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## ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

Wednesday 3 August 2022

### Draft Minutes

#### Present in person:

Cllr Andy Foulsham	Mayor
Cllr Gabby Barody	Deputy Mayor
Cllr Samantha Bowring	Leader
Cllr Cheryl Briggs	
Cllr Margaret Crick	
Cllr Eric de la Harpe	
Cllr Jim Halliday	
Cllr Rawda Jehanli	
Cllr Pat Lonergan	
Cllr Lorraine Oates	
Cllr Andrew Skinner	

#### In attendance in person:

Paula Lopez	Locum Deputy Town Clerk
Andy Crick	Community Services and Events Officer
Jo Blackmore	Administration Assistant
Nigel Luker	Macebearer
Rev Kath Cooke	Mayors Chaplain

#### In attendance online:

Cllr Grace Clifton  
Cllr Neil Fawcett  
Cllr Helen Pighills  
Cllr Ulrike Rowbottom

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council, Wednesday 3 August 2022**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Before the start of the meeting the Rev Kath Cooke led the meeting in prayer.

**T35/22. Public Participation**

There was one member of the public in attendance but they did not wish to speak.

**T36/22. Apologies**

Apologies were received from The Town Clerk, Cllr Birks, Cllr Coveney, Cllr Greenaway and Cllr Maddison.

**T37/22. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**T38/22. Minutes**

Cllr Halliday asked for a correction to be made with regards to the Town Council nominative governor of Christ's Hospital, in that it was agreed that Cllr Barody be appointed as a governor and not Cllr Briggs .Minute T16/22 29 June 2022, representation of outside bodies refers.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Lonergan, **seconded** by Cllr de la Harpe, and **RESOLVED** that, subject to the correction with regards to the nominative governor of Christ's Hospital, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 June 2022 were **AGREED** and would be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

Cllr Halliday stated that he had previously asked the Town Clerk if the agreed letter of congratulation had been sent to the Queen. As the Town Clerk was on holiday the Locum Deputy Clerk advised that she would ask the Town Clerk on his return.

**T39/22. Community Committee**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Halliday, **seconded** by Cllr Barody, and **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 12 July 2022 were **RECEIVED**.

Cllr Halliday reminded the Locum Deputy Clerk that it was agreed at this meeting that the request by the Friends of Carswell School for a grant be taken to the next Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee to see if there was any more money available which the Town Council could grant to the Friends of the school. Minute C25/22 12 July 2022 refers.

**T40/22. Town Infrastructure Committee**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Skinner, **seconded** by Cllr Halliday, and **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Town Infrastructure Committee held on 21 July 2022 were **RECEIVED**.

Cllr Halliday raised house naming/street numbers, minute IF5/22 21 July 2022 refers. A discussion took place and it was **AGREED** that, in the future, the Planning Panel would suggest themes for names of streets to the committee.

#### **T41/22. Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Bowring, **seconded** by Cllr Halliday and, **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee held on 26 July 2022 were **RECEIVED**.

#### **T42/22. Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor's Engagements were **noted**.

The Mayor thanked Tilsley Park and Abingdon School for making some of these events happen.

Cllr Crick advised that members of the public had been commenting on the lovely flower displays around the town, Cllr Crick and the Mayor asked that their thanks be recorded to the nursery who provides the plants and the Town Council staff who care for them. All members **AGREED**.

#### **T43/22. Oxfordshire County Council**

Cllr Fawcett updated members on some of the main projects.

- Lodge Hill – The County Council website has been updated with the information that on the changes that have been made to the plan following consultation which is mainly making the design safer for pedestrians and cyclists and to be able to cross the road to bus stops. Planning Permission will be submitted in September and in the meantime some of the improvements to the A34 laybys have started.
- 20mph speed limit – is progressing and we are now on the list for tranche one, again the website for the scheme has been updated and there is a spreadsheet on there which includes Abingdon and which sets out the timeline.
- The Abingdon LCWHIP – The walking and cycling infrastructure is progressing to its timetable. The outline design for the Bridge Street/High Street/Stert Street has been signed off although there is not funding available for this yet.

Cllr Halliday asked Cllr Fawcett if there will be consultation regarding the 20mph scheme. Cllr Fawcett advised that there would be consultation and extensive publicity.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Fawcett for the update.

**T44/22. Vale of White Horse District Council**

No report presented.

**T45/22. Code of Conduct**

- i) It was **proposed** by Cllr Lonergan, **seconded** by Cllr Crick and **RESOLVED** that, Abingdon-on-Thames Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct of the District Council and that councillors are to attend mandatory training on the Code.
- ii) The Locum Deputy Clerk was asked to forward the dates and links to the training offered by the District Council.

**T46/22. Future Agenda items**

Chairs prioritised forward plans to be brought to the next meeting. Cllr Jehanli raised an item for a future agenda.

**T47/22. Dates of future meetings**

The next meeting of Council on 5 October 2022 was **noted**.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and invited them into the Mayors Parlour at the close of business in the Confidential Section.

**T48/22. Exclusion of the Public, Including the Press**

The Mayor moved 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.

**SECTION II (Confidential Agenda)**

**T49/22. Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee**

- i) The confidential appendix to the minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee on 26 July 2022 were **APPROVED**.
- ii) Members considered the suggested draft CONFIDENTIAL letter from the Properties Officer, this was **APPROVED**.
- iii) The CONFIDENTIAL Action Register was **NOTED**.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.