

15th March 2013

All Members of the Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Council of the Town of Abingdon-on-Thames to be held in the Guildhall, Abbey Close, Abingdon-on-Thames on Wednesday 20th March 2013 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

Prayers will be taken by Revd Paul Smith.

2 Public Participation

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 5.15 pm on Monday 18th March 2013.

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 16th January 2013. Pages 5 to 13.

6 Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames

- (a) To note the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's engagements for the period from 10th January to 14th March 2013. Page 14.
- (b) 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 Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12th March 2013, and to approve any recommendations therein (to follow).

9 County Hall Museum Management Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the County Hall Museum Management Committee held on 26th February 2013, and to approve any recommendations therein (attached pages 15 -19).

10 Amenities and Recreation Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held on 20th February 2013, and to approve any recommendations therein (attached). Pages 22 -22.

11 Planning and Highways Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meetings held on 28th January, 18th February and 11th March 2013, and to approve any recommendations therein (attached). Pages 23-37.

12 Guildhall Committee

To receive and consider the minutes of the Guildhall Committee meetings held 9th January, 13th February and 4th March 2013, and to approve any recommendations therein (attached). Pages 38-51.

13 Notice of Motion to permanently vary Standing Orders under Standing Order 38

The Standing Orders Working Party, consisting of Cllr Monica Lovatt (Mayor), Cllr Sandy Lovatt and Cllr Alison Rooke met on 14th February and 6th March 2013 and is due to meet again on 19th March 2013 to come forward with its final recommendations in relation to the Standing Orders. It is anticipated that a motion will then be brought forward to the June meeting of the Town Council.

14 To Receive Notice of Motions under Standing Order 8 as follows

- (a). Proposed by Cllr Samantha Bowring, seconded by Cllr Julie Mayhew Archer

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requires county councils to lead the coordination of flood risk management for surface water, groundwater and smaller water courses in their area. It does not appear from the Oxfordshire County Council website that the county council have a Flood Risk Management Strategy in place.

This Council instructs the Town Clerk to write to Oxfordshire County Council and formally request a copy of their Flood Risk Management Strategy document; if this document is not immediately available the Town Clerk will enquire when it will be available, and request a copy as soon as it is published.

(b). Proposed by Cllr Samantha Bowring, seconded by Cllr Patrick Lonergan

The developers of the proposed housing site south of Abingdon have appealed against the refusal of planning permission primarily on the grounds of the Vale of White Horse District council not yet having its new Local Plan in place, and having not identified adequate land for five years housing supply. The vast majority of other similar-tiered councils have their plans in place or are near to doing so. At the public meeting organised by the Town Council it was reported that the Vale's new Local Plan will not be in place until the end of 2014.

This Council therefore urges the Vale of White Horse District Council to do everything it can to get the new Local Plan in place as quickly as possible.

(c). Proposed by Cllr Marilyn Badcock, seconded by Cllr Alice Badcock

This Council instructs its officers to arrange a Public Meeting in partnership with the Environmental Agency about protecting our homes against flooding.

(d). Proposed by Cllr Marilyn Badcock, seconded by Cllr Alice Badcock

This Council instructs our officers to arrange for the plaque of Queen Elizabeth II opening the Museum to be moved from where it is currently hidden by our new signage and place it with that of HRH the Duke of Gloucester in full view of the public.

15 Internal Control and the Management of Risk

Report of Town Clerk attached. Page 52.

16 Calendar of Meetings

To approve the draft calendar of meetings for the 2013/2014 municipal year as attached. Page 53.

17 Election of Mayor

To receive nominations from Members for the election of Mayor of Abingdon for the 2013/2014 civic year.

18 Election of Deputy Mayor

To receive nominations from Members for the election of Deputy Mayor of Abingdon for the 2013/2014 civic year.

19 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)

20 Confidential appendix to the Town Council meeting

To approve the confidential appendix to the Town Council meeting of 16th January 2013 as a correct record. Page 54.

21 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 12th March and to approve any recommendations therein (to follow).

22 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 26th February 2013, and to approve any recommendations therein - attached. Pages 55-56 .

23 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 13th February and 4th March 2013 and to approve any recommendations therein. Pages 57-62.