**Minutes of the meeting of Cirencester Amnesty held on Wednesday 11th March 2015**

Present: Marina Marvan, Anne Vickers, Virginia Nicholas

Apologies: Valerie Hindson, Jean Whorwell, Chris Stevens, Ros Topley.

**Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes for meeting held in January approved.

**Matters Arising**

February meeting was replaced by attendance to a performance given by Swithin Fry at the Sundial Theatre relating his experiences with a Death Row inmate, Tim Coleman in Ohio, he thinks is innocent

Carole form Stroud has agreed to meet to share a workshop, although they have already attended the Stop Torture one.

The date for the Cirencester Group AGM has still to be agreed.

Amnesty AGM at Warwick. At present nobody from Cirencester has booked to attend the AGM in Warwick.

**Secretary's report**

Syria: 4th anniversary of the Syrian uprising, there will be a vigil on Sunday14th. Offers to write to the newspapers to raise awareness would be welcome.

Marina to continue with the Stop Torture Campaign.

We would like to apply for a second case of a risk individual preferably a woman.

Cirencester Amnesty group to frame a question on the Human Rights Act to be put to the hustings on 23d April.

Amnesty members to be asked to support to pledge the Human Rights Act if they so wish.

It has been suggested we meet with the local candidates to discuss the Human Rights Act. It is important to engage all of them as they report back to their main offices.

Three candidates for election to the Amnesty Board:

* Stuart Hathway
* Malcolm Dingwall Small
* Hugh Whitby

**Treasurer's report**

No report available as the Treasurer sent her apologies.

**Events**

Due to the small number of members present we would suggest that those interested join together to approach the General Election candidates re the Human Rights Act.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.