

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



**Minutes of a Town Council meeting  
held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.15pm pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House,  
Faringdon.**

**PRESENT: Cllrs.**

- Dr Mike Wise (Chairman and Town Mayor)**
- David Barron**
- Ian Bell**
- Jane Boulton**
- Al Cane**
- James Famakin**
- Julie Farmer**
- Angela Finn**
- Steve Leniec**
- Andrew Marsden**
- Patrick Middleton**

**In Attendance:**

- Sally Thurston, Town Clerk**
- SGT. Ryan James, Thames Valley Police**
- C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat**
- D/Cllr. Mohinder Kainth**

## **1/1/16 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mark Greenwood, Alex Meredith and David Price. D/Cllr. Roger Cox.

**2/1/16 Minutes of last meeting:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.  
The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

**3/1/16 Declarations of Interest**  
No declarations of interest were made at this time.

## **4/1/16 Public Question Time**

The following question had been received:

*Faringdon has a long and interesting history and I am not sure that Lord Berners' life & interests are fully representative of that history. The Sensory Garden is a worthy scheme, again does it really do full justice to our town and its history? My concern is, that the Pink Pigeons Group is presenting the signs as the only option, we have no opportunity to review other ideas. Has the council contacted any other artists/designers/writers? What is the council's own vision for this important anniversary?*

The Clerk was asked to contact the resident to inform them of the following:

- The two projects mentioned were being organised by outside groups and not the Town Council. The Clerk should pass on their contact details to the resident.
- The Town sign would be discussed at the Town Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 where residents would have the chance to speak.

In respect of the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the market charter the Town Council have already contacted the Lord Lieutenant's office to investigate the possibility of a royal visit and a working party would be set up nearer the date to ensure the anniversary was appropriately marked with the involvement of the local community. This was AGREED.

5/1/16

**Public Speaking Time**

No one wished to speak at this time.

6/1/16

**Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) Thames Valley Police - a report was received from Sgt. James which was NOTED.
- (b) Town Team – Members were informed that the next meeting of the Town Team would take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.
- (c) Chamber of Commerce – a report was not available.

7/1/16

**County Councillor's Report**

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

8/1/16

**District Councillors' Report**

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

9/1/16

**Chairman's Activity Report**

Members NOTED an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Mike Wise, which highlighted a Christmas visit to Ferendune nursing home by councillors and staff. The Chairman proposed that a letter of congratulation be written to Nick Bennett of Sudbury House following his success on Masterchef. This was AGREED.

10/1/15

**Reports from Committees**

Members received and NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:

- (a) *Planning & Highways:* 5<sup>th</sup> January
- (b) *Recreation and Open Spaces* 6<sup>th</sup> January
- (c) *Youth Services* 7<sup>th</sup> January
- (d) *Venues* 11<sup>th</sup> January

11/1/16

**Youth Services Committee Vacancy**

It was PROPOSED that Cllr. James Famakin fill this vacancy. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

12/1/16

**Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**

Members received the following schedule of payments up to and including January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016:

<b>CLERK'S REPORT January 2016</b>		
<b>Cheque payments</b>		
DPDS Consulting Group	FNP Professional Fees	£ 473.04
Faringdon Electrical services	Christmas Lights	£ 7,405.18
Craft Creations	Envelopes	£ 9.29
Pyrotech	Electrical safety	£ 156.42

Filmbank	License	£ 99.60
Faringdon Rotary Club	Xmas Trees	£ 92.00
Viking	Stationery	£ 202.69
Moorhouse Heating LTD	Boiler Servicing	£ 354.00
Davis DIY	Maintenance Items	£ 150.47
Microshade	Hosted IT	£ 291.90
Faringdon Newspapers Ltd	christmas AD	£ 25.00
Filmbank	Matinee License	£ 117.00
Alto Digital	Photocopier costs	£ 68.90
Co-Op Bank	Reimb for Salaries imprest to £30k	£ 16,664.66
<b>Charge Card Payments</b>		
Amazon	DVD Cinema	£ 2.99
Amazon	DVDs Cinema	£ 17.99
Co - Op Bank	Card Fee	£ 2.00
<b>Direct Debits</b>		
VWHDC - Business Rates	C/Ex	£ 913.00
	P/House	£ 355.00
	FAZE	£ 413.00
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
Fuel Card Services		£ 1.20
o2 online	Venues Phone Contract	£ 13.14
Mainstream Digital	Telephone & Broadband	£ 254.91
Talk talk	P/House Broadband	£ 24.79
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier Lease/ annual service	£ 377.10
British Gas	Pump House Gas	£ 55.90
Co-Op Bank	Sweep Fee	£ 30.00
<b>Total Town Council Invoices</b>		<b>£ 28,593.97</b>
<b>FC&amp;TIC Invoices</b>		
Pink pigeon trust	Stock	£ 45.00
Sofka Zinovieff	Agency	£ 37.50
Mike Bradley	Agency	£ 115.00
Helen Martin	Agency	£ 20.74
<b>Total FC&amp;TIC Invoices</b>		<b>£ 28,791.47</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		
Transfer S106 Funds	Co-Op to Bank of Ireland	£ 41,136.21

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

13/1/16

### Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan

- a) The consultation period has now closed. The District Council will forward the Plan, supporting documents and comments received as a result of the public consultation to the Independent Examiner who will make his report and recommendations to the District Council. If his recommendations are acceptable to the District and Town Councils, they will recommend that it proceeds to referendum.

- b) It was PROPOSED that a Working Party be formed to promote and publicise the plan to the electorate of Faringdon prior to referendum. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

The following were PROPOSED as members of the working party:

Cllrs: Bell  
Boulton  
Cane  
Marsden  
Middleton  
Wise

Officer: Hilary Sherman

These were seconded and AGREED.

**14/1/16 Location of Town Council Youth Services**

This following recommendation was received from the Youth Services committee: 'that *Youth Services vacate the FAZE site and operate their sessions in other venues in the Town Centre.*'

Cllr Cane informed members that Youth Services had been operating very successfully from alternative venues for three months and the committee felt that they were offering an improved service in Town Centre locations.

It was PROPOSED that Town Council accept this recommendation and that Youth Services vacate the FAZE site with immediate effect. This was SECONDED and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**15/1/16 Bus Subsidies**

Members received an update regarding proposed withdrawal of some bus subsidies by Oxfordshire County Council. Both the 67 and the 61 service could be affected. Cllr. Bell, Parish Transport Representative, will endeavour to attend any meetings held to discuss these services and report back to Council.

**16/1/16 Items for Information Only**

- Training for staff on Customer Service and Health and safety had taken place.
- Councillor outreach starts on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- The Clerk has written to advise services regarding using the Pump House.
- Awaiting response from Children's Centre regarding OCC Savings, grass cutting information has been received. The OCC savings are on the agenda for the Town Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January. A meeting of the Strategic Working Party will be held in February to discuss this matter when all information is received.

**17/1/16 Correspondence**

The contents of the correspondence box were NOTED