



Fairford Town Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON Thursday 24th May 2018 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRFORD

Present: Cllr Boulton(Chairman)
Cllr Frank (Deputy Chair & Chairman - W & C Committee)
Cllr Doherty (Chairman - Finance Committee)
Mr Dallow (Former Chairman – Planning Committee)
Cllr Hing
Cllr Sanford
Cllr Bowen
Cllr Foxall
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Roberts (part)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Hill, Cllr Winney and John Read

2. Minutes of Annual Town Meeting 2017.

The Minutes were distributed, and no comments were received. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

None

N.B. FULL DETAILS OF ALL REPORTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

4. Report from the Mayor of Fairford

The Chairman's report will be available in the Annual Report

5. Presentation of Citizen of the Year and Geoff Chick (Young Citizen of the Year) Award and the Albert Alder Award for 2017

The winners of the Citizen Awards were announced and they are as follows:-

Citizen of the Year Award – Winner – Sydney Flatman

Geoff Chick Award (Bursary) – Winners - Aiyana Bodsworth and Sophia Walter

Albert Alder Award – Winner – Heather Kent.

The Winners were presented with a Certificate, Town badge and their prizes. Full details of the presentation and the nominees for each of the categories are available in the Annual Report

6. Reports from Committees

All the reports presented at tonight's meeting will be made available in the Annual Report.

a) Planning - Former Chairman Mr. J Dallow presented the Planning Committees report. No questions were asked.

b) Works & Community - Cllr Frank, as the newly appointed Chairman presented the Works & Community Committees report. No questions were asked.

c) Finance - Report from County Councillor - The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr Doherty, presented the Finance report. Mrs S Basley asked if the Council could provide details relating to contractors used, percentage of local to non-local.

7. Report from District Councillor – Cllr Doherty as one of the 3 District Cllrs for Fairford presented the District Councillors' report. Cllr Hing asked about the Boundary Review and whether the current north/south split would be removed to make Fairford one ward. Cllr Doherty reported that the current Councillor split for the wards has been reviewed by Cotswold District and is currently out for consultation. He said that he would look into if and when the Boundary Commission would make changes to the wards. Mrs Basley said that she was disappointed that there was no Ward Councillor for Fairford South present at this meeting.

8. Report from the Police – PCSO Gemma Butcher presented the report for the Police on behalf of PC Mark Weedon – This was a statistical report. Mrs S Basley asked about the amount of police coverage in the area as she had been led to believe that it was poor. PCSO Butcher explained that there are about four officers available at any one time, which unfortunately was very low.

PC Mark Yates – (MOD police) – reported that there will be a greater presence of MOD police in the weeks leading up to RIAT. He also explained that a new project which began in Aldermarston is being rolled out nationwide. This is to promote police visibility as a way of deterring criminal actions. He asked residents to be vigilant and to report anything they think is in any way suspicious. He stressed that they would rather be called out for something which might be perceived to be insignificant, when in fact it might actually be important. PC Yates has left some cards with the Council office with contact details so that people can use this service as well as the 101 service.

9. Report from The Ernest Cook Trust – Dr Victoria Edwards (CEO) and Mr Michael Birnie (Property Director) presented the report for the Ernest Cook Trust. Dr Victoria Edwards took over as CEO 18 months ago. She explained the aims of the Trust and briefed the audience on the support given to organisations. Full details of the Trusts aims and activities are available on their website. Mr Michael Birnie has been with the Trust for 1 year. He briefed the audience on various improvements planned in the future for gates, signage and interpretation boards in the areas covered by the Trust and on their working association with this and other Councils for Neighbourhood Planning.

10. **Report from RAF Fairford** - Col. Eric Oliver (USAF), Lt. Col Joe Knothe (USAF) & Sqd. Ldr. Jayne Robertson (RAF Fairford) presented the report for RAF Fairford. Col. Eric Oliver reported that operations would continue as they have been over the past year with 4/5 operations over the year. The USAF are making considerable investments in the infrastructure at the Base with construction works. He said that this is the first time since 2010 that the US Military will be taking command of the Base. There would be an increase of US military personnel coming to live in Fairford in the next 12 months. He also pointed out that the USAF have nothing to do with RIAT. The Base is handed over to RIAT for the duration of the Tattoo. Cllr Steven Andrews reported that earplugs would be made available by RIAT to those that require them. A request to move 2 Mildenhall Squadrons to Fairford was made on the 17th May 2017 to the British Government, but whilst it is widely felt that this will take place, no approval has been received as yet.
11. **Report from Fairford Community Centre** - Mrs M Bishop presented the Report for the Community Centre.
13. **Report from the Palmer Hall** – The report was presented by the Clerk.
14. **Report from NDP Group** – The Neighbourhood Development Group report was presented by Mrs Bishop.
15. **Report from Walkers are Welcome** – The report was presented by the Clerk.
16. **Report from League of Friends** – the report was presented by the Clerk.
17. **Report from Hilary Cottage, PPG (Patients Participation Group)** – the report was presented by Cllr Sanford on behalf of the PPG.

A further report from First Responders was presented by Mr. Stephen Andrews.

18. **Open Session**
 Q: Could the next assembly provide another microphone which could be used by the audience when asking question?
 Recorded: Mrs S Basley wished to record her dismay that the road surface repair work carried out on the A417, Cirencester Road, Fairford was of poor quality and should have been repaired to a higher standard. She felt that Glos. County Council had let the Town down in the provision of such a poor service.

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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