



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

**TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 @10.30**

**Chairman:** John welcomed members to our meeting and explained that we had a large amount of business to discuss so asked our speaker to give his talk first.

**Members Present:** John Weeden, Andrew Graham, Mike Warburton, Fraser Gunn, Ray McCairn, David Clowes, Michael Bennett, Roger Beard, Richard Crisp, Paul Dodd, John Franklin, Peter Hayes, John Martin, Fred Passant, John Slack, Jim Stewart, Gareth Williams, Chris Johnson, Colin Chapman.

**Apologies:** Colin Chave, Peter Hines, Mike Townsend. John Atkinson.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Held on 24 August 2021 previously displayed on the club website

**Matters Arising:** None – Minutes accepted as a true record.

**Finance:** Mike said that he has now full control of the bank and club accounts and assured that he will continue to manage with a firm hand, as did Jim

**Webmaster:** Ray said that after many hours of testing the audio/visual system at Gorsley was now fully operational.

**Speaker:** Our speaker Nick Humphris gave a most interesting talk on World Water Movement – How and Why it moves. He gave a very detailed description of how the tides are controlled by the moon, the effect of the melting Ice Cap which affects not only the movement of water but how it impacts on our weather.

**AOB:** John outlined the proposed procedures recommended by the committee for our return to our first face-to-face meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

After much discussion the following was agreed:

- 15 of the 19 members present were in favour of return to face-to-face meetings.
- All members, including speakers, would take a lateral Flow Test the morning of the meeting.
- Masks would be worn whilst moving around.

- Members would return their cups to the kitchen table before the commencement of the speaker's talk.
- Chairs would be positioned to comply with social distancing.
- Doors and windows would be arranged to allow suitable ventilation.
- Members should make their own decision as to whether they are comfortable attending.

It was agreed that these arrangements may be adjusted if it was deemed necessary.

The subject of the Christmas lunch was raised, especially with regard to the deposit required by the Speech House Hotel, £10 per person. This would be paid by the club. If for any reason we had to cancel, we would forfeit the deposit. Mike asked for a show of hands as to who might attend, a majority said they would. John Martin said that at a previous meeting it was assessed that at least 40 people would be likely to attend. Treasurer Mike said that he would try to negotiate a lower deposit.

**Birthdays: None**

**Next Meeting: 28 September 2021** our first Face-to-Face meeting for 18 months

**Speaker:** Dr Katy Bellamy – Bustin Brain Myths – My 5 Top peeves