

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

13TH APRIL 2022

GUILD OF MACE-BEARERS' MEMBERSHIP

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider subscribing for one year to the Guild of Mace-Bearers to cover the Platinum Jubilee year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 <https://www.macebearer.com/> The Guild of Mace-Bearers is the membership organisation for those experts in civic protocol who assist the civic heads of our nation to carry out their ceremonial duties.
- 2.2 Patrons of the Guild include The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, The Speaker of the House of Commons, The Speaker of the Scottish Parliament, and The Speaker of the Welsh Assembly.
- 2.3 All working Mace-Bearers, whether full or part time, employed by a civic authority or a university (or anywhere else) are welcome to join.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Annual membership is £35.00. For this fee, our Mace-Bearer would have access to free advice on Civic Protocol, regular training events for Mayoral Officers/Chauffeurs/Mace-Bearers, 1-2-1 training on-site for new Civic Staff given by experienced staff from nearby authorities, and an annual review magazine full of member's news.
- 3.2 It will give access to a wealth of experience on matters including who should be in a procession, what order they should be in and how they should be marshalled and announced, to assist our current Mace-Bearer in enabling him to carry out his roll.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 With a newly installed Town Clerk and relatively new Mace-Bearer, this membership will give access to information on formalities and protocols which will enable the Town Council to continue in its civic duties at formal events and parades, particularly in this, the Platinum Jubilee year.
- 4.2 To consider one year's membership for £35 to enable training to be accessed, then review in 12 months' time.