

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs Present	<p>Mike Wise (Town Mayor) David Barron (Deputy Town Mayor) Pauline Beesley Kiera Bentley Jane Boulton Al Cane James Famakin from min 5/5/18 Angela Finn Mark Greenwood Steve Leniec Andrew Marsden Anne Marie Wright</p>
In attendance	<p>D/Cllr. Roger Cox PC Prior PCSO Hill Mark Blatch, Chamber of Commerce Rebekah Pugh, Deputy Town Clerk Sally Thurston, Town Clerk</p>
1/5/18	<p>Apologies for Absence C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat and Cllr. Julie Farmer</p>
2/5/18	<p>Minutes of last meeting The date on the meeting was recorded incorrectly, with this amendment the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 were signed as a correct record.</p>
3/5/18	<p>Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations Cllr. Kiera Bentley, as Chair of OCVA, declared an interest in item 14 and would refrain from voting on this matter. Cllrs. Cane and Wise declared an interest in item 11 as beneficiaries of the Clerk's report and would refrain from voting on this matter.</p>
4/5/18	<p>Public Participation Time None</p>
5/5/18	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies</p> <p>a) Members NOTED a report from Thames Valley Police which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A drug related arrest made in Faringdon • Drug gangs from cities were targeting Faringdon in a process known as cuckooing. Any concerns that were raised by the community should be reported immediately. • Kerry Davis PCSO had now left the police and any queries should be redirected to the Neighbourhood Team. • There had been a series of shed break-ins in neighbouring villages – please could the community be aware and encouraged to report any incidents. • The police are aiming to educate parents in online safety for children. <p>b) Members NOTED a report from the Faringdon Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting.</p>

6/5/18	County Councillor's Report Members NOTED a report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat
7/5/18	District Councillors' Report Members NOTED a report from District Cllr. Roger Cox. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Wise enquired if the Tetronics site would be eligible for CIL. Cllr. Cox agreed to investigate and report back to Council. • Regarding S106 monies from a development in Faringdon being allocated to Wantage members enquired how the distance, which should be under 10 miles, was calculated and from which points. Cllr. Cox suggested that the Council write to VWHDC if they wished to challenge the calculations.
8/5/18	Chairman's Activity Report Members NOTED an activity report from Town Mayor. Cllr. Wise informed members that he had collected a High Sheriff's Award on behalf of Kerry Davis, PCSO, who had now left the Police force. It was PROPOSED that the Council write to Kerry to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to Faringdon. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
9/5/18	Reports from Committees Members NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee and working party meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Finance and Audit Committee: 7th March 2018 b) Planning & Highways Committee: 28th February 2018 Members were informed that the Planning and Highways Committee recommended a Town Council response to the Community Governance Review consultation. It was AGREED that the response drafted by Cllr. Wise should be submitted. c) S106 Working Party: 2nd March 2018
10/5/18	Policies It was PROPOSED that a recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee to adopt the Mayor's and Members' Expenses Policy be APPROVED. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
11/5/18	Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments (appendix 1) It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Pauline Beesley that the schedule of payments up to and including March 14 th be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr. Jane Boulton and RESOLVED.
12/5/18	Economic Health of Faringdon Town Centre Members NOTED a report from Cllr. Beesley regarding the decline of the retail offer in the Town Centre. After lengthy discussion, it was AGREED that a meeting of interested stakeholders should be held to discuss possible solutions. Cllr. Mark Greenwood asked it to be recorded that, in his opinion, the refusal of a mountain bike trail in Badbury Clump, following resistance from local people, had had a potential negative economic impact on Faringdon as this initiative would have attracted tourists from out of the area.
13/5/18	Faringdon in Bloom It was PROPOSED that Faringdon in Bloom should be held in 2018. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
14/5/18	OCVA Awards A number of suggestion were offered, any further suggestions would need to be forwarded to the Town Clerk by 31 st March 2018.
15/5/18	Town and Parish forum It was PROPOSED that Cllrs. Greenwood and Wright be delegated to attend the Town and Parish Forum on Thursday 5 July from 6pm to 9pm at The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, Oxfordshire
16/5/18	Faringdon Civic Service Members received and NOTED plans for the Faringdon Civic Service on Sunday 8 th April 2018.
17/5/18	Items for Information Only The following items were given for information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large number of votes had already been received for the Community Awards. • A market would be held on Saturday 17th March. • The Market held to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the Market Charter

