u3a Much Wenlock, Broseley & District

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Oaklands, Harley on 2nd June 2025

Present: Jane Hague, Neil Lloyd, Jean Buswell, David Foster, Alison Richards (chair), Linda Davies, Glynn Emery, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Bill Hague

		Action
1	**Chairman's Introduction/Apologies for Absence** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Jean for hosting, and Jane for the minutes. Apologies were received from: Michael Theobalds, Christina Gore	
2	**Minutes of the Last Meeting** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3	**Matters Arising** No matters arising.	
4	**Membership Report** 256 members. Two new members since last meeting: Ruth Pickles and Olive Bree. Three members have resigned: Barbara Davies, Kevin and Dee Murphy.	
5	**Finance**	
5.1	The Barclay's Bank change of signatories is almost complete. They have been instructed to remove Linda Wallace from the list, and Jo has received her card and PIN.	
5.2	Treasurer reported that we have some £2800 in the bank and all large outgoings have been paid, leaving just speakers and the Priory Hall. Already 185 members have renewed, and so far no one has double paid. Three people have paid but their details do not appear on Beacon: Ann Ankers, Phil Revell and Dr T Black. It seems that these have been members in the past and their details will have been deleted as their membership lapsed. They will need contacting individually.	GE
	It was suggested that when members are informed they have lapsed they are reminded that if they wish to rejoin they will need to complete a form.	MT
6	**Groups** **History** : The new Wednesday group is thriving. Neil asks for details of the History Group/s (times, dates, venues, leaders and summary of activities) for the website.	MT, NL
	Bridge: Jo has still not heard back from Carol Fenwick. Alison to contact Terry Frost to enquire current position.	AR
7	**Communications and website**	
7.1	Broseley Quarterly publication for Spring Summer edition included a ¼ page advert costing £54 including VAT. The editorial Alison wrote was not included. It is unclear how many issues there are each year in spite of the name. Alison will	AR

investigate. Discussion followed around the size of the advert and the value of a QR code, and whether we might be better off with two half page adverts.

7.2 A promotional event in Much Wenlock town square was suggested for 20th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Glynn will ask the Guitar group to play, and Alison will ask the Ukulele group. Jean will speak to Council Clerk for permission and for a table. Glynn will also find out if the Church bells are going to be ringing that morning. GE,AR, JB

7.3 **Website**

Neil reported that there had been an increase in visits to the website, from 192 in April to 257 in May, and people stayed longer generally.

The usual pages were popular, especially the Walking Group as they have a blog after every walk with photos and description. Also the Monthly meeting talk information attracts attention.

Alison thanked Neil for the work that he has done in keeping the website up to date.

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Review of May Meeting

The talk about a murder in Bridgnorth was thought to have been very good. The speaker Karen Evan was engaging and amusing. There were 42 attendees. The microphone worked well.

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Next Meeting – 11th June JC

Gabriella will sing and play the ukulele. She only needs a small table. Her fee is £100. We presume she will bring any PA equipment that she needs. NL, JB,

Chairs to be set out landscape in a semi-circle. Neil to introduce and Jean to thank. Ian will ask permission and take a few video clips for our website. IC

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Membership Audit

This should happen annually in order to keep members data up to date. An email can go out quoting the information held, and asking for corrections, in September.

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Shropshire Network AGM

Alison, Neil and Jo attended. The speaker talked about the new Council of the Third Age Trust, and encouraged people to come forward with issues from the grass roots.

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12.1 **Policy Book revision**

Proposed:: to add a £50 limit to the delegated financial authority of the Chair and

12.2 the Treasurer. Voted on and passed unanimously.

Proposed: To change the policy so that visitors from other u3as, who are not members of our u3a, should be expected to pay £2 when attending our monthly

12.3 meetings. Voted on and passed unanimously. NL

Neil will circulate the draft Policy Book for comments.

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Date of Next Meeting

30th June 10 am, at 1 Carvers Croft, Much Wenlock.

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Any Other Business AR

- Alison will visit Cherrill regarding Robert's status as Bank signatory.

- Ian thanked Neil and Alison for their work on the Policy Book.
- August 4th was suggested as a date for a meeting in August.
- Jean pointed out that she is acting alone again in finding speakers.
  Suggestions were made regarding good speakers we have had in the past few years who have other talks they can offer. Alison will ask at the Network meeting for suggestions. AR

The meeting closed at 11.45 am