. This was NOTED.

16/12/15 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

It was PROPOSED that a working party be set up to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. It was further PROPOSED that the following members be appointed to the working party alongside a Town Council Officer: Cllrs; Farmer, Bell and Barron. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

17/12/15 Items for Information Only

Members were informed that:

- The VWHDC consultation period for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan had begun. This would run until 24th December 2015.

18/12/15 Correspondence

The contents of the correspondence box were NOTED.