



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2021 @ 10.30

Chairman: John welcomed members to the meeting and in particular guest Colin Chapman who he hoped will join us as a member. He also welcomed John Slack and hoped that his recent medical issue was being dealt with and wished him well. He also reminded members that Michael Keene's memorial service was being held on Wednesday 25th, on what would have been Michael's 87th Birthday. He said that all were welcome.

Apologies: Richard Crisp, John Martin, Julian Oxley, John Franklin

Minutes of last meeting: Held 10 August 2021 by Zoom and previously displayed on the club website. Agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Finance: Jim said that it is anticipated that the club will finish the financial year with a Bank balance of £2500.

He announced that this would be his last meeting as Treasurer after 7 1/2 years and thanked members for their support. Chairman John thanked him for an excellent job he had done over that period keeping the club finances in such good order, and said his commitment was beyond the call of duty. This was unanimously agreed by members.

New treasurer Mike Warburton thanked Jim for the effort he had put in ensuring a smooth transition in handing over the reins and John thanked Mike for agreeing to take on this role.

Speakers: Nothing to report.

Webmaster: Ray said that John Franklin was at this moment finalising the technical issues at Gorsley and it was hoped that all matters will be resolved in time for our first meeting at Gorsley at the end of September.

AOB: Chairman John said that there is a club committee meeting planned for the 13 September to finalise the arrangements for our first proposed live meeting on the 28 September. He said that Covid is still around and infections increasing in certain areas. He suggested that perhaps we would be wise to avoid any Music Festivals at this point in time.

John had also spoken to Marian Moore and explained the confusion as to whether widows/wives were able to attend our normal meetings. He explained that our basic policy is that we are a “Men Only” club and wives/widows may be invited to certain talks if related to a visit or local issue. She fully understood and was pleased that John had cleared up the confusion.

Speaker: Dennis Harvey – A shot in the arm -The Pandemic in perspective.

Dennis gave a most interesting and fascinating well research presentation on the various Pandemics, Epidemics that had appeared over the centuries. Some diseases which we thought had disappeared are still around and how and where they evolved.

Dennis’s presentation stimulated some quite interesting comments and discussion.

Birthdays: No more birthdays this month. But in a change from one of his jokes Fraser gave an amusing take on Bovine Economics and how each country varies in their methodology.

Next Meeting: 14 September 2021 – Our last Zoom meeting

Speaker: Nick Humphris – World Water Movement – How and Why it moves.