	<p>on Tuesday 6th March was successful. A series of commemorative markets would be held throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newsletter would be published shortly – articles for inclusion should be forwarded to the Deputy Town Clerk
18/5/18	<p>Correspondence Members received and NOTED, for information only, correspondence up to and including 14th March 2018. Cllr. Marsden suggested a Town Council joint response to a consultation regarding air traffic control zones around RAF Brize Norton. This was AGREED.</p>

Appendix 1

CLERK'S REPORT March 2018		
Salaries February		
Salaries by BACS	Salaries	£ 12,145.32
HMRC by BACS	Tax and NI	£ 1,657.63
OCC by Cheque	Pension Contributions	£ 3,956.49
Salaries March		
Salaries by BACS	Salaries	£ 11,832.02
HMRC by BACS	Tax and NI	£ 2,562.63
OCC by Cheque	Pension Contributions	£ 3,858.10
BACS Payments		
House of Flags (PAID)	Market Bunting (OCC Grant)	£ 1,105.92
M Wise	Mayors allowance (balance)	£ 639.41
S Irigoyen	Agency	£ 50.85
Peerless Properties	Hall refund	£ 17.00
Broxap	New waste bins	£ 323.88
Film Bank	Film License	£ 169.06
OALC	Subscription	£ 1,331.27
Oxon Event Medics	Nativity Medic	£ 60.00
Location Maps	Evacuation Plans	£ 408.00
Biffa	Waste disposal	£ 304.20
CIS	Hosted IT	£ 169.20
Faringdon Newspapers	Advertising and Comm Awrds	£ 480.00
Microshade	Anti virus	£ 38.40
IAC	Interim Audit	£ 390.00
Active	Plumbing supplies	£ 12.46
AIS LTD	Copier Cost	£ 59.20
Spurgeons	Family Centr management costs	£ 2,763.08
Red Sky Creative	Notice Board design	£ 72.00
Quidne IT	Info centre card machine connect	£ 30.00
Pump House Project	Venue Hire	£ 580.00
Town Team	Market rent	£ 90.00
Cotswold Woolen Weavers	Agency	£ 265.08
Leaseplan	Van Lease	£ 169.48
Budgens	Supplies	£ 24.81
BG Garden and tree care	Tuckers Park Hedge cut	£ 1,020.00
Faringdon Electrical Services	Christmas Lights	£ 5,944.48

Cotswold Hare Trail	Agency	£ 5.00
Faringdon Community Bus	Agency	£ 348.00
Scharlie Meeuws	Agency	£ 16.92
H Martin	Agency	£ 45.39
L Remington	Agency	£ 84.60
J Marshall	Agency	£ 81.90
S Irigoyen	Agency	£ 4.05
M Bradley	Agency	£ 92.25
R Astell	Agency	£ 7.95
E Mizzi	Agency	£ 4.50
V Hughes	Agency	£ 22.00
J Wharton	Agency	£ 4.42
N Shippobatham	Agency	£ 3.50
T Hawksworth	Agency	£ 9.00
All saints	Agency	£ 13.50
A Cane	Agency	£ 4.25
Direct Debits		
Coop Bank	Credit Card Repay	£ 468.29
O2	Mobiles	£ 88.68
Fuel Card Services	Fuel Card	£ 21.60
Trade UK	Maintenance items	£ 18.47
Mainsteam	Telephones	£ 76.40
Barclaycard	Merchant Charges	£ 26.63
Castle Water	OTH Water rates	£ 68.07
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 53,977.27