

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 13th December at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs Present	<p>Mike Wise (Town Mayor) David Barron (Deputy Town Mayor) Kiera Bentley Jane Boulton Al Cane Julie Farmer Mark Greenwood Steve Leniec Richard Marsh Andrew Marsden Anne Marie Wright</p>
In Attendance:	<p>6 members of the public PC Mick Goodenough C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat Rebekah Pugh, Deputy Town Clerk Sally Thurston, Town Clerk</p>
1/14/17	<p>Apologies for Absence District Cllr Roger Cox Cllrs. Pauline Beesley and Angela Finn Mark Blatch, Chamber of Commerce</p>
2/14/17	<p>Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 were signed as correct at an Extra meeting of council held on Thursday 7th December. These minutes were not yet available.</p>
3/14/17	<p>Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations</p>
4/14/17	<p>Public Speaking and Question Time The following questions were posed by members of the West Faringdon Residents association:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Would the Town Council offer its support in principle to a plan from the WFRA for a community development project which created a resource in West Faringdon to provide for outdoor educational and recreational activities?</i> Cllr. Wise explained that objections had been made regarding the amount of play facilities on the Highworth Rd site. This has now been rectified. The group explained that they would like to see an educational and recreational facility in West Faringdon as part of the Highworth Rd site. Cllr. Wise advised that they write to the land owner as the site had already received outline planning permission. The group were asked to formulate a proposal with their ideas and a location and bring this back to council. They were also invited to meet with the Mayor and Town Clerk to discuss ideas. 2) <i>How can the Town Council offer credible support for its residents when VWHDC overrules or ignores its recommendations including those issues agreed under the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan?</i> Cllr. Wise explained that the Council were often frustrated by this, but they were only consultees and District Council were the planning authority. With regards the Neighbourhood Plan this was a national issue. The council had both these matters on the next Planning and Highways agenda to discuss ways of ensuring their views were heard and that the FNP held weight when

	<p><i>decisions were made.</i></p> <p>Cllr. Farmer declared an interest in the Highworth Rd site as a trustee of Faringdon United Charities</p> <p>Cllr. Leniec declared an interest in the Highworth Rd site as an employee of the land owner</p>
5/14/17	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies</p> <p>a) <i>Members NOTED a verbal report from PC Goodenough, Thames Valley Police which included recent crime figures that showed Faringdon was the safest place in the area. Anti- social behaviour at Tuckers park had been a priority for the neighbourhood team and there had been a significant decrease in damage and reports.</i></p> <p><i>Members NOTED a report from Cllr. Beesley from a recent NAG meeting.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Chamber of Commerce</i></p> <p><i>Not available</i></p> <p>c) <i>Town Team</i></p> <p><i>Members NOTED the minutes of a meeting held on 7th December 2017.</i></p>
6/14/17	<p>County Councillor's Report</p> <p>Members NOTED a written and verbal report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat. A member of the public who had a question for the County Councillor was asked to make contact directly.</p>
7/14/17	<p>District Councillors' Report</p> <p>Members NOTED a report from District Cllr. Roger Cox. The Clerk was asked to inform Cllrs. Cox and Kainth that the residents and councillors at the meeting had expressed disappointment that neither were present at the meeting.</p>
8/14/17	<p>Chairman's Activity Report</p> <p>Members NOTED an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise</p>
9/14/17	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Members NOTED minutes and reports of the following meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:</p> <p>a) Facilities Committee: 15th November 2017</p> <p>b) Community and Partnerships Committee: 15th November</p> <p>c) Finance and Audit Committee: 29th November 2017</p> <p>d) Planning & Highways Committee: 22nd November 2017</p> <p>e) Market Charter Working Party: 29th November 2017</p>
10/14/17	<p>Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments</p> <p>Cllr. Cane and Marsh declared a pecuniary interest in this item and declined from voting.</p> <p>Cllr. Wise PROPOSED that the following schedule of payments up to and including December 13th be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Barron and RESOLVED.</p>
11/14/17	<p>Protocol in the event of the death of a senior figure</p> <p>a) Members received and NOTED Protocol from VWHDC</p> <p>b) It was PROPOSED that the Clerk draft a specific plan for Faringdon and bring to the next meeting for discussion. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
12/14/17	<p>Lloyds bank</p> <p>Members considered the recent news that the Faringdon branch of Lloyds Bank is closing. It was felt that this was bad news for Faringdon. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk be delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Lloyds • Write to other banks and encourage them to come to Faringdon • Encourage residents to write and express their concern • Contact the post office to see how they will cope with the increase in custom. <p>This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
13/14/17	<p>Items for Information Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marche de Noel and Deputy Mayors Charity Bazaar will take place on Saturday 16th December. • Cllr. Beesley is coordinating the Hare Trail for Faringdon and has reserved

3 large hares she is confident of business sponsorship and would like the Town Council to support.

- The Town Nativity was a huge success which was a wonderful partnership project involving 1405 volunteer hours. The following people were formally thanked:

Faringdon Dramatic Society Carolyn Taylor Director
Gary Fields Casting
Gary Bates Sound
Steve Greenling Sound

Faringdon All Saints Steve Bellamy
Katie Foot
Hot Chocolate Volunteer
Some cast members
Funding
Building provision

Faringdon Baptist Lee Reddyhoff
Hot Choc volunteers

Cast Prologue - Steve Bellamy
Mary - Priscilla Flaherty
Joseph - Ian Pugh
King Melchior - Dominic Bullock
King Caspar – Martin Adams
King Balthazar – Rob Perkins
Jerusalem Citizen – Sarah Couzens
King Herod – Peter Foot
King Herod's Servant – Barbara Mapley
Shepherd 1 - Alan Taylor
Shepherd 2 – Adrian Wells
Shepherd 3 - Simon Couzens
Angel – Angela Barrett
Landlord – Dave Headey
Landlord's daughter - Lizzie Palin
Narrators - Jeni Summerfield,
Carolyn Williams
Gill Eakins
Citizens of Bethlehem Julie Biggs.
Hannah Palin
Baby Jesus - Baby Jack and Mum Teddy

Choir Sjoerd Vogt
Karen Vogt
50 local residents

Lanterns VWHDC
Abi Brown (VWHDC arts officer)
Emily Cooling Artist
Sarah Kilminster Youth Worker
Sally Robins and Staff at Faringdon Infants
Joe Winter and staff at FCC
90 children at FIS
20 YP at FCC

Lights Ian Chandler – IC LIGHTING
Peter White -FES

Faringdon Town Council Sally Thurston
Rebekah Pugh
Adele Vincent
Phil Matson
Liz Billson

	<p>Gary Jackson Vinni Stepp Vicky Stepp Cllr Al Cane Cllr Steve Leniec Cllr Keira Bentley Cllr Anne Marie Wright</p> <p>Video Philip Pugh</p> <p>First Aid Malcolm Gee</p> <p>Donkey provider Maxine P</p> <p>Camels Josephs Amazing Camels</p> <p>Other Barry Clarke – Angels Tower Mark Blatch - Marshal Army Cadets - Marshals BGI for use of building Businesses who put on special promotions Folly Fest – Walkie talkies OCC – cones and tape Tesco – Trevor Nye and team Owner of the residential property we used for King Herod Alistair (Quad building manager) Stay Grounded</p> <p>Funders Faringdon United Charities Faringdon Mustard Seed Tesco Bags for change Faringdon All Saints Faringdon Baptist Church Faringdon Town Council Bishop of Oxford</p>
14/14/17	<p>Correspondence Members NOTED, for information only, correspondence from 8th November 2017 up to and including 13th December 2017.</p>