

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 462nd meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall Hotel, Shifnal, on Monday 12th February 2024 commencing at 7.40pm.

Present

In the Chair Mr. I. Jarrett (IJ)
 Secretary Mrs. A. Barnwell (AB)
 Treasurer Mrs. L. Tenan (LT)
 Committee Members: Mr. B. Boaden (BB), Mr. G. Searson (GS), Mr. R. Barnwell (RB)

462/1. Apologies for Absence
 All committee members present.

462/2. Minutes from the 460th meeting
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

462/3. Matters Arising
 There were no matters arising.

462/4. Correspondence

a) The following is a full list of correspondence received and forwarded to Committee members or raised at the meeting indicated, as appropriate:

Received	Title	Forwarded
3.11.2023	LGR Report September 2023 Shropshire	Replied 3.11.23
6.11.23	Draft Club Council Minutes	6.11.23
6.11.23	November 2023 Communiqué	16.11.23
30.11.23	Groups 2024 Budgets	-
18.12.23	Member Communities Communiqué for December	18.12.23
2.1.24	New Club Treasurer	2.1.24
7.1.24	LGR Report February 2024	Replied 9.1.24
9.1.24	Member Communities Communiqué for January 2024	9.1.24
2.2.24	Local Groups Representatives on the Club Council	3.2.24
8.2.24	Draft Club Council Minutes – 6 th February 2024	8.2.24
8.2.24	Shropshire Group – Registering Interest for an Event	-
12.2.24	LGR Report (received via IJ, not Club Council)	11.3.24
4.3.24	Member Communities Communiqué - March 2024	4.3.24

b) The following is a list of communications with those indicated:

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
3.11.23	LGR Report September 2023 Shropshire	Response to queries	To J. Stace
18.12.23	Shropshire Group – Volunteer Recognition	Acknowledge receipt of Reward cards	To N. Hoath
9.1.24	LGR Report February 2024	Response to queries	To J. Stace
3.2.24	Local Groups Representatives on the Club Council	Request circulation to Shropshire membs	To B. Boaden
8.2.24	Shropshire Group – Registering Interest for an Event	Reporting problem registering for event	To N. Hoath
8.2.24	Re: CSMA – Alison's Bee Class Talk	Thank you to speaker	To Alison Wakeman
11.3.24	Shropshire Group – Registering Interest for an Event	Requested update on situation	To N. Hoath

Janice Stace raised a question regarding recruiting committee members and group continuity. This was discussed, and it was agreed that there should be more emphasis on promoting the benefits of the local group activities, above the output regarding the Corporate side.

IJ asked if the Local Groups Report had been issued to AB. As it had not, he will forward it to AB, who will circulate it.

462/5. Newsletter

BB continued to issue the Forthcoming Events each month, and to add any new members to the circulation.

462/6. Competition Matters

IJ reported that he was awaiting confirmation of rallies and dates for 2024, and would circulate the details to marshals as soon as possible. The pool of marshals has shrunk over the years, so the team is not able to accommodate as many rallies as before. IJ also mentioned new regulations for rallies effective this year.

462/7. Review of Activities

a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2023				
8.11.23	The Chinook – Jess Boyden	HHH	17 members 8 partners 6 guests	Jess, who works at RAF Cosford Museum, gave us an enthralling insight into the uses the Chinook helicopter is put to, and the experiences that the crew go through as they carry out operations –

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				both tactical and medical.
6.12.23	Annual Quiz – Alan Cartwright	Norbury Village Hall	14 members 3 partners 2 guests	Time for the annual pitting of brains, with the usual failures to recall anything remotely useful!
7.2.24	All about Bee Keeping – Alison Wakeman	HHH	16 members 6 partners 2 guests	Alison provided a great insight into looking after bees, how a hive is structured and how the bees live within it. Lots of interesting facts, and great fun.

