

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon.	
Cllr. Present:	Bethia Thomas (Chair) Kiera Bentley Peter Castle Lucy Martin Kimberly Morgan Liz Swallow Mike Wise
In attendance:	Carole Gough, The Place (until 9/7/19)
Minute no. (item/meeting/year)	Sally Thurston, Town Clerk Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk
1/7/19	Apologies for Absence Cllr. Farmer
2/7/19	Minutes of last meeting – Wednesday 6th November 2019 The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.
3/7/19	Declarations of Interest Cllr. Wise and Cllr. Thomas declared an interest in the youth grant application made by the Twinning Association, as members of the association, and would refrain from voting on this matter.
4/7/19	Public Question and Speaking Time NONE
Cllr. Thomas PROPOSED that item 5. Be brought forward to enable Carole Gough to present her report. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.	
9/7/19	The Place Members received and NOTED a progress report on The Place. It was highlighted that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Place is now benefitting from an efficient link with social services and early help hub. • Story time will be introduced to encourage families to read – Cllrs. Wise, Thomas and Castle offered to volunteer reading stories • The new employee, employed with the help of a transitional grant from OCC, had already started bringing a valuable quality service to the team. <p>The Clerk informed members that the Place has provided a list of all families using the service and each community of provenience of these families will be asked for a contribution.</p> <p>It was highlighted that The Place had full sessions for two consecutive weeks.</p> <p>Members were informed that sessions were often used by Childminding services. It was PROPOSED that a policy should be put in place to make it clear that the service was for parents and guardians, with their own children. This was RESOLVED.</p>

5/7/19	<p>Youth Grants</p> <p>i) Members considered recommendations from Oxfordshire Youth upon the received youth grant applications. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that grants should be allocated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Faringdon Football Club Youth Club - £1583.20 b. Faringdon Twinning Association Youth Trip - £1,000 <p>ii) To consider how the Youth funding should be provided in 20/21. It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that this will item be deferred until after the fact finding visit to Thame in January 2020.</p>
6/7/19	<p>Precept 2019/20</p> <p>a) Members NOTED a financial report</p> <p>b) Members PROPOSED that a revenue budget of £12,285 be put forward for 2020/21. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) No capital expenditure projects were put forward for 2020/21</p>
7/7/19	<p>Items for Information Only, to include updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Contact had been made with the organisers of the Hungerford Food Festival. The Clerk would investigate further. b) Christmas and Young Traders Market will take place this Saturday with 13 outdoor stalls and 23 Young traders. Members NOTED this with thanks to staff involved.
8/7/19	<p>Partnerships Update</p> <p>Members received an update from Festive Faringdon NOTED that it was an excellent partnership event. Volunteers of the community and members of FTC were thanked for their support on the day.</p>
10/7/19	<p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members noted that Councillor surgeries are going well and hopefully will be well attended with the craft fair now open. It was also noted that Town Budget meeting had a disappointing turn out. Various methods to improve attendance were discussed. Cllr. Bentley had invited a member of the public to speak at a future meeting about the possibility of streaming the meetings. b) It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Thomas and Cllr. Swallow be delegated to engage with Young people via schools, regarding the installation of a MUGA in Faringdon. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
11/7/19	<p>Community Cinema</p> <p>Members NOTED an update on the Regent Cinema, with thanks to staff involved.</p>
12/7/19	<p>Pride 2020</p> <p>Members NOTED an update of two planned Pride events proposed by Cllr. Burns, including the showing of a film and a Lord Berners afternoon tea.</p>
13/7/19	<p>Community Awards</p> <p>It was PROPOSED that the draft format for the Community Awards 2020, with the addition of a new award for Environment Champion, be agreed. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>

14/7/19	<p>Faringdon in Bloom Members considered running the FIB competition in 2020. Following lengthy discussion, it was PROPOSED that FIB 2020 should maintain the same structure in 2020 and be fully reviewed for 2021. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
15/7/19	<p>To consider items for the next meeting Members suggested that the following items should be included in the agenda for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Youth engagement - including the participation and involvement of youth representatives on the council. b) Exploring an Apple Day in conjunction with free food c) Regular closure of streets to enable outdoor play for children in Faringdon

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.