

## ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Community Committee</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>8 November 2022</b>
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>6 Forward Plan</b>

<b>Bandstand project</b>	Jan to Mar 2021	Consider bandstand project
	Nov 2021 update	Bandstand project working group has been meeting and update provided to Community Advisory Committee 9.11.21
	Dec 2021 update	Working Group met 30.11.21, Properties Officer looking for advice on pre-planning and flood risks with the Vale of White Horse District Council and the Environment Agency.
	March 2022 update	Update provided to committee
	June 2022	<p>Cllr Halliday reported that the Bandstand Working Party (Cllrs Halliday and Jehanli, plus two residents with expert knowledge) had identified two potential sites. The Council's Properties Officer had consulted the Environment Agency and the Vale of White Horse District Council who had confirmed that both sites were viable, and that they would be able to give more detailed feedback on receipt of a pre-application planning application. The Town Clerk, at the recommendation of the Working Party, had placed a small contract on a local firm of architects to prepare two outline designs to accompany the pre-application submission. The architects were currently working to prepare these designs and would help present them to the District Council's planning team. Should a favourable report then be received, the Working Party planned to use the outline plans to illustrate presentations and printed literature for subsequent display to both potential sponsors and the residents of Abingdon. In summary : it was reported that the project is proceeding along a planned trajectory and the Town Council funds are being used to prepare the evidence base with which to maximise external sponsorship income."</p> <p>12 July 22 - Cllr Fawcett advised that the Working Party were dealing with this and would need a design before costings could be considered.</p>

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	Sept 2022	A Local architect has been asked to provide draft designs for the bandstand and these may be considered for public consultation. The working group is considering whether sponsorship may be available for the proposed bandstand.
<b>Communications review / Corporate branding</b>	Jan to Mar 2021	Complete communications review
	Dec 2021 update	Communications review reported on 9.11.21. Style guide adopted by Council 1.12.21
	June 2022 update	Follow up meeting of the communications working group to be arranged by officers
	July 2022	A new date needs to be set for the Communications Working Party.
	Sept 2022	A meeting is still being organised. The Chair recommended that a date is agreed as soon as possible.
<b>Climate Emergency: Market Place</b>	Apr to Jun 2021	Consideration of environmentally friendly measures to address the climate emergency in relation to Market Place events.
	Jul to Sept 2021	Completion and implementation of environmentally friendly measures to address the climate emergency in relation to Market Place cafes and commercial markets
	Nov 2021 update	Implementation delayed due to Covid pandemic. The terms and conditions for hiring the Market Place are being considered and will incorporate some climate emergency measures.
	March 2022 update	Delayed due to workloads of officers
	June 2022 update	Delayed due to workloads of officers
	July 2022	It was felt that there was a need to prioritise these items.
<b>Council events</b>	Oct to Dec 2021	Accessibility audit in relation to council events
	June 2022 update	Delayed due to workloads of officers
	July 2022	The Community Service & Events Officer was still looking at this. The Locum Deputy Clerk suggested

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	Sept 2022	that community groups are approached and asked to become involved in this.  This item would be discussed in November 2022 to consider the involvement of external event organisers to address capacity issues within the town council.
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<b>Christmas Lights</b>	Oct to Dec 2021	Assess need for Christmas lights earmarked reserve. To be considered at a future meeting.
	Dec 2021 update	Committee resolved that working group would continue
	June 2022	Cllr Halliday reported that the Working Party (Cllrs Halliday and Clifton) were working with the officers to prepare a detailed specification about the installation of the Town's Christmas lights and that the intention was that this would form an annex to a tender to be issued in the near future to both the Council's current supplier and other potential suppliers. The Officers plan to issue the tender very soon so that the installation of the Remembrance Day/Christmas lights in October/November/December is clearly specified and an order is then placed to ensure that the 2022 Christmas lights display maintains the standard of previous years.
	July 2022	The Working Party which consists of Cllr Halliday & Cllr Clifton should be left to deal with the detail of the lights this year. Members felt that the Christmas lights posed no serious problems for wildlife.

<b>Museum: temporary exhibitions programme</b>	Jan to Mar 22	Morland; A family business
	Apr to Jun 22	70 – Life in Abingdon in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elizabethan Era
	July to Sept 22	Sea Dragons & Giant Monsters of Abingdon
	Oct to Dec 22	Kate Hammersley - Common Land
	Jan to Mar 23	Planes, Trains and Automobiles - RAF Abingdon, GWR, MG.
	Apr to June 23	Abingdon Quilters
	Jul to Sept 23	Abingdon's Lost Monuments

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	Oct to Dec 23	Geoff Dunbar – Abingdon Folk
	Jan to Mar 24	Mary Buckland’s drawings
	Apr to Jun 24	Harwell’s influence on Abingdon’s town plan (ATOM)
	Jul to Sept 24	
<b>Museum: digital projects</b>	Aug to Sept 22	South Asian History month - Couldrey India paintings and poetry
	Oct to Dec 22	Black History Month - Museum at night - Hallowe’en
	Jan to Mar 23	
	Apr to Jun 23	Women of Abingdon
	Aug to Sept 22	South Asian History month - Couldrey India paintings and poetry - Festival Archaeology
<b>Museum: events</b>	July to Sept 23	Festival of archaeology – ancient sites tours with Augmented Reality
	Oct to Dec 23	Museum at Night

July 2022 – Members thanked the museum manager for his work on these items.