

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 8:57pm
in the Roysse Room, Guildhall, Abingdon-on-Thames.**

Present

Cllr Mike Badcock	Chairman
Cllr Dennis Garrett	Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Guildhall Committee
Cllr Samantha Bowring	
Cllr Margaret Crick	Chairman of Planning, Highways & Consultations Committee
Cllr Monica Lovatt	Chairman of CH Museum Management Committee
Cllr Sandy Lovatt	Chairman of Amenities & Recreation Committee
Cllr Jan Morter	
Cllr Helen Pighills	
Cllr David Pope	
Cllr Andrew Todd	Chairman of Community Services Committee
Cllr Alice Badcock	Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames (Ex-Officio)

In Attendance

Mr Nigel Luker	Macebearer
Mr Steve Rich	Head of Services/Assistant Town Clerk
Mrs Susan Whipp	Treasurer/RFO
Mr Nigel Warner	Town Clerk (Clerk to the meeting)

F157 **Apologies**

None.

F158 **Declarations of interest**

None.

F159 **Minutes**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th March 2017. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th March 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

F160 **Matters arising**

None.

F161 **Statements and Questions from the Public**

None.

F162 **Matters referred**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Town Clerk in relation to the above.

The following matters have been referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee as they have financial and policy implications:

Minute 46 of 23rd March 2017 – Guildhall Development Project

It was **recommended to the Council:**

1. To instruct the surveyor to enter into detailed discussion and negotiation with the District Council and Historic England in relation to the proposals for the staircase/lift and report back to this committee at its next meeting
2. To instruct the surveyor to undertake further work in relation to the proposals for (i) the refurbishment of the Guildhall reception to improve disabled access and the provision of disabled access from reception to the Old Magistrates Court and (ii) for the extension to the Guildhall (as detailed above) and to, on behalf of the Town Council, make an application for planning permission and listed building consent to undertake this work. In relation to this part of the project it is noted that part of the pre-planning application advice which was currently ongoing, there may need to be alterations to these plans and consequently it was further recommended that authorisation for changes to details, whilst retaining the broad principles as presented to this Committee, be delegated to the Guildhall Development Working Group.
3. That the capital budget for the Guildhall Development Project, as outlined in the report of the Town Clerk and at the meeting, be set at £1,019,486, this sum to be incurred over the two financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 and financed from the deferred grant from the Vale of White Horse District Council.
4. That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Guildhall Development Working Group to incur expenditure of up to £25,000, in addition to the £10,000 already allocated, towards the costs of the project, including necessary professional surveys and fees, from the budget recommended above (£1,019,486).

The Meeting rose at 9pm.

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