

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held on MONDAY 10th APRIL 2017 at 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon

In attendance:

Cllrs:
Mike Wise (Town Mayor)

David Barron

Jane Boulton

Al Cane

Mark Greenwood

Andrew Marsden

Steve Leniec

D/Cllr. Roger Cox

C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat

Representatives from:

Folly Fest x 2

Faringdon Town Football Club

The Pump House Project x 2

Faringdon Fire Station x 2

Thames Valley Police

Faringdon Twining Association

Citizens Advice Bureau x 2

Wantage Independent Advice Centre

Homestart x 2

Town Team

Faringdon Rotary Club

PAD Committee

1 member of the press

3 Members of the public

Staff Present:

Sally Thurston – Town Clerk

Liz Billson – Assistant Town Clerk

Karen Roberts – Business Co-Ordinator

Before opening the meeting Cllr. Mike Wise asked attendees to take a few moments quiet reflection following the tragic death of Tyler Warrington in Faringdon in March 2017 and the recent horrific events in London and Stockholm.

1.	<p>Mayor's Opening Address</p> <p>Cllr. Mike Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave his opening address which highlighted activities in the town over the last twelve months. The Mayor's Address is available on the Town Council Website and as an annex to the minutes.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>The following apologies were received and NOTED: Deputy Town Clerk Rebekah Pugh T/Cllrs. Richard Marsh, Angela Finn, Julie Farmer, Pauline Beesley</p> <p>Colin Proffit Faringdon Community College John Tabor South and Vale Carers, Vivien Checkley, Faringdon United Charities Sarah Benson, Faringdon Rotary Club D/Cllr. Mohinda Kainth Police Sgt Ryan James</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the Town Meeting held on 16th January 2017</p> <p>It was NOTED that the minutes circulated had stated the wrong date (18/1/2016); this has now been amended to show 16/1/2017. The minutes were then signed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p>
5.	<p>Reports</p> <p>The following reports were received and NOTED. Copies of written reports are available on the Town Council website, from the Town Council office and as an annex to the minutes.</p> <p>1) Town Council Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance and Audit – Cllr. Steve Leniec b. Planning and Highways- Cllr. Andrew Marsden c. Recreation and Open Spaces – Cllr. Jane Boulton d. Youth Services – Cllr. Al Cane e. Venues – Cllr. David Barron <p>2) Trusts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tucker's Recreation Ground Trust b. Faringdon War Memorial Trust <p>3) County Councillor's Report</p> <p>4) District Councillors' Report</p> <p>5) Reports from Local Organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fire Station b. Neighbourhood Police Team c. Faringdon Community College d. Rotary Club e. Twinning association <p>Grant Recipients reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Pump House Project gave a report highlighting their successes over the last year and the up-and-coming event at FollyFest which would include 'Selfie Doors' in which members of the public would be encouraged to buy a miniature door and decorate it; the doors would then be on display throughout the town. b. FollyFest

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Faringdon Whist Drive d. PAD e. Home Start f. Faringdon Town Football Club g. Be Free Young Carers (South and Vale) h. CAB i. WIAC <p>All the groups were thanked for their positive contribution to the life of the town.</p>
6.	<p>Faringdon Children's Centre</p> <p>Cllr Cane provided the meeting with an update on progress so far: The Town Council had brought together a variety of groups to form a steering group with the aim of providing Universal Services in Faringdon following the cuts to funding. An application had been submitted to the Charities Commission to form a charitable trust for a new Family and Children's Project called 'The Place', to be based at the Pump House Project. This would not replace the closed Children's Centre, but put in place a facility where families could find support and social activities.</p> <p>Faringdon Town Council had made a grant of £16,500 per annum for three years together with a transitional grant from Oxfordshire County Council and a donation from the Faringdon Collections Trust to provide sufficient funds to pay two part-time workers for the provision of activities and drop-in sessions over a planned three year period. Fund raising is taking place to raise money for operational costs. The first fundraiser will take place in the Corn Exchange on 20/5/2017; this will be a night of music called 'The Mayor Rocks the Place'.</p> <p>Cllr. Cane appealed for volunteers to come forward to support the project in any way they could.</p>
7.	<p>Public Speaking Time and General Discussion</p> <p>None</p>

The Meeting closed at: 8.25pm