

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Katherine Doughty



Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Present: Cllr. Wild (Chair)
Cllr. Farmer (from item 7)
Cllr. Leniec
Cllr. Webb

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

In attendance online: Cllr. Norris

1/4/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Castle, Cllr. Morgan, Cllr. Norris
Cllrs. Famakin and Palmer were not present.

2/4/24 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th September 2024 were SIGNED as a correct record.

3/4/24 Declarations of Interest

None

4/4/24 Public Question and Speaking Time

None

5/4/24 Items for Information and Action List

Members NOTED the Action List and items for information.

6/4/24 Partnerships Update

Members NOTED with thanks updates from the following:

- a) The Pump House Project: no update this quarter
- b) Food Bank
- c) Community Larder
- d) The Place
- e) OPA, Junior Youth Group
- f) Be Free Young Carers
- g) Faringdon Games Club
- h) Faringdon Artistic Skaters

7/4/24 Precept 2024/25

- a) Re: quarter 2 financial report: Members asked for clarification on some of the figures.
- b) Members considered the budgets for 2025/26. Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr. Webb and RESOLVED to increase the cinema income to £7,500. Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr. Leniec and RESOLVED to keep the budget for Sundries to £350. Members asked for clarification on the cost of the Newsletter. A draft revenue budget of £10,672 was PROPOSED by Cllr. Wild, SECONDED by Cllr. Webb and RESOLVED.

8/4/24 Community Engagement and Events

- a) Members NOTED recent community engagement.
- b) Members NOTED the Councillor Surgeries report and suggested that the Surgery events should be better publicised to the town.
- c) The 2025 rota for surgeries: Councillors added their names to this. Further slots will need to be filled.
- d) Members requested a list of all events for next year, alongside costings to inform the budget.

9/4/24 Tourist Bus Working Party Update

Members considered an update from the working party and a number of suggestions were made including:

- clarify further what the tourist bus is offering and to whom
- investigating funding from places along the route e.g. Highworth and Lechlade.
- shortening the overall route
- investigating the possibility of the bus going both ways round the route
- using a smaller bus to seat 20 people
- 4 journeys per Saturday
- better publicity including placing a timetable on the bus stops in Faringdon, Highworth and Lechlade

Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Webb SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to run a tourist bus service on Saturdays for the 2025 summer season, Easter to end of September, and to go out to tender to local bus companies for the running of the service.

10/4/24 Cinema

Members NOTED an update on the Regent (Community) Cinema. With reference to parent /carer and toddler sessions, Members agreed that committee Clerk should contact The Place to discuss wider advertising to the town.

11/4/24 FTC Website

- a) Members NOTED concerns regarding the existing website. Cllr. Wild PROPOSED, Cllr. Leniec SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to upgrade the town council website to meet security compliance and accessibility requirements.
- b) Members agreed to set up a working party to include Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Farmer, Cllr. Webb and Cllr. Wild and the committee Clerk will obtain further quotes and examples to present to the working party for consideration.

12/4/24 Agenda items for the next meeting

Items for 3rd March 2025 must be sent to the Clerk by Monday 24th February 2025.

Meeting ended at 8.31 pm