

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Draft Minutes of the Guildhall Committee, reconvened on Monday 23rd May 2016 7.05pm in the Meeting Room, Roysse Court, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Present:

Cllr Dennis Garrett	Chairman
Cllr Mike Badcock	Vice-Chairman
Cllr Samantha Bowring	
Cllr Robert Hall	
Cllr Brian Hedley	
Cllr Jan Morter	

In Attendance

Mr Nigel Warner	Town Clerk
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G17 Guildhall Development Project

The Town Clerk tabled his confidential report, which had been emailed to members earlier in the day and which for ease of reference is attached to the confidential appendix to these minutes.

The Committee gave consideration to the use of the Guildhall complex for the display of treasures, muniment room and museum storage. It noted the current position in relation to these matters and the possible options. It noted that the Committee had previously authorised the Town Clerk to engage Mrs Jane Bowen, former Curator of Abingdon County Hall Museum, to report on this matter and that in exercise of these delegated powers she had been engaged through her company, Museophile, on terms which had been agreed in consultation with the Chairman of the Guildhall Committee, Cllr Dennis Garrett. The decision of the Town Clerk in relation to this matter was endorsed by the Committee (proposed Cllr Mike Badcock, seconded Cllr Brian Hedley).

The Committee received an update from the Town Clerk in relation to professional fees incurred on the project. It was noted that at present these were significantly within budget.

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk in relation to this matter and endorsed the fee expenditure incurred under delegated powers to date.

In relation to capital financing, it was noted that the District Council had been informed of this Council's plans to spend the remaining sum within the capital

improvement sum which they granted the Council in April 2011. The response of the Head of Economy, Leisure and Property, Mr Chris Tyson, was noted by members.

The meeting rose at 7.37pm.

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