



THE FRIENDS
OF ABINGDON
CIVIC SOCIETY

THE 75th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.30pm MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019 – UNICORN THEATRE

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes
To approve the minutes of the 74th AGM held on Wednesday 13 June 2018
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's address
5. Motion to accept the Trustees Annual Report for year ending 31 December 2018
6. Motion to accept the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018
7. Election of officers. The following have been nominated:

Chairman	Bryan Brown
Vice-Chairman and Treasurer	Kevin Senior
Secretary	Hester Hand
8. Election of Executive Council
Caroline Bullock and Peter Clarke were elected in 2017 to serve until 2019 and have declared themselves willing to stand for re-election. Pat Bryden, Glynne Butt and Bobbie Nichols were elected in 2018 to serve until 2020 and are still in post. Bruce Hunt is retiring.

There are vacancies for up to five more Council members. No nominations have been received so Caroline Bullock and Peter Clarke are proposed for re-election.
9. Motion to wind up the Society (see background note overleaf)
"This meeting agrees that The Friends of Abingdon, Charity no 225880, shall be wound up at a date to be decided by the Executive Council and that its assets shall be allocated on an equitable basis between The Friends of Abingdon Abbey Buildings Trust, Charity number 1183398 and The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society, Charity number 1183397. This decision and the allocation of assets are subject to confirmation at a further General Meeting to be held on 31 July 2019."
10. Any other business at the Chairman's discretion.

After the conclusion of the above business, Bryan Brown will give an update on progress with the Enhancement Project and the setting up of the Abbey Buildings Trust and Hester Hand will outline plans for the Civic Society.

This will be followed by drinks and light refreshments in the Checker and an opportunity to talk informally with the Trustees of the two new CIOs about their plans for the future. Non-members are very welcome for the talks and refreshments and as observers at the AGM.

Background Note to agenda item 9

At the Special General Meeting held on 16 April 2018, the Trustees were authorised to take the necessary steps to set up two new Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and apply to the Charity Commission for their registration.

The two new organisations have now been set up and were registered with the Charity Commission on 14 May 2019:

- The Friends of Abingdon Abbey Buildings Trust, Charity number 1183398 is a “CIO – Foundation” run by its Trustees, under Charity Commission rules. There are currently seven Trustees: four initial Trustees from the existing charity, one nominated by the Civic Society and two appointed by the initial Trustees. The Chairman is Bryan Brown.
- The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society, Charity number 1183397 is a “CIO - Association”, run on a similar basis to the existing Society i.e with Trustees appointed by members at Annual General meetings. The three initial Trustees were appointed from the existing charity and they have now appointed two more. The Chair is Hester Hand. All Trustees will be subject to re-election by an AGM in 2020.

Current members of the Friends of Abingdon will for the time being remain members of both CIOs (if they wish), but membership of the Buildings Trust will be on a non-voting basis. If in future the Buildings Trust sets up its own membership scheme, FoA Life Members will remain part of it, but those who pay an annual subscription will not.

As explained at the April 2018 meeting, the next step is to wind up the existing charity and allocate its assets on an agreed basis to the new CIOs. This meeting is therefore asked to authorise the Trustees to wind up the existing charity and to agree terms for allocating its assets between the two new CIOs. If approved by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting at the AGM, our constitution requires that the decision is confirmed by a further General Meeting and this is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 31 July. That meeting will also be asked to approve the allocation of the assets.