



ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

Guild of Town Criers 2 November 2023 MINUTES

Present:

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

1 **Condolences**

The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of one of the founder members of the modern Guild, Peter Green.

2 **Apologies**

Tim Hunt, the Mayor of Abingdon Cllr Gwyneth Lewis

3 **Declarations of interest**

None.

4 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 13 April 2023 were proposed by Laury Conn, seconded by Jon Crowley and agreed to be a correct record.

Matters arising

Cleaning – the uniforms had been cleaned for free by Spruce Cleaners, who were thanked.

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

The schedule was reviewed and updated.

6 **Schedule of future events**

Future events were discussed. The secretary will send out requests shortly for criers to attend events from 1 January 2024.

7 **Uniforms**

Storage of gowns - further conversations may be held with the town council to store gowns in a better location than the County Hall museum.

Hats - a larger hat has been procured. Thanks to Jo Blackmore of the town council for this. The Master recorded the thanks of the Guild to the town council for continued support with such items.

Gowns - AC would speak to the town council Responsible Finance Officer about funding for the Guild for clothing items and equipment.

Badges - have been ordered and will be delivered shortly.

8 **AOB**

Up to date contact details are needed for Guild members. The secretary would organise this.

Friday 19 January 2024 - the Mayor is holding a fundraising quiz night to which a Town Crier would be welcome. It would also be good if the Town Criers could field a team to participate in the quiz. The quiz will offer experiences as prizes and it was suggested that the Town Criers could offer a Town Crier experience for a day.

Town Criers need to make an appointment to meet the Mayor to introduce themselves.

9 **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 18 April 2024 – AGM
Thursday 7 November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.04pm