

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Abingdon Area Committee

held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 4 February 2014
at the Abbey House, Abingdon



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillor Julie Mayhew-Archer (Chair), Marilyn Badcock, Mike Badcock, Tony de Vere, Jim Halliday, Angela Lawrence, Pat Lonergan, Helen Pighills, Andrew Skinner and Richard Webber

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Carole Cumming, Susan Harbour and Sally Truman

Ab.22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from councillors: Aidan Melville, Julia Bricknell, Gervase Duffield, Jason Fiddaman, Jeanette Halliday and Sandy Lovatt.

Ab.23 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2013 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and the chair signed them.

Ab.24 Declarations of interest

No councillors had any pecuniary interests to declare.

Some councillors had a conflict of interest, as they were part of the management committee or council of the applicant. These councillors declared their interests, as below, and did not take part in the debate or vote on these items.

Ref	Organisation	Project	Councillors
1234	Abingdon-on-Thames town council	Guildhall project - seed funding for refurbishment project	Julie Mayhew-Archer, Marilyn Badcock, Mike Badcock, Pat Lonergan, Helen Pighills, Angela Lawrence
1125	Drayton Village hall	kitchen refurbishment and replacement windows and fire doors	Richard Webber, as a member of Drayton Parish Council who own the hall

Ab.25 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None notified.

Ab.26 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the area committee.

Ref	Organisation	Project	Speakers
1220	Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club	Provision of court no. 7	James Eastward
1216	Abingdon Rugby Club	Re-development of training pitch	Jeremy Scott
1123	Abingdon Vale Cricket Club	Cricket pitch covers	No speaker
1234	Abingdon-on-Thames town council	Guildhall project - seed funding for refurbishment project	Lesley Legge
1200	Caudwell Day Centre, Drayton	Flat roof replacement	Barry Winter
1125	Drayton Village hall	Kitchen refurbishment and replacement windows and fire doors	Tony Holmes
1205	Music for Autism	Eight specialist music workshops in the Abingdon area.	Simon Payne
1228	The Abingdon Bridge	Positive transitions	Tricia Wormald

Ab.27 New Homes Bonus - community funding 2013/14

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report that set out details of the new homes bonus community funding scheme. The cabinet member for grants had approved the policy and procedure and delegated authority to the four area committees to determine the grant applications. The Council had set a budget of £100,000 for this scheme. The apportionment between the area committees was based on the amount of housing growth in each area from April 2008 to March 2013. In the Abingdon area of the district, 346 new homes had been built in this five-year period, equating to a budget of £19,300 for the committee to award to applications under this scheme in the current financial year.

The committee noted that the council's chief finance officer had advised that any new homes bonus community funding that was not awarded by the end of this financial year could be carried forward to the following year's budget. The published draft budget for 2014/15 included a proposal for a further £100,000 new homes bonus community funding, for apportionment between the four area committees.

The committee carefully considered each application under this scheme. Thirteen applications had been received. The committee assessed these against a high, medium or low ranking for each parish, dependent on the number of new homes completed in the qualifying five-year period. Those parishes with the most new homes were awarded a 'high' ranking. The committee used this as a guide to prioritise the applications but was not bound by it.

The following awards were made by the committee:

Ref no	Organisation	Scheme/Project	Grant Awarded
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1200	Caudwell Day Centre, Drayton	Flat roof replacement	£500
1205	Music for Autism	Eight specialist music workshops in the Abingdon area	£1200
1216	Abingdon Rugby Club	Re-development of training pitch	£8000
1218	Sutton Courtenay Parish Council	Replacement of round about in play area	£0
1220	Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club	Provision of court 7	£0
1223	Abingdon Vale Cricket Club	Cricket pitch covers	£3000
1225	Drayton Village Hall	Kitchen refurbishment and replacement windows and fire doors	£1000
1228	The Abingdon Bridge	Positive transitions	£5600
1234	Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council	Guildhall project – seed funding for refurbishment project	£0
		Total	£19,300

All money allocated to this area committee was, therefore, awarded and there would be no carry forward to the next financial year.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm