



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

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Community Committee Wednesday 18 February 2026, 7pm Old Magistrates' Court AGENDA

Date of agenda: 11 February 2026

To: All Members of the Community Committee

Cllr Neil Fawcett

Chair

Cllr Penny Clover

Vice-Chair

Cllr Murali Gunarajah

Cllr Pat Lonergan

Cllr Andrew Skinner

Cllr Victoria Walker

Cllr Jim Halliday

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

Cllr Rawda Jehanli

Mayor, ex-officio

Dear Member,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Community Committee** to be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 18 February 2026** in the Old Magistrates' Court.

Should any member be unable to attend and wish to appoint a substitute to the meeting, they should inform me by email at democratic@abingdon.gov.uk.

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

Yours sincerely

Cherie Carruthers

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Town Clerk/Chief Executive (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.

The law allows members of the public and press to record meetings of the Council and its committees. Should you wish to record at any meeting which is open to the public it is requested that you inform the Town Clerk of your intention to film or record before the day of the meeting, by emailing democratic@abingdon.gov.uk or telephoning 01235 522642.

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**

Standing order 24 allows members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda for any meeting of the council (with the exception of the Annual Meeting) and its standing committees, in accordance with the council's code of practice in relation to public participation. If you would like to participate under this standing order, you must contact the Town Clerk **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 17 February 2026**. If you would like to ask a question, you must submit the question **48 hours (or two working days)** before

the meeting. This may either be by letter to the address above or by e-mail to democratic@abingdon.gov.uk.

4. **Minutes**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the [Community Committee of 19 November 2025](#).

5. **Finance Report**

To consider a [report](#) from the RFO on the management accounts for the period ending 31 December 2025 including:

- [Appendix A](#): committee management accounts as at 31 December 2025;
- [Appendix B](#): summary committee management accounts as at 31 December 2025;
- To note the annual PSCO contract amount for 2026-27.

6. **Community grants**

- a. To consider grant applications as follows. A report on the applications received can be viewed [here](#) and confidential financial information is available for committee members to view on [Sharepoint](#).

	Amount requested
i. Abingdon Drama Club	£3,512.80
• Grant application form	
• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
ii. Abingdon Schools Librarians Group	£700
• Grant application form	
• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
iii. Assisted Reading for Children (ARCh)	£1,000
• Grant application form	
• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
iv. ATOM Festival	£1,250
• Grant application form	
• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
v. Dialogue Society Oxford	£7,500
• Grant application form	
• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	

vi.	Life Space Project	£5,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant application form• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
vii.	Oxford Play Association	£1,500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant application form• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
viii.	Thames Ridge Scouts	£500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant application form• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	
ix.	The Archway Foundation	£2,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant application form• Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet	

Total £ 22,962.80

b. To receive updates from recipients of grants:

- i. [Abingdon Healthfest](#)
- ii. [South Abingdon Play and Activity Day](#)

7. **Museum sub-committee**

To receive the [draft minutes](#) from the museum sub-committee meeting on 4 February 2026 and to consider any recommendations.

8. **Website – Website tender report**

- i) To consider a [report](#) from the Project Manager: Business and Community Engagement.
- ii) [Appendix 1](#) – Invitation to Tender

9. **Clubs & Societies Day**

To consider a [report](#) from the Project Manager: Business and Community Engagement.

10. **Fun and Music In the Park 2026**

To consider a [report](#) from the Project Manager: Business and Community Engagement.

11. **Heritage & Cultural**

To consider a [report](#) from the Project Manager: Business and Community Engagement.

12. **Twinning**

To receive a [report](#) proposed budget and action plan for the 75th anniversary of the town twinning in November 2026.

13. **To review the forward plan**

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

14. **To review the actions register**

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

15. **Future Agenda items**

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

16. **Dates of future meetings**

10 June 2026