

NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022

Chairman: Vice Chairman Mike Townsend welcomed members to the meeting. He welcomed back Michael Bennett and Peter Hayes following a period of incapacitation. Mike informed the meeting that John Slack has had an accident and has broken his shoulder.

Apologies: John Slack, Andrew Graham, John Weeden, Colin Chave, Ray McCairn, Brian Parker, Roger

Beard

Minutes of last meeting: 11 October 2022, previously displayed on the club website were accepted as a

true record and duly signed.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer: Mike displayed and explained the club's current financial position on the screen, see attached

Appendix

Speaker Secretary: Fraser said that he has made a few adjustments to the speaker programme due to John Slack being unable to give his talk at our next meeting. Fraser said he will give a talk on "The Great Fire of London 1666". He said that the rest of the speaker programme is arranged up until the end of March next year and has started taking bookings for the remainder of next year.

Pub Lunches: Peter Hines reminded members of the next Pub Lunch will be on Tuesday 1 November at the

White Hart, Broadoak.

Outings: Nothing to report

Theatre Trips: Nothing to report

Webmaster: Nothing to report

AOB: None

Today's Speaker: Mike Warburton – More scandal in the seat of Government

As usual Mike entertained us with his encyclopaedic knowledge and inside information on dodgy dealings within the seat of government. He never fails to amaze us with the details of the shenanigans our political elite (or so they think they are) think they can get away with. Mike loves to relate, with humorous anecdotes the background to many public scandals of those in power. He outlined the efforts of some very well-known figures who try to block their transgressions and prevent them being accountable to us, the tax payer, their paymasters.

Birthdays: None but Fraser still managed to tell a couple of stories appertaining to the current political situation.

Next Meeting: 8 NOVEMBER 2022

Speaker: Fraser Gunn – The Great Fire of London 1666

NEWENT PROBUS CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS TO 30 September 2022

INCOME			
Subscriptions			1,109
Raffle			92
EXPENDITURE			
Hall rental		429	
Coffee etc		165	
Speakers		549	
Probus Mag			
Insurance		88	
Donations			
Printing, postage and stationery		38	
Advertising			
Equipment repairs and rer	newals		
Website and Zoom		150	
Total expenditure			(1,419)
Summer party, income	480		
expenses	474		6
			(212)
BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS			
Bank		3,425	
Raffle float		15	
Payment in advance		200	
Total assets			3,640
LIABILITIES			
Income in advance		1,050	
Equipment reserve		464	
Total liabilities			(1,514)
NET ASSETS			2,126
Surplus brought forward		2,338	
Deficit for the period		(212)	
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Note, the deficit at 30 June was £220 so for the 3 months to 30 September the surplus was £8