

## FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee held on Friday, 7 June 2019 at 9.30 am in the Jubilee Room, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL

**PRESENT:** C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Chairman  
C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor  
T/Cllr Jane Boulton  
T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise  
David Williams, Magistrate  
Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police  
Lee Turner, OCC Area Operations (South)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 5 members of public  
Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk, Faringdon  
Town Council  
Hilary Sherman, Planning Clerk, Faringdon  
Town Council

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Bethia Thomas, D/Cllr David Grant, T/Cllr Kimberly Morgan, and Vanessa Buckley, OCC Principal Officer, Quality Assurance (South).	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Election of Chairman</b> C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat was proposed by David Williams, Magistrate, seconded by T/Cllr Dr Mike Wise. There being no other nominations, C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat was elected Chairman.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b> C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor was proposed by T/Cllr Jane Boulton, seconded by David Williams, Magistrate. There being no other nominations, C/Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor was elected Vice-Chairman.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were none.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting: 1 March 2019</b> <i>Min 6(c), A420 Safety:</i> "Amanda Fitzgerald-O'Connor" should read "Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor." Following this amendment, the Minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <b><i>Min 3(a), Buscot Parish Council Road Safety:</i></b> It was noted that the site meeting had taken place. Lee Turner reported that a list had now been received from the Parish Council outlining proposals it would like implemented. and this list had been added to Lee's team's work for the current financial year. <b><i>Min 3(b), Buckland Community Bus Group:</i></b> T/Cllr Dr Wise asked if there had been any response from the group to the possible solutions. The Chairman advised that the suggestions were still being explored by the group. <b><i>Min 5, Pavements:</i></b> The Chairman reported that although pavements were to be included in OCC's maintenance programme, further news was	

	<p>still awaited as to what the programme would be and she would chase up the matter.</p> <p><b>Min 5, Overgrowing Foliage in Faringdon:</b> It was unclear whether any action had been undertaken by David Barron. T/Cllr Dr Wise agreed to follow up this issue.</p> <p><b>Min6(b): Gravel Walk Repair Work:</b> It was noted that this work had now been completed. Letters of thanks from residents had been received commenting how quickly the work had been carried out and the Chairman had forwarded these to the team.</p> <p><b>Min 6, Coleshill, Maintenance of Bridge:</b> The Chairman reported that this work had now been put back to 2020.</p> <p><b>Min 7(b), Thames Water Work, Gloucester Street:</b> Lee had contacted the relevant department regarding the bad planning surrounding this work and advised that TW do not always advise of proposed “works” to OCC.</p> <p><b>Min 7(d), Parking in Faringdon:</b> Lee Turner and Chris Hulme updated the committee on this matter. It was noted that tenders for the feasibility study had now been received. FATAC to be updated at its next meeting.</p> <p><b>Min 7(e), Speed Limit, Challow:</b> Lee reported it was unclear what the problem was as he could not see anything relating to this query. Possibly it was a temporary sign at the time due to roadworks.</p>	<p><b>JH</b></p> <p><b>MLHW</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Public Speaking</b></p> <p>Graham Hand spoke regarding the following matters:</p> <p>a) 20mph speed limit proposal: Graham Hand had raised this matter with FATAC a year ago and it was subsequently raised with FTC (Faringdon Town Council) in December 2018. At this time, FTC felt it had taken the matter as far as it could and could see no justification in taking it further. He had subsequently been informed that a way forward would be to await the outcome of a “Speedwatch” which he believed was due to take place in March 2019. The Chairman advised that there was confusion on this point. Traffic survey/monitoring is undertaken by OCC. “Speedwatch” is run by residents who volunteer and who are trained and supported by TVP and was therefore not programmed as the volunteer group was yet to be formatted. The 20mph speed limit proposal had been taken to FTC - the matter is closed.</p> <p>b) Installation of a 2-way cycle lane on some of the 1-way streets in Faringdon – Bromsgrove, Skinners Lane, Coach Lane;</p> <p>c) Road conditions were poor for cyclists on roads in Faringdon - Park Road, Pelican crossing Coxwell Road. Graham Hand asked that these be addressed.</p> <p>4. What percentage of the road structure budget is spent on cycling the district?</p> <p>The above points were noted and Lee was asked to investigate further.</p>	<p><b>LT</b></p>
8.	<p><b>County Council Highways Officer’s Report</b></p> <p>Written reports from the OCC Traffic Works Team and the OCC Highways and Drainage Division were received. T/Cllr Dr Wise asked if Canada Lane could be included in the traffic team works. Lee would take back to the team.</p> <p>The Chairman and David Williams were pleased to note that the gates supplied by The National Trust had been installed in Eaton Hastings. Further details were sought on the road closure in Gt Coxwell. Lee to investigate.</p>	<p><b>LT</b></p> <p><b>LT</b></p>
9.	<p><b>District Traffic Matters</b></p> <p>As the District Councillors had been unable to attend the meeting there was no discussion under this agenda item.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>(a) Road Safety:</p>	

	<p>(i) <i>Mobile Phone Detectors</i>: Chris Hulme outlined details of this new scheme which had been launched by the police in April 2019.</p> <p>(ii) <i>"It's not worth the Risk"</i>: The Chairman highlighted this safety campaign organised by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue and supported by Thames Valley Police.</p> <p>(b) C/Clr O'Connor relayed the following observations from parish council meetings she had recently attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manhole covers were being tarmaced over when road works were being carried out;</li> <li>• Lack of coordination regarding road works being carried out by utility companies. Lee stated there was a coordination process in place with OCC but it was recognised that there were problems implementing this. If utility companies declare there is an emergency, they can carry out work when they like.</li> </ul> <p>(c) <i>OVO women's national cycle race, 12 June, Faringdon</i>: T/Clr Dr Wise expressed disappointment at the short notice given regarding traffic details for this event which would be passing through Faringdon. Various issues were raised which were clarified or would be investigated before the event.</p> <p>(d) The Chairman stated that in future any matters members wished to bring up under the Any Other Business agenda item <b>must</b> be advised prior to a FATAC meeting.</p> <p>(e) The Chairman noted that this was the last meeting for David Williams who had been a valued member of the committee since 2013. She wished to record thanks on behalf of the committee for his contribution and to wish him well for the future. David responded that he had enjoyed his years on the committee and felt it to be a worthwhile involvement. Mark Mobey, Magistrate, was introduced to the committee as successor to David Williams.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Confirmed Future Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>Friday 6 September 2019 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 6 December 2019 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 6 March 2020 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 5 June 2020 at 0930 hrs (AGM)</p> <p>Friday, 4 September 2020 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 4 December 2020 at 0930 hrs</p> <p>Friday, 5 March 2021 at 0930 hrs</p>	