



# Farnham South Street Trust

## Agenda Farnham South Street Trust

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### **Time and date**

Thursday 20th March, 2025 at 6.30pm or the conclusion of the Council meeting whichever is the later

### **Place**

Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall

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### **1) Apologies**

To receive apologies.

### **2) Declarations of Interest**

To receive from individual councillors forming the Trustee, in respect of any items included on the agenda for this meeting, declarations of disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. A copy of the form for completion is attached to submit in advance to [customer.services@farnham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@farnham.gov.uk).

*Alternatively, members are requested to make declarations of interest on the relevant form to hand to an officer before the start of the meeting. Any member of the Trust declaring a disclosable pecuniary interest is required to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation has been granted.*

### **3) Minutes of last meeting**

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Appendix A.

### **4) Applications for funding for 2025-2026**

To consider applications received for funding for the financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 attached at Appendix B. The intention is to allocate funds from the interest earned.

In 2024/25 the Trust allocated £22,893 in grants with interest/dividends of just under £32,808 was earned. In the previous year (2023/24) there was interest/dividends of £31,412 and grants made of £19,175.

The Trust has already agreed to allocate up to £10,000 for the Artist in Residence scheme (the Trustee may agree to deal with this ongoing commitment separately). 2025/26 will be the third year of the five year programme.

Applications totalling £36,018.00 have been received with a total project cost of £56,143.00. It is proposed that grants of £33,257 be awarded. The Trustee's view is sought.

**5) Artist in residence Programme**

Now in its second year, the Artists in Residence programme is part of a 5-year plan to support artists and create new work inspired by the Farnham community and further develop longstanding ties to craft as an art form.

The Artist in Residence for 2025 is Italian-born Cristina Lorenzet, a ceramicist whose sculptures are inspired by architecture and the landscape. A welcome reception was held for Cristina in February and her residency will run for 6 weeks. An exhibition of her work is taking place in Creative Response on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 11-3.

**6) Farnham Lantern Festival**

In 2024 the inaugural Farnham Lantern Festival celebrated the close of October Craft Month and brought together residents in an extraordinary show of collective expression and festivity, reinforcing Farnham's reputation as a World Craft Town.

The inspiration for the Festival was the significant Celtic holiday called Samhain, marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Lantern Festival drew on these themes, and welcomed all parts of our community, young and old to come together to bring light to a dark October evening.

The community was encouraged to get involved in making their own lanterns, drawing on their creativity and craft skills. The project aimed to foster community, combat loneliness and improve mental wellbeing. Lantern making kits were also distributed by Farnham Town Council for people to take part.

The Lantern Festival was one of Farnham Town Council's most successful community events. Funding of £3,000, to be match-funded by Farnham Town Council, is requested to enable the Festival to go ahead in 2025.

**7) Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course.

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**Appointed Members:**

Councillors: Cllr David Beaman, Cllr Mat Brown, Cllr Sally Dickson, Cllr Alan Earwaker, Cllr Tony Fairclough, Cllr George Hesse, Cllr Chris Jackman, Cllr Andrew Laughton, Cllr Michaela Martin, Cllr Brodie Mauluka (Chair), Cllr Mark Merryweather, Cllr Kika Mirylees, Cllr George Murray (Vice-Chair), Cllr John Ward, Cllr Graham White and Cllr Tim Woodhouse