



Abingdon-on-Thames Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town (Parish) Meeting will be held on **Thursday 28 April 2022 at 7pm.**

The Town Council will hold this meeting online, due to the health and safety risk assessment carried out in relation to Covid-19. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

The meeting will be conducted in the same way, as far as possible, as a meeting in person. Members of the public may view the meeting online and may, with notice, make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business at agenda item 8.

The reports presented at the meeting will be available to view ahead of the meeting on the town council's [website](#). Should you require a separate pdf version of individual documents please e-mail democratic@abingdon.gov.uk

Any queries on the agenda should also be directed to democratic@abingdon.gov.uk.

This is a public meeting of the Local Government electors of Abingdon who are invited to attend and take part in discussions. This is an annual statutory meeting of the town's electors and is not a Council meeting although the Council does take the opportunity for its Committee Chairs to make a report to the meeting on the work being undertaken by the Council's Committees.

Abingdon Town Council - Our Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

Our key objectives

- 1 To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
- 2 To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
- 3 To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
- 4 To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Note: Due to the nature of this online meeting, all questions and comments will be taken at agenda item 8.

1 **General Introduction**

The Mayor, Councillor Cheryl Briggs, will chair the meeting.

2 **Abingdon Video**

To showcase the work of the Town Council in the community over the last year. This video will then be made available on the website www.abingdon.gov.uk following the meeting.

3 **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 10 March 2021**

To agree the [minutes](#) of the Annual Town Meeting that took place on 10 March 2021.

To receive an update on matters raised at last meeting.

4 **Reports by Town Council Committee Chairs**

To receive reports from the Chairs of Town Council committees.

- [Finance, Governance, Asset Management committee](#) – Cllr Samantha Bowring
- [Community committee](#) – Cllr Rawda Jehanli
- [Environment and Amenities committee](#) – Cllr Gabby Barody
- [Town Infrastructure committee](#) - Cllr Andrew Skinner

5 **Abingdon Neighbourhood Plan**

To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

6 **Presentations by Community Groups**

The Council gives a number of grants each year and there will be short presentations to the meeting from a number of organisations which receive larger grants from the Council to include:

- Abingdon Carousel
- Be Free Young Carers
- The Abingdon Bridge
- South and Vale Citizens' Advice
- Christ's Hospital of Abingdon

7 **Abingdon Integrated Youth – Support Project (AIYSP)**

To receive a presentation on the Abingdon Integrated Youth – Support Project (AIYSP). This project is a partnership between Abingdon Town Council, The Abingdon Bridge and Abingdon DAMASCUS.

8 **To discuss Town affairs**

At this point the meeting may discuss Town affairs and residents of the parish are invited to ask questions of their elected councillors.

- (i) Questions ahead of the meeting. In order to assist the efficient administration of the meeting we are requesting that members of the public e-mail their questions in via democratic@abingdon.gov.uk. Please include your address in your email in order to confirm you are a resident of Abingdon.

This will also have the benefit that we are able to prepare a fuller answer than we would be able to if we did not receive notice.

- (ii) Questions at the meeting. You may have questions arising from earlier discussions at this meeting. These may be submitted either in writing via the “Chat facility” or if you wish to speak, by raising your hand.

Note:

Members of the public are reminded that the limitation upon discussions at this agenda item:

- All items raised must relate to public matters in the town.
- There can be no discussion of private matters (such as litigation between persons in their private capacity) or of matters so general that they would affect the town no more than any other parish.

By law the Mayor, as Chair of this meeting, determines whether a matter may be discussed and their decision is final.

Councillor Cheryl Briggs
Mayor
12 April 2022
(Signed electronically)