

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Community committee
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MUSEUM FRIENDS AGM REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The following report as provided by Steven Purnell, Secretary of Abingdon Museum Friends.

On Thursday 13th June, 12 members of the friends along with the Mayor of Abingdon met for our Annual General Meeting. During the meeting the Manager of Abingdon County Hall Museum, Daniel Sancisi, gave the attached report to the members present. The Secretary further gave the below Treasurer's Report. However, due to the low attendance no business of the charity could be conducted. Therefore, in accordance with Part 2, Clause 11 (5) & (6) our constitutions this email is to give at least seven clear days' notice that we shall have a reconvened AGM on Friday 5th July at 19:00hrs in the Royal British Legion, Abingdon. After 15 minutes from this start time, the number of members present shall constitute a quorum for that meeting if no quorum is otherwise present.

At this meeting we shall perform the elections of Trustees and Officers of the Charity, confirm the date of the next AGM (set to be Thursday 12th June 2025) and shall also vote on an amendment to Part 2, Clause 11 (2) of our constitutions to change a Quorum from 'fifteen members or one tenth of the membership (whichever is greater)' to '**ten** members or one tenth of the membership (whichever is greater)'. This change will help us to more easily convene future Annual General Meetings as we have struggled to meet the fifteen-member requirement for several years now. I appreciate that several members did attend the AGM on Thursday and thank you for attending, please accept our apologies that a quorum could not be formed. As stated above, we do not require a particular number of members for this upcoming meeting so please do come if you are able but do not feel obliged to do so. My apologies for the delay in reconvening the AGM, I could not book a venue on shorter notice.

Treasurer's Report

There is still a vacancy for the role of Treasurer, whose duties are currently being completed by the Secretary. Any member who is interested in assisting in this role should contact the Secretary. The Secretary is pleased to report that the accounts (which were emailed to all members prior to the AGM) are in a very healthy position. The accounts at the end of the last financial year contained £5,422.09. We purchased a

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replica Quern stone and a 'Punch & Judy' theatre for the Museum education team, as well as raising over £300 in Gift Aid through the Museum Entry Gift Aid Envelope scheme so far.

- 1.2 Dan Sancisi provided a report to the Museum Friends which is attached as an appendix.