



## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

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# Community Committee Tuesday 28 November 2023, 7pm Old Magistrates Court AGENDA

Date of agenda: 23 November 2023

To: All Members of the Community Committee

Cllr Cheryl Briggs  
Cllr Penny Clover  
Cllr Neil Fawcett  
Cllr Murali Gunarajah  
Cllr Pat Lonergan  
Cllr Lorraine Oates  
Cllr Victoria Walker  
Cllr Jim Halliday  
Cllr Gwyneth Lewis

Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management  
Committee – ex-officio  
Mayor ex-officio

Dear Member,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Community Committee** to be held on **Tuesday 28 November 2023** in the Old Magistrates Court on the rising of the special town council meeting which commences at 7pm.

Should any member be unable to attend and wish to appoint a substitute to the meeting, they should inform me at [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk).

Any queries on the agenda should also be directed to me.

Yours sincerely

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Locum Town Clerk (signed electronically)

## **Abingdon-on-Thames 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.

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## **SECTION I - open to the public including the Press**

### **1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

### **3. Statements and Questions from the Public**

To receive any statements and questions; these should be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk no later than 5pm on Monday 27 November 2023. This may either be by letter to the address above or by e-mail to [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk).

Michelle Charlesworth of One Planet Abingdon will speak to the meeting

Dionne Freeman and Abigail Brown from Makespace Oxford will speak to the meeting about the South Abingdon Arts and Culture Project. A [presentation](#) is included with the meeting reports.

Gary Hibbins of The Abingdon Bridge will speak to the meeting.

4. **Minutes**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee of 17 October 2023. Minutes to follow.

5. **Management Accounts and Budget Setting**

To consider a [report](#) and appendices from the RFO on the management accounts to 31 October 2023.

- [Appendix A](#) - Management Accounts for the period ending 31 October 2023

6. **Community grants**

- a. To consider grant applications as follows. [A report on the grants received can be viewed here.](#)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Abingdon Church Twinning Committee</b>	<b>£300</b>
- <a href="#">Grant application form</a>	
- <a href="#">Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet</a>	
<b>Healthy Abingdon</b>	<b>£700</b>
- <a href="#">Grant application form</a>	
- <a href="#">Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet</a>	
<b>Abingdon Street Pastors</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
- <a href="#">Grant application form</a>	
- <a href="#">Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet</a>	
<b>One Planet Abingdon 2023-24</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
- <a href="#">Grant application form</a>	
- <a href="#">Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet</a>	
<b>One Planet Abingdon 2024-25</b>	<b>£35,000</b>
- <a href="#">Grant application form</a>	
- <a href="#">Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet</a> (same as above)	

- b. To consider a [warm spaces grant](#) from Our Lady and St Edmunds Church. The church was awarded a warm spaces grant of £600 in 2022-23.
- c. To consider a [grant application](#) from Be Free Young Carers. The town council has offered regular support to this charity and the budget includes an allowance under budget line 406/4884 of £7,000 for the current financial year. Be Free Young Carers has requested a grant of £10,000 and if approved the balance would be taken from the community grants budget.
- d. To consider a [grant application](#) for 2024-24 from The Abingdon Bridge.

7. **Report of the Museum Manager**

To receive a [report](#) on the work of the museum.

8. **Report of the Properties and Events Manager**

To receive a [report](#) on events from the Properties and Events Manager.

9. **To review the forward plan**

An updated version of the [forward plan](#) is available to review.

10. **To review the actions register**

An updated version of the [actions register](#) is available to review.

11. **Future Agenda items**

To review the following items for future agendas and to consider and propose other items for future agendas.

February 2024: Platinum Jubilee review, to identify any issues and recommendations for future events.

February 2024: report of communications working party (C43/23).

12. **Date of future meeting**

To note the date of the next scheduled meetings:

- 8 February 2024
- 7 May 2024