

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 7:00pm in the Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames

Present

Cllr Samantha Bowring	Chair
Cllr Jim Halliday	Vice-Chair and Chair of Amenities & Recreation Committee
Cllr Gabby Barody	
Cllr Charlie Birks	Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames (ex-officio)
Cllr Margaret Crick	Chair of Guildhall Committee
Cllr Eric de la Harpe	
Cllr Andy Foulsham	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	Chair of County Hall Museum Management Committee
Cllr Ulrike Rowbottom	

In Attendance

Cllr Cheryl Briggs	
Cllr Grace Clifton	
Cllr Helen Pighills	
Cllr Andrew Skinner	
Mr Steve Rich	Head of Direct Services / Assistant Town Clerk
Mr Nigel Warner	Town Clerk
Mrs Susan Whipp	Treasurer/Responsible Financial Officer (Clerk to the meeting)

SECTION I (Open to the Public Including the Press)

F35 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jeanette Halliday and Neil Fawcett.

F36 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

F37 **Statements and Questions from the public**

There were no statements or questions from the public.

F38 **Council's Strategic Plan 2019-23**

The committee received and considered the report of the Town Clerk. The Leader, Cllr Samantha Bowring, reminded members that under the Council's terms of reference, the two matters being considered here ((i) undertaking a

Neighbourhood Development Plan and (ii) approving a Strategic Plan) would require a recommendation from this Committee to Full Council. Having received these recommendations, the Council would then be able to discuss and consider these matters in more detail, before approving either of the recommendations.

Cllr Samantha Bowring proposed, Cllr Patrick Lonergan seconded, and it was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that:

- (i) The Council agrees in principle to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Abingdon and include sums in the budget as detailed in the report of the Town Clerk;
- (ii) The Strategic Plan 2019/23 be approved.

Meeting rose at 7:04pm.

Chair.....

Date.....