



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022 @10.30

Chairman: Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and explained the reason for it being held via Zoom. He welcomed new member Graham Baum. John said that the Christmas Lunch had been a great success and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. He gave his thanks to John Martin for organising the event in such an efficient manner.

Apologies: Roger Beard, David Keen.

Minutes of last meeting:

Held on 23 November previously displayed on the club website was accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: It has been agreed by the committee that the welcome back event previously planned for our return to Gorsley will be delayed until later in the year.

Finance: Mike produced accounts for the 9-month period to the 31 December 2021 and said that despite showing a loss the club remained in a healthy position. Mike said that there were new pressures being exerted on the budget. The cost of speakers is increasing substantially and the extra cost of using Gorsley Hall. This combined with a drop in membership means that the club will begin to run at a loss. Obviously, this cannot continue long term. It is sometime since the subscriptions have been increased and he suggested that £75 was a more realistic figure to ensure our financial security. Peter Hines suggested that perhaps we should consider holding fund raising events to assist with the budget.

Speakers: Fraser announced that the speaker programme has been completed up until the end of November. He also said that the cost of speakers has begun to increase, however he has tried, where possible, to obtain no charge speakers either by club members or from reciprocal speakers from other clubs. He also said that he had spoken to our next speaker who is unable to do his talk via Zoom as he felt it is not compatible to be given virtually. He is going to arrange the services of another speaker and inform the membership when a speaker has been confirmed.

Theatre Trips: Andrew said that he had looked at possible shows for the Spring, but said that the cost seems to have increased quite considerably. He felt that we should not attend any event until we feel more comfortable with the Covid situation.

Outings: David also felt that it was too early to think about organising any outdoor events at present.

Webmaster: Nothing to report

AOB: Due to the Covid situation it has been decided to postpone the Quiz due to be held on the 31 Jan at the Kings Arms.

Speaker: Phil Bevan: F/O Robert Ackers and the Ackers family late of Huntley Manor.
Phil gave a very interesting and enlightening account of the local Ackers family

Birthdays: Fraser announced that Terry Finch would be celebrating his 90th Birthday on 13th. Everyone congratulated him and wished him well.
Fraser concluded with one of his stories, which the Chairman remarked was one of his better ones!

Next Meeting: **25 January 2022 via Zoom**

Speaker: Piet Velzeboer – Fracking and Shale Gas development

APPENDIX 1.

**NEWENT PROBUS CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR THE 9 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER
2021**

INCOME

Subscriptions (at 75%)	1,410
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EXPENDITURE

Hall rental	195
Coffee etc	87
Speakers	415
Probus Mag	
Insurance	88
Donations	70
Printing, postage and stationery	59
Advertising	
Equipment repairs and renewals	123
Website and Zoom	270
Transfer to equipment reserve	200
Miscellaneous	35

	Christmas lunch net expenditure	409	
	Total expenditure		1,951
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	Net surplus / (deficit)		(541)
 BALANCE SHEET			
	ASSETS		
	Bank	3,250	
	Prepayments		
	Total assets		3,250
	 LIABILITIES		
	Income in advance	460	
	Equipment reserve	464	
	Total liabilities		(924)
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NET ASSETS			2,326
	Surplus brought forward	2,867	<hr/>
	Deficit for the period	(541)	
	Surplus carried forward		2,326