

**Minutes of the Council of the Town of Abingdon-on-Thames held on Tuesday
15th December 2015 in the Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames**

Present

Cllr Helen Pighills	Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames
Cllr Michael Badcock	
Cllr Samantha Bowring	
Cllr Margaret Crick	
Cllr Neil Fawcett	
Cllr Dennis Garrett	
Cllr Robert Hall	
Cllr Vicky Jenkins	
Cllr Monica Lovatt	
Cllr Sandy Lovatt	
Cllr Jan Morter	
Cllr Lorraine Oates	
Cllr David Pope	
Cllr Jeanette Halliday	
Cllr Brian Hedley	
Cllr Patrick Lonergan	
Cllr Andrew Todd	

In Attendance

Mr Nigel Warner	Town Clerk (Clerk to the meeting)
Mr Steve Rich	Assistant Town Clerk/ Head of Services
Mrs Susan Whipp	Treasurer
Ms Heather Brown	Community Services Officer

Two members of the public and press.

SECTION I (Open to the Public Including the Press)

C55 Public Participation

The presence of Sophie Grubb and Alex Ballinger, local newspaper reporters, was noted and they were welcomed by the Members.

C56 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alice Badcock (Deputy Mayor) and Cllr Angela Lawrence.

C57 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeanette Halliday questioned whether it would be possible to split the decision-making regarding the approval of the Guildhall plans into two separate decisions, one relating to the outside of the building and one relating to the inside of the building. The reason for this was that she felt that, as a near neighbour, members of the public might consider her to have an interest in the decision on the external appearance of the Guildhall.

Following consultation with the Town Clerk, the Mayor Cllr Helen Pighills stated that she was advised that this was a non-pecuniary interest and therefore the Member did not need to exclude herself from the debate or the vote. The Town Clerk had advised that it was not really possible to divide the approval of the plans into two separate decisions as they are one document and one project.

Having considered matters Cllr Jeanette Halliday felt that she should declare a non-pecuniary interest as a local resident and left the meeting at this point.

C58 Finance and General Purposes Committee of 15th December 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Sandy Lovatt and seconded by Cllr Mike Badcock that the Council approve the recommendations brought forward from the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 15th December 2015, as detailed in the minutes of that meeting.

The recommendations were approved unanimously.

SECTION II (Excluding the public and the press)

C59 Exclusion of the Public, Including the Press

The Mayor moved and it was **resolved**:

“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.”

C60 Finance and General Purposes Committee of 15th December 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Sandy Lovatt and seconded by Cllr Mike Badcock that the Council approve the recommendations brought forward from the meeting

of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 15th December 2015, as detailed in the minutes and the confidential appendix of that meeting.

The recommendations were approved unanimously.

The meeting rose at 8.15 pm.

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Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames