

**ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL**

**COUNTY HALL MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 06/09/2022**

**Agenda item 11: Report of the Abingdon Museum Friends**

**1 Friends Continuing Support for the Museum.**

- 1.1 The link between AMF and the Museum management continues to develop a closer working relationship with the intention of streamlining future opportunities for fund raising with targeted objectives. This may be of help with any Museum plans for large scale projects or undertakings. The Friends have started to use the Museum as host to meetings and talks, and endeavour to work closely with Museum management to assist the Museum financially and through volunteering.
- 1.2 Through both financial and voluntary contributions, the Museum Friends have assisted the Museum in the repair and return of the Interactive Touchscreen to the Museum. This is now being used in the Sea Dragons exhibition, and has already been well-received by visitors.
- 1.3 The Museum Friends have purchased a private collection of royal memorabilia for the Museum to use in future exhibitions, as they did during the Platinum Jubilee.

**2 Abingdon Museum Friends Committee**

**Abingdon Museum Friends Committee Meeting 18/07/2022 – Minutes**

**Present:** Sue Stevens (Chair), Steven Purnell (Secretary), Adrienne Compton-James, Marion Evans

The meeting started at 11:30am.

**Apologies** – No apologies were received.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly circulated, were discussed by those present and approved. There were no matters arising.

## **Finance**

The Newbury account currently contains approximately £4,500, and the Lloyds account £1,508. No report was provided by the treasurer who was absent from the meeting.

The committee discussed the acquisition of a collection of royal memorabilia in the form of collectible mugs and plates for the Museum collection. The Museum had exhibited some of this private collection during the platinum jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, and wished to add it to their collection for future display at royal occasions. The lower and upper estimations of the collection's value averaged at approximately £250, and therefore it was suggested that this figure be offered to the private seller. – **Action Secretary & Treasurer**

## **Meetings, Talks & Outings**

No further details were currently known about the publication progress of Judy White's book, Sue Stevens said that she would contact her to find out progress in the hope we could host a book launch for her.

Marion Evans offered the service of her husband Mike who, formally head of archives at Historic England, would be able to give a 40-minute talk on his current local interest of Fitzharrys Estate and its history.

## **AOB**

It was decided that the Museum Friends would not be present at Abingdon County Air Show on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022, and would instead focus on having a stand under the Museum arcade on Heritage Day.

The Secretary will disseminate a newsletter prepared by Sue Stevens. – **Action Secretary**

## **Date of Next Meeting**

It was proposed that the next Abingdon Museum Friends Committee meeting be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11:00am.

## **3 Talks/Other**

- 3.1 There is the possibility to have a talk on the Fitzharrys Estate by Michael Evans, currently suggested to be in early December this year.

Steven Purnell  
Secretary  
Abingdon Museum Friends  
01 September 2022