



Much Wenlock &
District

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at 10am on 6 February 2023, at Oaklands, Harley.

Present: Robert Toft (Chair), Jean Buswell, Linda Davies, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, David Foster, Jane Hague, Bill Hague, Alison Richards, Michael Theobalds, Linda Wallace

Apologies: Glynn Emery

1. **Welcome** Action
Robert welcomed committee members to the meeting and thanked Jean for hosting and Linda for taking minutes.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Robert thanked Jane for producing the minutes. These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising** JH
RT
Robert reported that the website is now fully functional, but with no attachments. Jane to input recent minutes and also AGM minutes. Robert to notify group leaders asking for details and recent photographs of activities.
Thanks was given to Alison for her work on Beacon.
4. **Membership Report**
Michael reported 10 new members since the last meeting, but unfortunately 2 members have deceased. Membership now stands at 245.
5. **Financial Report** RT
GE
Thanks was given to Jo for undertaking a thorough review of the accounts, which now shows an imbalance of £40 in favour of the bank. Several members have paid twice, who need to be reimbursed. It was agreed that Glynn will contact these members and advise that they need not pay 2023 subs. Robert to contact Glynn regarding final acceptance of the audited accounts.
6. **Groups**
 - 6.1 Six people have shown an interest in French Conversation. Maggie Humphries is willing to lead the group and will contact interested people in the next few weeks. Tom Thomson is organising the second meeting of the MOTO Group, but is having difficulty in finding a suitable date.
Limited interest has been shown for Spanish for beginners so this has been put on hold.
Francesca Van Mook is now leading the German group.
Philosophy looks as if it is going to fold.
A six week course is commencing for Melodic Ukulele on 6 February
 - 6.2 It was agreed that the Audit of Groups will take place after the new membership year starting in May.
 - 6.3 Group leaders lunch, possibly in March. Linda to approach the Gaskell Arms and Fox about cost of lunch. LW

- 7. Communications**
7.1 Robert and Alison to liaise about newsletter. Samples of photos will be requested and these can also be used on the website. RT
AR
- 8. Marketing and Publicity**
8.1 Jean was thanked for her work in advertising u3a in the Village Life Magazine for the last 3 months. It was agreed that further adverts would only be placed when needed. JB
AR
8.2 Jean is going to promote u3a with an article in Wenlock Herald. Alison to send logo to Jean. Robert to check with Glynn to see if we can make a £10 donation. RT
8.3 It was suggested that we promote a "Bring a Friend" for the April meeting, to encourage new members.
- 9. Review of January meeting**
Excellent feedback following the Oak Farm talk. There was some concern about the sound on videos.
- 10. Next monthly meeting – 8 February 2023**
Peter Dunhill is presenting Peggy's diaries about the diaries of 4 VAD nurses from WW1. Four female members will be helping to read parts. He will need a lapel microphone and the readers will need two microphones on stands. David to bring speaker. Microphones will be tested at 1pm before the meeting. Screen and projector needed. Room to be set in portrait. Fee is £45. Linda to introduce. David to give thanks. DF
MT
RT
LW
- 11 Membership Form – including publicity source details** AR
Robert showed a sample of the membership form, including the information regarding source of information which will help with planning publicity. Alison to send logo to Robert RT
- 12 Kilworth House - Hairspray £45 per ticket.** JB
Numbers need to be confirmed by mid March. 50 seats are reserved. Advertisement sent out at the end of January. Jane to resend advert, as the BACS account number had one extra digit inserted. JH
- 13. 10th Anniversary of Much Wenlock & District u3a - 26th April**
Jean reported that the caterer is booked. Hall is booked. Jack Dent is booked at £80 per hour. We will advertise this in late March. £5 deposit to be collected from all attendees in cash by 12 April. JB
- 14 Linen Davies Cancer Fund**
It was agreed that we would not be following up this request from this organisation.
- 15. Date of next Executive Committee Meeting**
10 am on 27 February 2023 at Harley
- 16. Any other business**
Michael has bought a case for the projector, and it was agreed that he would keep it at his house.
Robert informed the committee that due to health issues he will not be continuing as Chairman after the AGM

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.

