



Much Wenlock &
District

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at 10am on 9th January 2023, at Oaklands, Harley.

Present: Robert Toft (Chair), David Foster, Glynn Emery, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Jane Hague, Michael Theobalds, Linda Wallace, Jean Buswell.

Apologies: Linda Davies, Bill Hague, Alison Richards

1. **Welcome** Action
Robert welcomed committee members to the meeting and thanked Jean for hosting and Jane for taking minutes.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Robert thanked Linda for producing the minutes. These were accepted as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising**
Robert reported that he had not yet been in touch with twinning group.

(Other items discussed here will come up in the relevant section below)

4. **Membership Report**
4.1 Michael reported very little change in the figures, two new members. We agreed that those joining on or after 1st February would have membership covered up until April 30th of the following year.
4.2 Members to be reminded to inform us of any changes to phone numbers/addresses etc. when the next email goes out. JH
4.3 We have had no information regarding interest as a result of the promotion in Broseley.

5. **Financial Report**
5.1 Glynn reported accounts closed with a balance of £4406 for 2022. This was higher than budgeted as a number of discretionary payments budgeted for had not been made.
5.2 Budget predicts a final balance at the end of 2023 to be £3397 i.e. with a deficit.
5.3 Jo Cohen is to carry out the audit.

5.4 **Accounts;**
There are two members who have paid twice and they need refunding. GE
There is a £10 that has appeared from somewhere.
Visitors' payments are only £15. Michael to transfer the excess over the petty cash float of £20, to Glynn as these are additional visitors' payments. MT

5.5 **Budget:**
Room hire has increased so budget should be £330
U3a magazine is now £3.60 per member.
"Other" category to be increased to £100 as additional advertising proposed.

5.6 Thanks to Glynn for his work on the finances.

6. Groups

6.1 New Groups:

MOTO Linda to contact Tom to see how the meeting went.

French Conversation - Jean will speak to Harriet informally about this. E-mail to ask for interested members, inform Linda.

Spanish beginners – interest shown in this.. again email members, responses to Michael.

LW
JB
JH
MT

6.2 Audit of Groups to take place in February to check group attendees and their membership status.

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6.3 German. Status of this group and its leader is needed. Linda to ask.

6.4 Discussion followed on whether Group Leaders could see their attendees on Beacon. All to look and see.

LW

6.5 Group leaders lunch, possibly in March. Linda to approach the Gaskell Arms.

7. Communications

7.1 Newsletter to be published hopefully in February. Robert to ask Alison for help again. Will ask for photos that can also be used on the website.

RT, AR

7.2 Website - accessing the membership form is not working. Internal links are working but not external attachments are accessible. Problem lies with new host (Go Daddy) not being able to obtain/ or communicate with, the original hosts. RT and GE to investigate what can/can't be done.

GE, RT

8. Marketing and Publicity

8.1 Jean put an advertisement into the Village Life Magazine last month and will continue to do this. She suggested a contribution should be made and will investigate. Maximum £50 was set. Jean to pay and request reimbursement.

JB

8.2 An outdoor event in the spring to promote the u3a in Broseley was proposed. Glynn to check with his Council contact as to whether there were any up-and-coming events and what spaces might be appropriate.

GE

8.3 For Much Wenlock, an article explaining the u3a was proposed for the Wenlock Herald. Wording can be based on that used in Village Life and Broseley poster. Deadline for advertising in March edition is 12th February.

JB

8.4 Thanks to Jean for Village Life, and Glynn for Broseley promotions.

9. Review of December meeting

Shrewsbury Handbells were well received. 63 attendees. An additional £100 approx was raised in a collection. They would be welcomed back in the future.

10. Next monthly meeting – 11th January 2023

Ceri Burgess talking about Oak Farm. She will bring some students and produce from the farm.

She needs tables for produce in the refreshment area, a projector and screen...so portrait set up. A £60 donation to the farm. Jean will introduce. Thanks by Robert Michael to collect tea and coffee etc from Linda, Jean to buy the milk and biscuits.

JB, RT

11 February meeting

Peter Dunhill is presenting Peggy's diaries about the diaries of 4 VAD nurses from WW1. He needs four females with strong voices to read parts. He will need a lapel microphone and the readers will need two microphones on stands. Glynn offered one, Robert will look in the store in the Hall for a second. Jean will read, possibly Alison, and David will ask his play readers for more volunteers.

GE, RT,
DF

12 Kilworth House -- Hairspray £45 per ticket.

Numbers need to be confirmed by mid March. 50 seats are reserved. Advertisement to go out again at the end of January.

JB, JH

13. 10th Anniversary of Much Wenlock & District u3a - 26th April

Jean reported that the caterer is booked. £9 per head as long as 50+, £5 requested from each attendee. Jack Dent is booked at £80 per hour.

Robert will book Priory Hall. We will advertise this in late March. Robert will start the proceedings off.

JB
RT

14. Date of next Executive Committee Meeting

10 am on 6th February 2023 at Harley

15. Any other business

AGM will take place in May. The paperwork needs to be out in April.

Two items for the agenda:

- Change of name to Wenlock, Broseley and District.
- Change of constitution to for the time someone can hold office, to increase from 6 to 10 years with a review at the end of that time. The National Body will need to be informed of this.

RT, AR

The meeting closed at about 12 noon.