

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Notes of Full Faringdon Town Council (FTC) online discussion meeting held via Teams on Wednesday 12th January at 7:15pm

Cllrs. present: Kiera Bentley (Chair)
Jane Boulton
Rosalind Burns
Peter Castle
Angela Finn
Steve Leniec
Lucy Martin
Kimberly Morgan
Stephen Smith
Liz Swallow
Bethia Thomas
Gene Webb
Mike Wise

Cllrs. absent: James Famakin

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Liza Cooper, Officer
Sarah Johnson, Officer

1/ Apologies for Absence

None

2/ Minutes of last Meeting – Wednesday 22nd December 2021

To be presented to next meeting

3/ Declarations of Interest & requests for dispensations

None

4/ Public Participation Time

5/ Reports from Outside Bodies

- a) Thames Valley Police: Two officers from TVP attending the meeting and Members received and NOTED their report plus verbal report. The importance of members of the public reporting incidents online or by calling 111 was highlighted.
- b) Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee:
to be discussed in detail at Planning & Highways committee.

6/ County Councillor's Report

Members NOTED a report from County Cllr Thomas.

Cllr Thomas to discuss with Town Clerk sending a letter in support of 20MPH zone.

Members further discussed Cllr Thomas's suggestion that members of FTC attend District and County Council meetings to lend weight to FTC causes.

7 District Councillors' Report

Members NOTED a report from District Cllrs. Thomas and Grant.

Cllr Grant agreed to:

- In the light of the Brackendale redevelopment to ensure Faringdon's housing needs are considered as part of the planning process.
- Continue to highlight the need for a cycle path off Fernham Road
- Pursue reported issues regarding a wildlife corridor on the development land south of Highworth Road. Individual should be encouraged to write to him with details.

8/ Chair's Activity Report

Cllr Bentley will send out her Town Mayor's activity report.

9/ Reports from Committees and Working Parties:

Members NOTED minutes and reports of the following committee meetings

- a) Finance and Audit Committee: 15th December 2021
- b) Town Regeneration Working Party: 15th December 2021
- c) Planning & Highways Committee: 22nd December 2021

10/ Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

a) Members NOTED a Clerk's activity report.

b) Cllr Bentley PROPOSED the schedule of payments up to and including 12th January 2022 be paid under delegated authority. This was AGREED.

11/ Calendar of Meetings

Councillors discussed a draft calendar of meetings from 1st April 2022 to 30th April 2023, moving most meetings to Mondays starting at 7pm. It was agreed this needed further consideration and would be brought back to the next meeting.

12/ Twinning between Faringdon and Konigstein im Taunus

Lengthy discussion ref a request from Konigstein im Taunus, Germany, for a formal Twinning Partnership with Faringdon. Clerk to put video link from Konigstein on a sharepoint. It was agreed to proceed to the next stage.

13/ Community Governance Review (CGR) during 2022

A report regarding warding, as requested at the last meeting, was noted. It was agreed that wards at parish level should not be pursued. However, councillors discussed suggestion that Faringdon be split into wards but at District Council level only. The deadline for suggestions to District Council is 21/1/22.

Cllr Wise proposed that it be suggested, as part of the CGR, the town be divided into Wards at District level only. This was agreed.

14/ Items for information only

Three new members of staff were introduced online.
Cllr. Wise paid tribute to Mairead Boyce who sadly passed away this week.
Her contribution to the town, in particular, the food bank and family centre were praised.

15/ Correspondence

Members received and NOTED a list of correspondence circulated by email from 3rd December 2021 up to and including 7th January 2022.

16/ Action list update

An update on actions from previous meetings was NOTED.

17/ Agenda Items for the next meeting

Public toilets in town

Meeting closed at: 20.51