

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Katherine Doughty



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 30th September 2024 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Present: Cllr. Farmer (Chair)
Cllr. Castle
Cllr. Webb

In attendance: Liza Whitney, Community and Partnerships Officer
Katherine Doughty, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant

In attendance online: Cllr. Boulton

1/3/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Boulton; Cllr. Leniec; Cllr. Morgan; Cllr. Norris

2/3/24 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024 were SIGNED as a correct record.

3/3/24 Declarations of Interest

None

4/3/24 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/3/24 Items for Information and Action List

Members NOTED the Action List and items for information.

6/3/24 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED with thanks updates from the following:

- a) Citizens Advice
- b) The Pump House Project
- c) Faringdon Youth Club and Play Day: currently advertising for new leader
- d) Food Bank
- e) Community Larder
- f) The Place
- g) Faringdon Games Club
- h) Faringdon Artistic Skating Club
- i) Clean Slate: Clerk to contact them for more specific data on helping Faringdon residents

7/3/24 Precept 2024/25

- a) Members received and NOTED a quarter 1 financial report
- b) Members considered draft budgets for 2025/26. It was PROPOSED to agree a draft revenue budget of £11,190. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
- c) Members discussed further capital expenditure projects for 2025/26 and Cllr. Webb will investigate the possibility of a new improved screen for the community cinema.

8/3/24 Community Engagement and Events

- a) Members discussed community engagement and further ways in which councillors can engage with residents.
- b) Members reviewed the councillor surgeries and PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to continue these into 2025. The rota will be emailed to councillors and added to the agenda at the next Full Council meeting.
- c) Members NOTED a report on the successful August Play Day event and PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to take part in this again in 2025 with FTC's own gazebo and activity for children.

9/3/24 Christmas Lights On event

- a) Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to approve the programme and budget for Christmas Lights-on 2024.
- b) Clerk to email councillors to cover rota for Christmas Lights-On on 30th November, 11am-6pm.

10/3/24 Tourist Bus update

- a) Members reviewed bus data for the 2024 season to date and agreed it needs better promotion and advertising. Cllr. Boulton will approach Highworth for funding contribution.
- b) Members considered continuing the Tourist Bus service for summer 2025 and discussed funding. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to set up a working party to discuss the future of the Tourist Bus to include Cllr. Boulton and Cllr. Webb, this working party to be added to the next Full Council agenda to encourage further councillors to take part.

11/3/24 Cinema

- a) Members were pleased to NOTE a report on the success of the Open Air Cinema on Saturday 31st August particularly as the weather was not that good. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to hold this again in 2025.
- b) Members NOTED a report on the Regent (Community) Cinema

12/3/24 Youth Engagement

Members considered whether there were any fresh proposals for youth engagement and agreed that the Town Clerk and the Mayor would arrange to meet the new headmaster at Faringdon Community College to discuss youth engagement.

13/3/24 Agenda items for the next meeting

Items for 2nd December 2024 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 25th November 2024.

Meeting ended at 8pm