



Much Wenlock &  
District

**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at 10am on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023,  
at Carvers Croft, Much Wenlock.**

**Present:** Robert Toft (Chair), Jean Buswell, Linda Davies, David Foster, Jane Hague, Alison Richards, Linda Wallace, Glynn Emery, Michael Theobalds

**Apologies:** Bill Hague, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen

1	<p><b>Welcome</b> Robert welcomed committee members to the meeting and thanked Linda for hosting and Jane for taking minutes.</p>	Action
2	<p><b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b> Robert thanked Linda for producing the minutes. These were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> No matters arising.</p>	
4	<p><b>Membership Report</b>  <b>4.1</b> No changes to membership. Stephen Terry, who was an associate member has re-joined as a full member.  <b>4.2</b> Subs due as of 1<sup>st</sup> May. Reminder to be sent out after the AGM when subs. are agreed. No change being proposed. Email to remind members to check they are not paying twice.</p>	JH
5	<p><b>Financial Report</b> Bank balance is approx. £4200. Invoices just received for capitation and TAM. approx. £1500 in total.</p>	
6	<p><b>Groups</b>  <b>6.1</b> <i>Art for Beginners</i>, taking place at Pinefields, now has 12 members of which 6 are regulars. It has now gone onto Beacon.  <i>French Conversation</i> has started. Margaret Phillips, who now seems to be leading it, had a useful discussion with David on running a Group. Currently they do not want it advertised. Jane to remove it from the website for now.  <i>MOTO</i> slow to get this going. Linda to ask her contact at Wrekin U3A if someone there might give Tom some tips to get it started.  <i>Spanish Beginners</i> There are now 5 names on a list but as yet no leader.</p>	JH LW
6.2	<p>Group Leaders Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Fox has been agreed. Linda to book it nearer the time.</p>	LW
7	<p><b>Communications</b> Alison and Robert are working on the Spring Newsletter. They have plenty of material. They reported some difficulty in quality of presentation as they are working with word processing software for Apple, neither of them having desktop publishing software. Buying such software might need considering in the future.  Glynn offered to make a short report summarising finances for the Newsletter.</p>	AR,RT  GE
8	<p><b>Marketing and Publicity</b> Alison has replied positively to Bridgnorth u3a regarding the article in What'swhat magazine and asking for payment details. She is waiting a reply. She will ask when their</p>	AR

	deadline is for submission of the article just in case our u3a name has changed.	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Review of April meeting</b> The talk was by Michael Carding on Everest Base Camp was attended by about 40, which was good considering the wet weather. It was felt that it began rather slowly with the poetry, but was then fine.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea</b> 71 people had booked, Jack Dent was added. Then three people cancelled. The caterer agreed to a reduction of two to 70. <i>Tables.</i> this gives seven tables of 8 and 2 tables of 6. Two tables will have Reserved notices. -<i>Top table</i> : Robert, Cherril, 5 guests, and Linda W..this will be by the side door. -<i>Guitarists</i> table will be at the storeroom end. <i>Tablecloths etc.</i> have been bought. <i>Committee</i> – please arrive at 1pm to help put out the tables, and once in place, the chairs and cloths etc. Michael will bring surplus bookmarks. <i>Arrival</i> - Alison will greet arrivals at 2.30 pm . <i>Welcome</i> – Robert will speak for around 10 mins at 2.45. <i>Music</i> – guitars playing on arrival, and before and after Robert as required. <i>Food</i>- served at 3.00 pm along with magic. Alison requested that people took photos from different parts of the room so as to have variety to select from for the Newsletter and possibly the Shropshire Star.</p>	all AR RT GE
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Next monthly meeting –10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – and AGM</b> <b>11.1 AGM</b> <i>Nomination forms</i> have been received for all officer posts. Christina Gore has agreed to join the Committee and will have a form to complete on Wednesday. Linda is prepared to be Vice Chair.  <i>Constitutional changes</i> Discussion followed on the change of name to Wenlock, Broseley and District u3a when no such place as Wenlock exists. Thus, on reflection the change must be to Much Wenlock, Broseley and District u3a. Currently only about 30 members have Broseley addresses but it is hoped more will join from there in future. Bridgnorth u3a has some presence in Broseley. A name change will mean changing the website, the logo, etc.etc.  <i>Agenda and Financial statements</i> some paper copies of these should be brought to the meeting.  <i>Room requirements.</i> Landscape set up ready for the talk. Robert will not need screen and projector etc.</p>	AR,GE
	<p><b>11.2</b> The talk will be by Roger Brown on the Great American Songbook. He is bringing his electric piano, mic and own PA system. He requires £90 to cover talk and expenses, and lots of black coffee. He has been warned that the start will be nearer 2.40pm. Alison to welcome, and David to thank. Jane to send usual email.</p>	GE AR,DF JH
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Kilworth House</b> 26 tickets have been paid for and coach booked. We agreed to cap the coach fare at £12 per person and our u3a to cover additional £106.</p>	JB, GE
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Date of next Executive Committee Meeting</b> 10 am on 5 June 2003 at 5 Carvers Croft.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b> Michael reported that the Priory Hall has a new mic and sound system.  The meeting closed at 11.50 am.</p>	