b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2024				
13.3.24 7.30pm	65 years in Show Biz – David St. John	HHH - c	David joined a group when he was 10, and tells about his adventures in the entertainment biz	AB
17.4.24 7.30pm	AGM, followed by an update on the progress of the SNCT canal restoration - c	HHH - c	The business of the AGM will be dealt with quickly, and then on to hearing about the latest developments in the canal restoration	AB
8.5.24	Mediaeval Newport – Judith Everard	HHH - c	We've treasure-hunted around Newport and now we can find out a lot more about the history of this old market town	BB
12.6.24 7.30pm	Love and war – how we created our garden birds – Kevin Reynolds	HHH - c	How our relationship evolved with the wild birds we now call 'garden birds'. Who were the people and what were the events that made these changes happen? A fascinating historical journey...	AB
10.7.24 7.30pm	Attingham – Sorrel Poulton	HHH - c	Sorrel works for the National Trust, and will give us an insight into the history of Attingham Park	LT
11.9.24 7.30pm		HHH - c		
9.10.24 7.30pm		HHH - c		
13.11.24 7.30pm		HHH - c		
4.12.24 7.30pm		Norbury VH – tba ST20 OPA		AB
2025				
12.2.25 7.30pm	Gizmos & Gadgets – Kath Reynolds	HHH - c	Reflecting on those 'must have' latest creations from K-Tel, Ronco, Pifco, etc. that you just had to have but most were pretty useless!	AB
10.9.25 7pm ?	By River & Sea – Mark Sisson	HHH – tba	Mark returns from his world-wide travels to stun us with his fantastic pictures of wildlife; this time by rivers and seas. It should be a good night.	BB

To round off the Centennial year, three good raffle prizes were provided at the annual quiz in December using the remaining Volunteer Reward money.

LT reported that the coffee served by Haughton Hall staff at the event the previous week had been cold. She will email Haughton Hall to request that the refreshments are brought out at 7.30pm, not earlier before members have arrived.

Events to be scheduled for 2024:

- BIFOR talk
- A return visit by Malcolm Whittal for cartoon drawing part 2
- A return visit by Peter Williamson, for a talk on current astronomical events
- LT to arrange a National Trust talk for June or July

Action: **AB**

Action: **IJ**

Action: **LT**

Other events to be investigated:-

- Thai food night – AB/IJ
- Archaeology from the skies by Andy Wigley – AB
- Shropshire Wildlife – BB
- Surnames – Their History and Meaning by Richard Churchley (Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug 2023 onwards) – AB
- English Heritage re Wroxeter or Boscobel House – LT
- Evening event at Wappenshall Junction – AB
- Invite Midlands Air Ambulance to attend, to collect charity cheque - IJ.

462/8. Accounts

LT reported that £1000 was required, and this was agreed. The remaining Volunteer Reward Funds had been used to purchase the raffle prizes given at the Quiz in December.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 30.10.23 to 12.2.24

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Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2024 Budget		3300.00
	Cleared Imprest			
		Budget Remaining		3300.00
		Bank Balance	922.55	
		Cash Tin	216.60	
		Total Monies Held		1139.15
		Of which Charity	627.00	
		Volunteer Reward		
		Total Funds Available to Group		512.15

BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure				
Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		1618.93
30.10.23	Room Hire, Comm Mtg		-99.00	1519.93
30.10.23	Zoom Licence		-143.88	1376.05
9.11.23	Bank Charges		-5.00	1371.05
9.11.23	HH Room hire - Chinook		-125.00	1246.05
4.12.23	Raffle prizes, VR money		-49.00	1197.05
10.12.23	Bank Charges		-5.00	1192.05
5.1.24	Norbury Village Hall Quiz		-60.00	1132.05
9.1.24	Bank charges		-5.00	1127.05
7.2.24	Room hire, Haughton Hall		-130.00	997.05
9.2.24	Bank charges		-5.00	992.05
11.2.24	Speaker Fee - A. Wakeman		-69.50	922.55
		End of period	-696.38	922.55

CASH TIN				
Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		89.68
30.10.23	Sale of Scaletrix		100.00	
30.10.23	Committee travel expenses		-31.50	
30.10.23	Biscuits for events		-2.58	
6.12.23	Raffle prizes		-20.00	
6.12.23	Raffle money received		63.00	
6.12.23	Raffle entry money		18.00	
		End of period	126.92	216.60
L Tenan, Treasurer.				

461/9. Dates of Next Meetings

It was agreed to separate the Committee meal from the first meeting in 2024, date and venue to be decided.

Date	Day	Start	Venue c=confirmed	Purpose
29.4.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
1.7.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
16.9.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
18.11.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting

462/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10pm. These minutes are a true record of the 462nd meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: