

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of Community and Partnerships Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon	
Cllrs. present:	Bethia Thomas (Chair) Peter Castle Lucy Martin Stephen Smith Liz Swallow Mike Wise
In attendance:	Cllr. Kiera Bentley Cllr. Rosalind Burns Al Cane – Buskers initiative Carole Gough Clinton Osbourne– Animation Station Marzia Sellitti Adele Vincent Jo King Sally Thurston
Minute No: <small>(item/meeting/year)</small>	
1/4/19	Apologies for Absence Cllr. Kimberly Morgan
2/4/19	Elect a Vice Chair It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Liz swallow act a Vice Chair. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED
3/4/19	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the Community and Partnership Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 were signed as a correct record.
4/4/19	Declarations of Interest Cllr. Thomas declared an interest in agenda item 10c. as a volunteer for Pennyhooks Farm, who have submitted a grant application. This was NOTED.
5/4/19	Public Question and Speaking Time No members of the public wishes to speak at this time.
6/4/19	Terms of Reference It was PROPOSED that the terms of reference for the Community and Partnerships Committee be APPROVED. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED
7/4/19	Partnerships Update Al Cane updated the committee on an initiative to bring buskers to Faringdon to create an atmosphere in the Town Centre. This was NOTED with thanks. The committee stated they were very supportive of the initiative. The Town Regeneration Working party had made some recommendations which would be discussed under item 16.
8/4/19	Finance A financial report was NOTED.
9/4/19	Community Engagement

	<p>a) Members shared updates on recent community engagement and activity, this included involvement in and engagement with :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faringdon in Bloom • Tidy team • Newsletter • Litter Pick • Volunteer Event • Pink Day for Women's OVO tour • OALC Meeting • Homestart meeting • Faringdon Tapestry • Library events • United Charities Meeting • Twinning activity • Yoco • Young traders' market <p>b) Members considered the development of communications plan and discussed effective methods. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk and staff team compile a comprehensive plan and bring this to the next meeting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p>
10/4/19	<p>Youth Grants</p> <p>a) It was PROPOSED that the following be appointed to the Youth Grants Panel: Cllrs. Burns, Castle and Martin Town Clerk Rep from Oxfordshire Youth This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p> <p>b) Members NOTED updates on the grants issued to Faringdon Community College and Young Farmers</p> <p>c) Animation Station gave a brief presentation detailing how a grant would benefit young people in Faringdon. A Youth Grant funding panel had not been appointed when recent grants were received. It was therefore PROPOSED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Youth Grants panel be delegated authority to award up to £1500 to animation station, follow a meeting to scrutinize the application b) The Pennyhooks Farm application be deferred top the next round of funding to enable the Clerk to ascertain further information about reach. <p>This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p>
11/4/19	<p>Community Cinema Members NOTED an update on the Regent Cinema with thanks.</p>
12/4/19	<p>Food Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members NOTED an update b) It was PROPOSED that a partnership agreement with Faringdon Churches Together, to operate a food bank from the Pump House, be signed by the Chair, Cllr. Thomas. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED
13/4/19	<p>Faringdon in Bloom Members NOTED an update with thanks. The team were congratulated on a very successful event. The format of the competition would be reviewed prior to FIB 2020.</p>

14/4/19	<p>Emergency Plan Members NOTED an update. Community engagement to recruit volunteers would continue. Partnership working would also continue with other agencies such as Oxfordshire County Council and the Red Cross to ensure the plan was current and did not overlap with other organisations.</p>
15/4/19	<p>Strategic Working Party Members considered and discussed suggestions from the Strategic Working Party.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was PROPOSED that the council hold regular Town Councillor surgeries. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. The Clerk would circulate a Rota. 2. It was PROPOSED that a welcome pack be distributed to new residents. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED. The Clerk would ensure that other agencies providing a similar service were consulted. 3. A programme for extra events such as Open Doors (Heritage Day), Town Gaming, Eco Week, Dog friendly event, Xmas event and Tree Charter would be compiled and brought to the next meeting. 4. Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan policies would be circulated and considered if relevant to the committee 5. The committee would continue to develop partnerships 6. The Clerk would investigate possibilities for demonstrating that the Council were inclusive, such as LGBT history month participation. 7. It was NOTED that a resident was working on developing arts facilities for young people.
16/4/19	<p>Town Centre Regeneration Working Party The following recommendations were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the Buskers initiative. Fund up to £100 for printing costs and loan equipment 2. Compile a regular diary of events, aiming for 1 event per month 3. Compile an easily accessible events calendar 4. Investigate a water refill station 5. Provide bursaries for Town Centre properties of up to £50 for hanging baskets and up to £150 for external redecoration 6. Provide benches on the Old Town Hall apron 7. Provide a town sign and further planters in the Town Centre 8. Invite businesses to have market stalls on a Saturday 9. Provide large wire sculptures to collect plastic bottles <p>It was PROPOSED that all the recommendations should be taken forward and investigated further. The Clerk and Staff team should work up fully costed proposals to present to the Finance and Audit Committee. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
17/4/19	<p>Work Experience It was PROPOSED that the Council accept two work experience students from 'The Bridge' project. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p>
18/4/19	<p>The Place Members received and NOTED an update with thanks.</p>
19/4/19	<p>Items for Information Only</p>

	<p>The Deputy Town Clerk updated members on progress in the organisation of a Young Traders market which would be held on 28/9/2019.</p> <p>Cllr. Wise informed members that there was a meeting of the Oxford University Foundation Trust, which would include a dementia presentation, on 16/7/2019. The Clerk would circulate details. Any member of the committee who was interested in attending should contact the Clerk.</p>
20/4/19	<p>Agenda items for the meeting to be held on 2nd October 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faringdon Community College Mental Health Trail

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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