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| **Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4 th December 2019 in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon.** | |
| **Cllr. Presents:**  **In**  **attendance:** | **Bethia Thomas (Chair)**  **Kiera Bentley**  **Peter Castle**  **Lucy Martin**  **Kimberly Morgan**  **Liz Swallow**  **Mike Wise**  **Carole Gough, The place**  **Sally Thurston, Town Clerk**  **Marzia Sellitti, Deputy Town Clerk** |
|  | **Apologies for Absence**  **Julie Farmer sent her apologies** |
|  | **Minutes of last meeting** – **Wednesday 6th November 2019**  Signed as correct minutes |
|  | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr. Wise and Cllr. Thomas declared an interest in the youth grant application made by the Twinning Association. |
|  | **Public Question and Speaking Time**  There was none. |
|  | **At this point the Chair proposed to discuss item n.9 before item n.5**  CG updated the committee with a progress report on The Place.  It was highlighted that the Place has had regular and satisfactory visits from OCC officer.  The Place is now benefitting from an efficient link with social services and early help hub, receiving a new family referral.  A new book start packs will be given to encourage families to read.  It was noted that the new employee member had an excellent start bringing a valuable quality service to the team due to the great experience and knowledge in working with families and challenging behaviors.  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.  It was highlighted that The Place had full session for two consecutive weeks.  Members were informed of a raising concern of the service being exploited from child minder users, which will defy the aim of the Place of supporting families in need.  It was proposed that a stricter policy should be in place as clear guidance for families and guardians.  A councilor enquired if a local craft group could be involved in the making of the new book start pack for the Place.  **Youth Grants**   1. Members considered recommendations from Oxfordshire Youth upon the received youth grant applications. It was PROPOSED and AGREED that a grant in full should be allocated to    1. Faringdon Football Club – Youth Club    2. Faringdon Twinning Association – Youth Trip 2. Members will consider how the Youth funding should be provided in 20/21. It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that this will be deferred until after the fact finding visit to Thame in January 2020.   Councilors proposed to explore a possible participation and involvement of youth representants in the council. |
|  | **Precept 2019/20**  **a)** Membersnoted a financial report  b) Members PROPOSED, SECONDED AND APPROVED a draft budget for 2020/21  c) Members considered **a** capital expenditure project for 2020/21 |
|  | **Items for Information Only, to include updates on:**   1. FTC will assist the Food Festival but thinks the event should be run locally. Clerk informed the committee that there are currently £1000 funds available for food festival. Clerk to investigate. 2. Christmas and Young Traders Marketwill take place this Saturday with 13 outdoor stalls and 23 Young traders. Councilors noted and thanked the good effort of the clerks for the success of numerous entries in the Christmas and the Young Traders event. |
|  | **Partnerships Update**  Members received updates from Festive Faringdon / Christmas lights and noted that it was an excellent partnership event.  Volunteers of the community and members of FTC was thanked for their support on the day. |
|  | **The Place**  This item was moved up before item 5. |
|  | **Community Engagement**   1. Members noted that Councillor surgeries are going well and hopefully will be busy with craft fair up and running.   It was also noted that Town Budget meeting had a disappointing turn out   1. Members PROPOSED, SECONDED AND AGREED to assign Cllr. Thomas and Cllr. Swallow to engage with Young people via schools, regarding the installation of a MUGA in Faringdon |
|  | **Community Cinema**  Members received an update on the Regent Cinema. |
|  | **Pride 2020**  Members received an update of two planned Pride events proposed by Cllr. Burns, including the showing of a film and a Lord Berners party event. |
|  | **Community Awards**  Chair noted and thanked the clerk for publicizing the award scheme. Committee received and considered the format to the Community Awards 2020 and noted the entry of a new category under Environment Champion as proposed by Becka Pugh. |
|  | **Faringdon in Bloom**  Members considered running the FIB competition in 2020 and noted pro and cons of the competition. It was PROPOSED that FIB 2020 should maintain the same structure, however it was also PROPOSED that a new format for FIB should be considered in 2021. This was SECONDED and AGREED |
|  | **To consider items for the next meeting**  Members suggested that two items should be discussed in the next agenda to include:  a) A new youth council engagement in Faringdon Town Council  b) Exploring an apple tree day in conjunction with free food  c) Playing out day in the street of Faringdon |