



ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

Guild of Town Criers 13 April 2023 MINUTES

Present:

Lesley Legge	Master
Patrick Bird	Secretary
Laury Conn	
Penny Clover	
John Crowley	
Jim Humphreys	
Tony Legge	

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Shaw, Tim Hunt and Terry Atkinson.

2 **Declarations of interest**

There were none.

3 **Minutes**

Minutes were not available from the previous meeting held on 10 November 2022.

4 **Schedule of events for which cries have been given since last meeting**

The schedule was reviewed.

Laury Conn joined at 7.30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.40pm as Laury Conn was invited to audition to be Town Crier. The meeting reconvened at 7.49pm.

5 **Schedule of future events**

Criers considered future events.

May 6	Tony Legge to cry for the new King in the Market Place.
May 7	Patrick Bird to cry at Fun in the Park, John Crowley to cry at the Bun Throwing
May 8	Tony Legge to cry at the event at St Helen's Church
May 13	Jim Humphreys to cry at the Eco fair
May 15	Patrick Bird to cry at the Mayor-making
May 20	John Crowley to cry at Pooh sticks
May 28	Penny Clover to cry at the second Pooh sticks event
May 29	Patrick Bird to lead the Boundary Walk, Tim Hunt to be asked to cry. John Crowley offered to do it if needed

The Secretary would send out future event notices to invite volunteers.

6 **Uniforms**

Cleaning and repairs

Cleaning and repairs could be done in August as there are currently no events in that month. The town council has supported the Guild in the past and the Master offered to speak to the interim Town Clerk to discuss support in future.

The cuffs and collars come off to be washed.

Re-site uniforms into Guildhall

This would be welcomed and the Guild would approach the town council to see if this could be accommodated.

Hats

A larger hat was requested to accommodate everyone. Several of the existing hats are rather well-used and are likely to need to be replaced soon.

White tights

Smooth legwear is required, not football socks, for example. It was suggested that Guild members could procure men's white ballet tights online. The strongest denier was recommended for longevity. An alternative suggested was kilt socks, available from menswear shops.

7 **Feedback on Clubs and Societies day 18 March 2023**

The event was very successful event and one new member joined the Guild. The meeting discussed getting a more formal display board for such events to better promote the Guild.

8 **AOB**

The clerk was asked to remind members on the next agenda to wear their town crier t-shirts to meetings.

Laury Conn was keen to start soon and would be offered an event when possible. Tony Legge would prepare a cry for him to begin with.

New Town Crier

Laury Conn was proposed by Patrick Bird, seconded by John Crowley and approved as a new town crier unanimously. He was welcomed to the Guild.

9 **Date of Next Meeting**

The clerk was asked to send suggested dates for the next meeting on a Thursday at the end of October or beginning of November. The date would need to take account of the school half-term holiday (24-28 October).

The date agreed after the meeting was Thursday 2 November at 7pm

The Mayor should be invited to join the AGM (and invited to offer their parlour if possible).

The meeting closed at 8.42pm