

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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**The Parish of Great Faringdon in the County of Oxfordshire
Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
held in the Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL
on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.30pm**

In Attendance:

Town Councillors:

Peter Castle (Chair)
Jane Boulton
Angela Finn
Steve Leniec
Rufus Lunn
David Norris
Chris Palmer
Gene Webb
Mike Wise
Bethia Thomas – D/Cllr & C/Cllr

Staff Present:

Sally Thurston – Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne – Town Clerk's Assistant

10 members of the public

1. Mayor's Opening Address

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Community Award Presentations

The Mayor congratulated all those shortlisted and presented the Community Awards as follows:

Community Hero: Elouise Hill
Group Award: Faringdon Open Kitchen
Business Award: The Swan Public House
Community Volunteer Award: Mark Coleman

Cllr. Mike Wise was made an Honorary Freeman of the Town for his service as a town councillor and extraordinary contributions to the Faringdon community.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Farmer; Cllr. Ford; Cllr. Morgan; Cllr. Wild D/Cllr. Lucy Edwards;
Cllr. Wise PROPOSED that Cllr. Steve Leniec, a resident of Eaton Hastings, be invited to join the meeting as Town Councillor/Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, this was AGREED.

4 . Minutes of the Town Meeting held on 6th November 2023.

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Reports

The following reports were received and NOTED and are available to be read online.
(Available in appendix 1)

- 1) Reports from Town Council Committees
 - a. Finance and Audit
 - b. Planning and Highways
 - c. Facilities
 - d. Community and Partnerships
 - e. Grants Sub Committee
 - f. Climate Change Working Party
 - g. Chairman's activity report

- 2) Reports from
 - (a) Tucker's Recreation Ground Trust
 - (b) Faringdon War Memorial Trust

- 3) County Councillor's Report

- 4) District Councillors' Report

- 5) Reports from Local Organisations
 1. Faringdon Neighbourhood Police
 2. Faringdon Fire Service
 3. NALC and OALC
 4. Parish Transport rep
 5. Faringdon Community Bus
 6. Public Access Defib Committee
 7. Faringdon Art Society
 8. Vale Community Impact
 9. Faringdon Writers Group

- 6) Reports from Grant Recipients
 1. Folly Fest
 2. Faringdon Netball Club
 3. Be Free Young Carers
 4. Citizens Advice
 5. Folly Trust
 6. Junior Youth Club
 7. Bangers and Beer
 8. Pump House Project
 9. French Twinning
 10. German Twinning
 11. Southampton Street Gardeners
 12. Root and Branch
 13. YoCo
 14. Artistic Skaters

7. Public Speaking Time and General Discussion

The following items were raised by members of the community:

- reinstatement of an ATM in the town
- use of the area under the Old Town Hall

Meeting ended at 7.19 pm