

Faringdon Joint Economic Forum - Draft

1st October 2009

MINUTES OF THE FARINGDON JOINT ECONOMIC FORUM (JEF) MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2009 AT 7PM IN THE OLD TOWN HALL, FARINGDON

1. Present:

2. Apologies for absence

1. Statement by the Chairman

The outgoing Chairman (Cllr Marsden) opened the meeting by advising that the extraordinary meeting to consider modifications to the constitution would not take place as JEF members had not received sufficient notice of the meeting. However Cllr Marsden proposed that, with the agreement of the new chairman, there should be a discussion about the number of JEF members under 'any other business'.

2. Declaration of interest

Action reqd by:

None declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 9 July 2009

All agreed

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising – not elsewhere on this agenda

Faringdon Eco-Week won the South East England award and is going to the National Finals in Melton Mowbray.

5. Identification of new members

The Town Council appointed Cllr Herbert as a new member. (JH noted the Town Council's membership was now complete).

All agreed

Alison Moore was present from the Women's Institute.

Tim Evans – chair of Twinning – would like to attend future meetings.

Jeanette Halliday stepped down as acting Minutes Secretary. Roger Cox proposed that the groups thanks to JH should be recorded.

Motion carried

Trudy Godfrey agreed to take over the position as secretary.

6. Elections

Cllr Barker proposed that Nick Elwell be nominated as Chairman of Faringdon JEF. This was seconded by Cllr Thomson. The committee agreed.

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Cllr Marsden proposed that Roger Cox be nominated as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Wise. It was resolved that RC be elected as Vice Chair of the Faringdon JEF.

Jim Halliday proposed that Cllr Robert Sharp was nominated as Treasurer. This was seconded by Cllr Marsden.

It was resolved that NE be elected as Chair; RC as vice Chair and JH as Treasurer of the Faringdon JEF.

All agreed

7. Financial position

- RS reported that the current bank balance was £2,913.52.
- £1,000 of this had been allocated to the Folly Tower Trust and £200 for Secretarial Expenses.
- Taking account of the sums to be paid this left £1,713.52 unallocated.
- Accounts were accepted.

No action

8. JEF / Market Towns projects

Toby Warren introduced the background to the Market Towns Fund and updated the Group on the list of projects under development. Oliver O'Dell (Consultant) presented a recommended list of projects that had been identified from the Faringdon Healthcheck (a community initiative begun in 2002) that fulfilled the Market Towns Funding criteria. Funding is restricted to capital projects only. The assessment criteria include: a minimum of 50% match funding from other sources; ability to finance ongoing revenue and maintenance costs and demonstration of significant economic or social benefit.

Appendix A includes the list of projects.

- NE proposed that the list of projects be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Thomson and was unanimously accepted (*8 'For', 0 'against'*). Motion carried
- Project applications to be submitted to SEEDA (via the ORCC) to register interest in the fund by 15th October. NE/OO'D
- O'OD advised that the JEF would have to appear and present to an application panel on 19th November.
- NE invited people to volunteer for future delivery / management of the JEF projects (appended). [**Action: NE / TG to remind members of JEF projects.**] NE/ TG
- NE proposed we should circulate minutes widely to inquire if persons outside of the JEF were interested in managing projects. [**Action NE to explore wider project management of future JEF projects within Faringdon community.**] NE
- AM believed Bloor Homes may have committed to pay for a second community bus in the s106 agreement. [**Action – AM to check**] AM / NE / TG

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community bus project papers].

Other projects:

- Retailers' Group Thursday market – NE reported that it had been difficult to get support for the retailers group and evening market
- Faringdon in Bloom - there had been a complaint from someone about the application process and the prize they had received.
- Folly Tower - Eddie Williams had advised (by email) that consulting engineers had confirmed that the roof needed replacing, the staircase needed to be inspected and probably re-pinned, also concrete flooring was cracked. Rewiring was likely to cost £5,000 + VAT. The Folly Tower Trust has applied to Pilgrim Trust and Community Spaces for funding and expected to receive a funding decision by the end of the year. Local fundraising was also being planned.
- Faringdon Arts Festival – the current organiser had stepped down and new volunteers were required.

No Action

NE/TG

9. Progress report on the Faringdon Area Project (FAP)

Julie Farmer gave a report on behalf of FAP. The health group was proving to be very successful. A number of health related agencies had asked if they could use the group as a 'sounding board' for proposed new initiatives. The next meeting of the group was on Monday 26 October at 6:30pm at Brunel House.

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10. Constitution of voting members

RS advised that according to the constitution, the JEF can co-opt up to 4 non-voting members to serve until the next AGM. RS noted that the JEF could also recruit external advice whenever required.

- MW suggested Tim Evans (twinning)
- NE suggested David Mephram
- NE suggested inviting school headmasters

NE proposed and AT seconded that we keep 5 voting members per section and ask for outside interested parties to become involved as required.

NE proposed and AT seconded that we did not need to change the constitution. [9 For, 0 Against]. It was resolved that the constitution need not be changed.

Motions
carried

11. Dates and times of the meetings for the next year

- 7.00pm, 14 January
- 7.00pm, 15 April.
- 7.00pm, 15 July
- 7.00pm, 7 October (AGM)

Action:
Secretary to
book meeting
room for next
year

All at the Old Town Hall unless otherwise advise

12. No matters of AOB

The meeting rose at 9.10pm

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APPENDIX A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR MARKET TOWNS FUNDING

The Folly Tower – contribution to essential capital works

Conference Venue feasibility study

Pump Rooms – contribution to repair of theatre building and creation of new courtyard as ancillary space

Tomb restoration

Communication infrastructure for business and visitors

The Community Bus

The Skate Park

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Present:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC): Cllrs Alison Thomson (voting), Roger Cox (voting), Robert Sharp (voting), Jim Halliday (voting)

Faringdon Town Council (FTC): Cllrs Margaret Barker (voting), Andrew Marsden (voting), Jane Boulton (voting) (present for items 2 to 6)

'Other Organisations' : Christopher Marriott (voting) (Faringdon Chamber of Commerce), Colin Desborough (voting) (Faringdon Association of Residents), Alison Moore (Women's Institute), Nick Elwell (Faringdon Chamber of Commerce/Focus on Faringdon/Faringdon Area Project) (voting), Julie Farmer (South Faringdon Residents Association) (voting).

Ex-officio (non-voting): Mayor of Faringdon (Cllr Mike Wise)

In attendance: Toby Warren (non-voting) (VWHDC officer), Jeanette Halliday (non-voting) (retiring minutes secretary), Oliver O'Dell (non-voting) (member of public), Trudy Godfrey (non-voting) (VWHDC officer and secretary of the meeting).

Apologies:

Cllr Judith Heathcoat (non-voting) (Oxfordshire County Council), Daphne Saunders (voting) (Faringdon Area Project).