

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2016 7.15pm pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Steve Leniec (Chair)

David Barron

Ian Bell

Jane Boulton

Al Cane

Mark Greenwood

Andrew Marsden

Alex Meredith

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

Mark Blatch, Faringdon Chamber of Commerce

Following apologies from both the Mayor and Deputy it was PROPOSED that Cllr. Steve Leniec act as chair for this meeting. This was SECONDED and CARRIED. Members wished a speedy recovery to Cllr. Julie Farmer who had been unwell.

1/3/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mike Wise Julie Farmer, David Price, Angela Finn, Patrick Middleton and James Famakin. D/Cllrs. Mohinder Kainth and Roger Cox. C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat. SGT. Ryan James, Thames Valley Police.

2/3/16 Minutes of last meeting: Wednesday 20th January 2016.

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

3/3/16 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this time.

4/3/16 Public Question Time

None received.

5/3/16 Public Speaking Time

No one wished to speak at this time.

6/3/16 Reports from Outside Bodies

(a) Thames Valley Police – No report was available.

(b) Town Team – minutes from the Town Team were received and NOTED.

(c) Chamber of Commerce – a report was received from Mark Blatch, President, which was NOTED.

7/3/16 County Councillor's Report

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

8/3/16 District Councillors' Report

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

9/3/16 Chairman's Activity Report

Members NOTED a written activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise.

10/3/16 Reports from Committees

Members received and NOTED minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting on 26th January 2016, *including decisions taken under delegated authority*. Cllr. Marsden reported that he had attended the VWHDC Local Plan hearing and made a case for employment land in Faringdon.

11/3/16 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

Members received the following schedule of payments up to and including February 10th 2016:

CLERK'S REPORT February 2016		
Cheque payments made early due to urgency		
Lloyds Bank	Petty Cash	£ 135.36
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Cheque payments		
Fire Protection Shop	Safety equip.	£ 212.32
3WM Office Supplies	Vax - Reimb. P. Matson	£ 351.64
Viking	Stationery	£ 50.22
Auto motive Leasing	2 months Van lease	£ 338.00
Royal Mail	Stamps for Office use and TIC resale - Reimb. S.Thurston	£ 312.00
MG Training	First Aid Course	£ 420.00

Ox Youth	DBS Check	£ 54.00
Farrow and Ball	Paint P/House	£ 59.94
Quidne IT	YS Laptops & Office Comp	£ 1,026.00
Tom Wheeler	Cleaning Services	£ 95.00
Troy Film	License	£ 144.00
WPS	Van Insurance	£ 152.65
Oxford City Supplies	Cleaning / sanitary supplies	£ 250.44
Microshade	Hosted IT Services	£ 291.90
SLCC	Practioners Conference	£ 273.20
Lloyds Bank	Petty Cash	£ 178.14
Alto digital	Photocopier costs	£ 257.76
Davis DIY	Maintenance items	£ 255.93
Andrew Marsden	Travel Expenses	£ 41.10
Co-Op Bank	Reimb for Salaries imprest to £30k	£ 16,668.00
Charge Card Payments		
Amazon	Queens Jubillee Corgi	£ 6.75
O2	YS mobile top up	£ 10.00
Amazon	Hoover head	£ 7.98
Royal Mail	Stamps for Offic use and TIC resale	£ 176.40
Amazon	Cinema DVD	£ 5.79
Amazon	Everest	£ 10.00
Amazon	Craft supplies	£ 6.39
Amazon	Craft supplies	£ 6.45
O2	YS mobile top up	£ 20.00
Co-Op Bank	Card Fee	£ 2.00
Direct Debits		
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
Fuel Card Services		£ 1.20
o2 online	Venues Phone Contract	£ 13.14
Mainstream Digital	Telephone & Broadband	£ 157.63
SSE Electricity	OTH	£ 149.21
	P/House	£ 244.72
	FAZE	£ 37.45
	C/EX	£ 1,327.88
	TPHP	£ 318.76
SSE Gas	P/House	£ 396.19
	FAZE	£ 172.36
	C/EX	£ 1,434.12
Thames Water	C/EX	£ 128.68
	P/House	£ 40.61
	FAZE Site	£ 100.43
	OTH	£ 23.48
	Tuckers	£ 69.90
	Tuckers	£ 120.88
Seimens	Photocopier Lease	£ 377.10
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 26,820.54

FC&TIC Invoices		
Tom Browns School Museum	Publications	£ 5.00
Dash Ltd	Publications	£ 113.67
Faringdon Historical Society	Publications	£ 69.81
Uffington Potters	Agency	£ 224.00
Faringdon Community Bus	Agency	£ 368.00
Al Cane	Agency	£ 21.00
Cards for Good Causes	Agency	£ 7,633.40
Total FC&TIC Invoices		£ 35,255.42

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

12/3/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Marsden informed members that there had been delays, due to errors at VoWHD, in the progression of the FNP. The plan is now with independent examiners but it is unclear how long it has been at this stage. Steps are being undertaken to find out why there has been a delay and when the plan will be taken to referendum.

13/3/16 National Trust Cycle Hub Proposal for Badbury Clump

Members considered draft proposals for a cycle hub. It was NOTED that a group, consisting of neighboring villages, had been set up to oppose the proposals. The Town Council had been invited to attend a meeting of the group on Saturday 13th February to put forward its views. It was also NOTED that the Planning and Highways Committee had not yet voted on their position. It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Meredith attend the meetings on behalf of the Town Council, with a neutral position, and report any information to the Planning and Highways Committee. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

14/3/16 Bus Subsidies

Members received and considered a report from Cllr. Wise regarding the withdrawal of bus subsidies following meetings held on 19th January 2016. It was PROPOSED that a letter be sent to Oxfordshire County Council stating that Faringdon Town Council opposed any cuts to bus subsidies and asking them to consider other funding avenues, including the use of s106 funds. Cllr. Greenwood suggested that the use of s106 funds for this type of expenditure was not good practice. An amended PROPOSAL was made that a letter be written to County Council stating that Faringdon Town Council was opposed to any bus subsidy cuts and that alternative funding avenues should be investigated. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

15/3/16 Phone Boxes

Members received a proposal from the Town Clerk and Youth and Community Officer for the use of the two adopted telephone kiosks. It was PROPOSED that the proposals be implemented. It was further PROPOSED that the Telephone Kiosks be managed by the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee. This was SECONDED and AGREED.

16/3/16

Items for Information Only

Members were informed that the Clerk had been awarded a prize for an outstanding piece of academic work as part of the Community Governance Degree. The members offered congratulations.

17/3/16

Correspondence

The contents of the correspondence box were NOTED.