



## ABINGDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, in the Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abingdon, at 7.00 p.m.** This is a public meeting of the Local Government electors of Abingdon, who are invited to attend and take part in discussions, and meet such members of Abingdon Town Council as may be present.

This is an annual statutory meeting of the town's electors and is NOT a Council meeting.

### AGENDA

- 1 **General Introduction.**  
Mayor of Abingdon, Councillor Duncan Brown.
- 2 **Neighbourhood Policing.**  
Members of the Neighbourhood Policing team will make a presentation and answer questions.  
*The General Business Session will commence at 7.30 pm*
3. **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**  
To agree the attached Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting that took place on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
4. **Reports by Committee Chairs.**
5. **To discuss Parish (Town) affairs.**

**(i) General matters:**

Members of the public are reminded that the limitation upon discussions in relation to Agenda Item 5 is generally considered to be fixed by the exclusion on the one hand of private matters (such as litigation between persons in their private capacity) and on the other, of public matters so general that they would affect the parish no more than any other parish. Subject to this, the parish meeting may discuss any public matter affecting the parish as a parish.

**(ii) HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee:**

The meeting will be asked to consider ways in which Abingdon can mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Councillor Duncan Brown  
Mayor of Abingdon  
10 March 2011.

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The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 17 March 2010 in the Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abingdon.

### **Present:**

Cllr Patricia Hobby Mayor of Abingdon and Chair of Annual Parish Meeting  
27 residents of the Parish including, Town Councillors.

### **In Attendance**

Mr Nigel Warner	Town Clerk
Mrs Sandra Hill	Deputy Town Clerk
Mr Stephen Rich	Project & Technical Manager
Mr James White	Chairman, Choose Abingdon Partnership – Guest Speaker
Ms Heather Brown	Partnership Manager, Choose Abingdon Partnership – Guest Speaker

### 1 **General Introduction by the Town Mayor, Cllr Patricia Hobby**

The Mayor, Cllr Patricia Hobby, welcomed members of the public and councillors to the Annual Town Meeting.

### 2 **Choose Abingdon Partnership**

Mr James White (Chairman) explained the background and formation of the Choose Abingdon Partnership. Ms Heather Brown (HB) (Partnership Manager) presented a slide show highlighting the developments, and future initiatives, of the Choose Abingdon Partnership.

The following points were raised by the audience:

- The need for a new Town map – HB relayed that this is currently being produced and is near completion.
- Need to replace the shoppers' guide and produce an accommodation guide.
- A need for a bandstand which could be placed near the river and could commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.
- Need to draw more people into Abingdon, there are a number of good events i.e. Arts Festival.
- Precinct needs to be modernised – HB explained plans in progress by Scottish Widows.
- Parking expensive - holding back the town. HB explained that this was a District Council issue and she would be talking with them for creative solutions.
- The Partnership should join the River Thames Alliance – HB to follow-up suggestion.

### 3 **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of 18 March 2009**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of the 18 March 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

### 4 **Reports by Committee Chairs for the Municipal Year 2009 / 2010**

Reports were given by the following Chairs of Committees:

Cllr Lesley Legge	-	Chair of Finance & General Purposes
Cllr Martin Smith	-	Chair of Planning & Highways
Cllr Peter Fulk	-	Chair of Amenities & Recreation
Cllr Julie Mayhew-Archer	-	Chair of County Hall Museum Management

### **Questions Regarding Reports**

Q Hope that the Town Council would place a suitable symbol to represent MG in Abingdon on the roundabout by McDonald's – funding and support were previously available, but the project couldn't go ahead because of the proposed traffic lights.

A Plans are in place to create an MG Garden near the Drayton Rd Roundabout.

Q Once the County Hall Museum building works commence, would the Town Council be placing a decorative screen around the building to mask the scaffolding?

A Options would be explored – subject to funding.

### 5 **Parish Affairs**

There were no discussions regarding Parish Affairs.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.