



**ABINGDON-ON-THAMES
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Council Summons
& Agenda**

Wednesday 28th January 2015
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).

23rd January 2015

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 28th January 2015 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 26th January 2015.

(b) To receive a presentation from Abingdon Carbon Cutters.

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

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council of Abingdon-on-Thames held on 17th September 2014 and to consider any matters arising from the minutes which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6 Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames

To receive the schedule of Mayor's engagements undertaken since the last meeting and to receive Mayor's announcements.

7 Questions under Standing Order 10

8 County Hall Museum Management Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the County Hall Museum Management Committee held on 25th November 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

9 Amenities and Recreation Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held on 26th November 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

10 Planning and Highways Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meetings held on 15th September; 6th October; 27th October; 17th November; 8th December; 22nd December 2014; and 12th January 2015, and to approve any recommendations therein - attached.

11 Guildhall Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the Guildhall Committee meetings held on 7th January 2015, and to approve any recommendations therein - attached.

12 Finance and General Purposes Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 13th January 2015, and to approve any recommendations therein

13 Motions

(a) Motion under Standing Order 8:

Proposed by Cllr Jeanette Halliday and seconded by Cllr Jan Morter

Council :

1. recognises that there is a strong public desire to have a cinema in Abingdon;
2. notes that the Guildhall building, due to its historic nature, poses particular challenges for the disabled;
3. notes that over £180,000 has been spent in phase 1 refurbishing the historic part of the building and that as at 7 Jan 2015 over £85,000 had been spent on phase 2 of the project. Only the Phase 1 Work has been funded from the money received from the Vale of White Horse District Council in 2011 and consequently approximately £1,019,000 of this sum remains;
4. notes that the Abbey Hall requires major refurbishment ;
5. notes that the Heritage Lottery Fund bid failed, and that other funding opportunities appear to be limited.

Council therefore resolves that in the short term it should a) refurbish the new part of the Guildhall including creating a “pop-up” cinema in the Abbey Hall; b) improve disabled access to the Guildhall complex; and c) defer plans to establish a purpose-made cinema until funding is available.

(b) Motion under Standing Order 38 to permanently change Standing Orders:

Proposed by Cllr Marilyn Badcock, seconded by Cllr Helen Pighills

A. To delete Standing Order 32 and replace with the following:

Code of conduct. All councillors shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.

B. To delete the Standing Order 38 and replace with the following:

COMMITTEES

38 List of Committees

(1) *The following committees shall be the Standing Committees of the Council and shall consist of the number of members stated below each committee:*

(a) *Finance and General Purposes*

Chairmen of the five other Standing Committees plus five other members. The Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee cannot be Chairman of any other Standing Committee. The Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee shall also act as Leader of the Council.

(b) *Planning and Highways*

Nine members

Where a member is unable to attend a meeting of this Committee they may nominate a substitute member provided that the nominating member informs the office of the Town Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

(c) *Amenities and Recreation*

Seven members.

(d) *Community Services*

Seven members.

(d) *County Hall Museum Management*

Seven members.

(e) Guildhall

Seven members.

Membership of Committees and Sub-Committees shall take into account the spirit of the provision of Section 15 (4) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, concerning the allocation of places between representatives of any political groups.

(2) Chairman

If any Chairman is unable to attend any particular meeting of the committee he/she may be represented at the meeting by his/her Vice-Chairman.

(3) Mayor

The Mayor shall be an ex-officio voting member of every Standing Committee. The Mayor shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all other Sub-Committees and Working Parties appointed by the Council.

(4) Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall be an ex-officio voting member of every Standing Committee. The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all other Sub-Committees and Working Parties/ Groups appointed by the Council.

(5) *The Council may make a scheme for the terms of reference and delegation to Council committees, sub-committees and working groups/ parties.*

In accordance with Standing Order 34 (3) the Motion stands adjourned without discussion until the meeting of the Town Council on 25th March 2015.

14 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)

15 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 17th September 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

16 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 25th November 2014, and to approve any recommendations therein – attached.

17 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 7th January 2015, and to approve any recommendations therein - attached.

18 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 held on 13th January 2015 and to approve any recommendations therein.