



**ABINGDON-ON-THAMES
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Council Summons
& Agenda**

Wednesday 25th June 2014
At 7pm in the Roysse Room, The Guildhall,
Abingdon-on-Thames.

(Members are reminded to please attend for robing at 6.45pm and to sign the attendance register before leaving the meeting).

19th June 2014

All Members of the Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested a meeting of the Council of the Town of Abingdon-on-Thames to be held in the Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abbey Close, Abingdon-on-Thames on **Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7pm** for the transaction of the business stated below.

Yours faithfully

Nigel Warner
Town Clerk

SECTION I (Open to the Public Including the Press)

A G E N D A

1 Prayers

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Paul Smith, will lead the Council in prayer.

2 Public Participation

(a) It is Council policy that the Council sets aside a total of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of full Council Meetings for residents of Abingdon-on-Thames or owners/managers of businesses in Abingdon-on-Thames to ask questions of the Mayor, Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee and Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee or to express views by way of making a statement.

In order to ask questions or make a statement written notice of questions or statements, served by way of letter or e-mail (enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk), must be given to the Town Clerk by 5.00 pm on Monday 23rd June 2014.

(b) Following the resolution at the meeting of 19th March 2014, Gill Wilsker, Manager of Abingdon Foyer, will make a presentation to the Council on the work of the Foyer and the use to which any grant which may be awarded by the Council, would be put.

3 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

4 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations interest from Members in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct.

5 Minutes

(a) To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council of Abingdon-on-Thames held on 19th March 2014 and the Annual Meeting held on 7th May 2014 – attached.

(b) To consider any matters arising. Note minute C87/F117 (4) (2), that the grant application by the Abingdon Foyer be determined at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

6 Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames

To receive the Mayor's announcements.

7 Questions under Standing Order 10

8 Finance and General Purposes Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th June 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein. Note recommendation at minute F11/14 to appoint a Working Group to make arrangements for the commemoration of the start of the First World War; terms of reference and a budget need to be agreed.

9 Approval of Annual Return and Financial Statements

The Council is requested to approve the report of the Town Clerk, the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2014 and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2014 (enclosed separately).

10 County Hall Museum Management Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the County Hall Museum Management Committee held on 20th May 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

11 Amenities and Recreation Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held on 28th May 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached. Note recommendation at Minute A9/14 to appoint a Working Group in relation to the New/ Additional cemetery; terms of reference need to be agreed.

12 Planning and Highways Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meetings held on 31st March, 22nd April, 12th May and 2nd June 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein - attached.

13 Guildhall Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the Guildhall Committee meetings held on 3rd June 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein - attached.

14 Representation on outside bodies

Report of the Town Clerk

The Council has received a request from the Stakeholders Group at Abingdon Foyer for a representative from the Town Council to join the group.

The Foyer have provided the following in response to an enquiry made regarding the Stakeholders Group

- *Abingdon Foyer opened in 2004. It provides supported accommodation to 21 vulnerable young people who may be experiencing a variety of issues e.g. mental health, substance misuse, and who are unable to live at home due to the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse, emotional behaviour etc. Referrals are made via the local Housing Co-ordinator and are then assessed by the Foyer as to their needs and suitability. Each resident will be allocated a Support Worker who they will meet on a regular basis to identify barriers to enable them to move on and then to discuss how these may be overcome. This work will involve 1:1 sessions and participation in activities to improve self esteem etc. and may also include referrals to external agencies MIND for specialist support.*
- *Abingdon Foyer is both owned and managed by Raglan Housing Association which is a registered charity.*
- *The Foyer has a Stakeholders Group. We also have a Residents' Committee that meets monthly to discuss activities and raise any issues that impact on the residents e.g. Computers but they do not have any financial responsibilities. I would propose that regular reports or meetings could be arranged to feedback on any activities undertaken if Abingdon Foyer were to secure a grant from Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council but I do not envisage any other input although this can be discussed at the meeting next week.*
- *I can confirm that there would be no financial implication involved.*

Members are requested to consider this request and to appoint a Member should it desire.

15 Exclusion of the Public, Including the Press

The Mayor will move:

“That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as summarised below.”

SECTION II (Excluding the public and the press)

16 Confidential appendix to the minutes of the Council of Abingdon-on-Thames

To receive and consider the confidential appendix to the minutes of the Council of Abingdon-on-Thames held on 19th March 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

17 Confidential appendix to the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

To receive and consider the confidential appendix to the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th June 2014 and to approve any recommendations therein.

18 Confidential appendix to the minutes of the County Hall Museum Management Committee

To receive and consider the confidential appendix to the minutes of the County Hall Museum Management Committee held on 20th May 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

19 Confidential appendix to the minutes of the Guildhall Committee

To receive and consider the confidential appendix to the minutes of the Guildhall Committee held on 3rd June 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein attached.