

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



## **Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon**

**Present:** Cllr. Farmer (Chair)  
Cllr. Boulton  
Cllr. Castle  
Cllr. Webb  
Cllr. Wild

**In attendance:** Liza Whitney, Community and Partnerships Officer  
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant  
One member of the public (online)

**1/2/24 Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr. Leniec, Cllr. Morgan.

**2/2/24 Election of Vice Chair**  
Cllr. Farmer PROPOSED that Cllr. Wild be elected as Vice Chair for the Community and Partnerships Committee. SECONDED by Cllr. Webb and RESOLVED.

**3/2/24 Minutes of last meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were SIGNED as a correct record.

**4/2/24 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**5/2/24 Public Question and Speaking Time**  
Members NOTED correspondence from a resident and organiser of Faringdon Darts Academy concerning the success of the club, their need for more space and the wider need for a community centre for local groups. Clerk to respond. Members discussed need for community centre in Faringdon and agreed a working party would be useful to investigate this.

**6/2/24 Items for Information and Action List**  
Members NOTED the Action List and items for information.

**7/2/24 Finance**  
Members received and NOTED a financial report.

## **8/2/24 Partnerships Update**

Members NOTED with thanks updates from the following:

- a) The Pump House Project
- b) Faringdon Youth Club. Members were pleased to NOTE that attendance numbers have significantly improved.
- c) Food Bank: Members agreed that the Food Bank Manager will be in touch with Waitrose to investigate the viability of collecting surplus supermarket food.
- d) Community Larder: Members agreed that the closing time of 3.45pm should remain the same.
- e) The Place
- f) Faringdon Artistic Skating Club

## **9/2/24 Community Engagement and Events**

- a) Members NOTED an update on Councillors' community engagement
- b) Members NOTED the upcoming August Play Day on Friday 2 August 2024. Members volunteered to support by covering rota slots: 9.30am-12noon; 12noon-2pm; 2pm-4pm and the Clerk will email Full Council for further volunteers.
- c) Members discussed a proposal for youth engagement with the objective of forging links with Faringdon schools. This was deferred to the next meeting.
- d) Members considered making regular contributions to the Faringdon Town Magazine who have offered a free feature article in their quarterly magazine. The following contributions were agreed:
  - Cllr. Castle will write a piece about the role of the Mayor
  - Cllr. Farmer will write about Community and Partnerships events including Christmas Lights Switch-on event
  - Cllr. Boulton will write about the Tourist Bus
  - Cllr. Ford with FTC's Climate Change Officer, Sarah Johnson, might write about the work of the Climate Change Working Party (Clerk to investigate and share with Full Council).

## **10/2/24 Tourist Bus**

Update deferred to next meeting

## **11/2/24 Community Cinema**

- b) Open Air Cinema: Saturday 31 August 2024 with two screenings at 3p.m. and 7p.m. Members volunteered to help covering rota slots: 2.30-5pm, 6.30-8.30pm and 8.30-10.30pm and Clerk will email Full Council for further volunteers.
- a) Members NOTED a report on the community cinema

## **12/3/24 Agenda items for the next meeting**

1. Youth Engagement
2. Tourist bus update
3. Consider setting up a Community Space Working Party – Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Items for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

**Meeting ended at 8.12 pm**