

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Annual Meeting and Mayor-Making Wednesday 19 May 2021

Agenda Item 4: Election of Councillor for Fitzharris Ock Ward at by-election, Membership of Council Committees and Sub-Committees

Report of the Town Clerk

By-election Fitzharris Ock Ward

Following the by election in Fitzharris Ock which arose due to the sad passing of Cllr Jeanette Halliday, Rawda Jehanli was elected on 6 May 2021 to serve on the Town Council. The result of the election was as follows:

Caroline Hawthorne Huntly Bullock (Labour Party)	245
Rawda Jehanli (Liberal Democrat)	716
Cavan Stephen Philip Pirouet (Conservative Party)	444

The number of Councillors for each political group is as follows:

Liberal Democrat Group:	18
Green:	1

Urgency Committee and Advisory Committees

At the Town Council meeting on 28 April 2021 the Council agreed to delegate its powers to an Urgency Committee in order to respond to the continued serious risk to health of meetings held in person indoors. Town Council Committees will continue to meet online as advisory committees and will discuss business as usual. The recommendations and decisions will be advisory until they are ratified by the Urgency Committee, apart from the Planning, Highways and Consultations Committee, whose recommendations will be actioned immediately by the Town Clerk.

The terms of reference and size of each committee are detailed in the Council's document "Council and Committee Terms of Reference."

The following nominations have been made and it will be **proposed** that the following committees are appointed for the period to the next Annual Meeting in May 2022. Note that the Chairs and Vice Chairs are appointed by and subject to the agreement of the respective committees.

Urgency Committee

Cllr Charlie Birks
Cllr Samantha Bowring
Cllr Cheryl Briggs
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Pat Lonergan

Amenities & Recreation Advisory Committee

Cllr Charlie Birks
Cllr Grace Clifton
Cllr Andrew Coveney
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Robert Maddison

Community Services Advisory Committee

Cllr Neil Fawcett
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Alex Greenaway
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Rawda Jehanli
Cllr Robert Maddison
Cllr Lorraine Oates

County Hall Museum Management Advisory Committee

Cllr Margaret Crick
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr Lorraine Oates
Cllr Helen Pighills

Green Advisory and Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Gabby Barody
Cllr Charlie Birks
Cllr Cheryl Briggs
Cllr Andrew Coveney
Cllr Margaret Crick
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Robert Maddison
Cllr Ulrike Rowbottom

Guildhall Advisory Committee

Cllr Charlie Birks
Cllr Andrew Coveney
Cllr Margaret Crick
Cllr Neil Fawcett
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Rawda Jehanli

Planning, Highways and Consultations Advisory Committee

Cllr Grace Clifton
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Patrick Lonergan
Cllr Lorraine Oates

Traffic Advisory Committee (Town Council members).

Cllr Andrew Coveney
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Patrick Lonergan

This is a joint committee with other authorities and its Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed at the first meeting of the Committee.

Finance and General Purposes Advisory Committee

Membership comprises Chairs of:

Amenities and Recreation Advisory Committee
Community Services Advisory Committee
County Hall Museum Management Advisory Committee
Guildhall Advisory Committee
Planning, Highways and Consultations Advisory Committee

Plus:

Cllr Gabby Barody
Cllr Samantha Bowring (Leader)
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Ulrike Rowbottom

SUB-COMMITTEES

To note that under Council and Committee Terms of Reference shall be appointed by the relevant advisory committees.

OTHER GROUPS

- (a) The Council is requested to appoint a Personnel Appeals Panel of 3 Members for the period to the next Annual Meeting (May 2022). This Panel would need to meet at short notice and therefore requires flexibility in its appointment. It is recommended that appointment of this panel is delegated to the Mayor and the Leader (Chair Finance and General Purposes Advisory Committee).
- (b) The Council should **note** that Standing Committees also have the power to establish Working Groups to assist in the delivery of specific tasks and should be time bound. Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups also have the power to co-opt non-Members.
- (c) Finally it should be **noted** that the Mayor and the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (Leader) are ex-officio voting Members of all Council Standing Committees and ex-officio non-voting Members of all other Council bodies.

Nigel Warner
Town Clerk
14 May 2021.