

Ipswich Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting No 02/2024

Held on Wednesday 11 September 2024

at “The Railway” PH

Westerfield Rd Ipswich IP6 9AA

Present:-

Mr J Mills (Chairman)
Mr D Gibson (Secretary)
Mr P Whiting (Treasurer)
Mr R J Thomas
Mr P Richards
Mrs N Richards (by invitation)
Mr J Capon

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2:20 pm.

2. Apologies for Absence

Ron Willett was unable to attend, due to his illness, and had presented his apologies in advance of the meeting. Mike Holmes was also unable to attend, and sent his apologies.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of meeting 02/2024 agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Secretary’s Report

The Secretary has put in the SEN’s for all events up to the end of July, and had booked the speakers up to the end of the year. Due to other commitments, the order of the speakers had to be changed from earlier versions of the programme but the same names are there, just on different days!

We had been notified that Denise Knight had been elected as the third Local Group Representative (replacing Janice Stace) along with Jeff Kenyon and our own Bob Thomas.

We have also been notified the Nick Hoath (who headed up the Local Group support team at Brighton HQ) has left Boundless, and that his role will be taken by Kadie Crichton. It has been noticed that she still has a number of other roles at Brighton, and that we have not received Council Minutes or Communiqués since Nick left.

Bob Thomas gave us a brief report on the outcome of the Club Council meeting which he had recently attended. He confirmed that Kadie Crichton was indeed in charge of the Member Communities team, and that there had been a wider re-organisation at Brighton in which a number of posts had been removed. There had been progress on the new Single Event Notice (SEN) system, which was expected to be active by the end of the month. There would also be a scheme to recognise our Volunteers which would be similar to the one in 2023.

6. Treasurer's Report

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£615.34</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Ipswich Fish & Chip meal receipts	£40.00
Ipswich BBQ member payments	£267.00
Imprest	£664.00
June Southwold visit member income	£60.00
Norwich BBQ member payments	£197.45
Filby Autumn Lunch member payments	£467.00
Cromer Pier show member payments	£250.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
May committee meeting	£77.00
Ipswich May clubnight speaker	£50.00
Ipswich May clubnight room hire	£118.30
Norwich May meeting speaker	£65.00
Norwich May meeting refreshments	£20.00
Ipswich Fish&Chip night room hire	£35.00
Ipswich Fish&Chip night outgoings	£72.85
Ipswich Summer Party event outgoings	£267.00
June Southwold visit venue payment	£80.00
Norwich autumn lunch @ Filby cost	£467.00
Secretary's expenses	£25.20
Norwich BBQ event outgoings	£197.45
Norwich BBQ event room hire	£47.24
Norwich Cromer show outgoings	£250
Newsletter costs	£135.30
<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>£657.45</u>

The Treasurer has submitted the budget request for 2025, covering both Ipswich and Norwich groups. He was also authorised to apply for the next Imprest.

7. Past events

8 May Ipswich Clubnight John Field "Ipswich Waterfront" 21 members and 1 guest

A reasonable turnout, for what was a good talk. He could have gone on for much longer!

9 May Norwich afternoon talk Chris Parfitt "China Silk Road" 16 members and 1 guest

Nice turnout for here. Chris is a regular speaker for Ipswich events, and would be happy to return here.

22 May Ipswich Fish and Chip supper night 22 members and 1 guest

A major problem for this event was that the food supplier closed down totally unexpectedly 2 days before the event. Luckily, we were able to find another shop the next day which was able to supply our order, but they charged rather more. The numbers were a little down on previous years, but it is still worth keeping going.

12 June Combined Ipswich/Norwich visit to Southwold 10 members and 0 guests

All the members were from Ipswich, which was very disappointing as it was suggested by Norwich. Is it worth trying a joint event next year?

26 June Ipswich visit to Ipswich Transport museum 13 members and 2 guests

A lower turnout than our last visit several years ago. Was it too specialised, or too familiar?

10 July Ipswich Summer Party at "The Railway" 16 members and 0 guests

Again, numbers are down from previous years.

11 July Norwich visit to "Retro Workshop" 8 members and 0 guests

Fascinating visit for fans of the TV programme, but probably no-one else.

14 August Ipswich Picture trail in Needham Market 21 members and 2 guests

That's better! 3 people who came to the 2023 picture trail came again this time – but not to anything else.

22 August Norwich BBQ 11 members and 0 guests

7 of the 11 actually came up from Ipswich, and the venue was very upset by the low numbers.

5 September Norwich Autumn Lunch at Filby Bridge 15 members and 2 guests

Norwich only had 7 members here. Possibly too many food-related events (which are not cheap any more) for the Norwich membership.

8. Future Events

The Secretary circulated the current version of the Rolling Programmes for Ipswich and Norwich Groups.

For Ipswich, the problem has been the availability of the speakers for the autumn and winter clubnights. In the end, all the ones in the earlier programmes have been booked, but the dates on which they come have changed. The new dates are in the revised Ipswich programme attached to these minutes.

For Norwich, Mike Holmes provided a list of potential events for 2025, and these are shown in the revised Norwich programme also attached to these minutes.

9. Editors report

The editor has produced the local newsletters for both Ipswich and Norwich, on the basis of one per month per group. The editor recommended that he should stop using the Facebook pages created for the Groups and administered by Brighton, as no-one in the Groups used them. The committee agreed he could stop using them.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was agreed that we should continue to use "The Railway" for our meetings.

Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 2:15pm
at "The Railway" PH
Westerfield Rd Ipswich IP6 9AA

Meeting closed at 4:40 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

D M Gibson (Secretary)

Ipswich Group Rolling Events list as of 9 September 2024

Date	Event 2024	Organiser	Booked	SEN
11 Sep	Clubnight Barbara Meyer "Big Cats around the Globe"	DMG	Yes	2359
25 Sep	Noggin "The Railway"	DMG	Yes	2360
9 Oct	Clubnight Sarah Doig "Village Signs"	DMG	Yes	2361
23 Oct	Noggin "The Railway"	DMG	Yes	2360
13 Nov	Clubnight Andy Malcolm Fisherman's Mission	DMG	Yes	
27 Nov	Christmas Dinner Rushmere Bowls Club	JFM	Yes	
11 Dec	Clubnight Peter Jones "Zeppelins over East Anglia" 2025	DMG	Yes	
8 Jan	Clubnight Richard Symes (National Trust) "Dunwich Heath"	DMG	Yes	
22 Jan	Noggin			
12 Feb	Clubnight Chris Turland "Felixstowe Flying Boats"	DMG		
26 Feb	Noggin			
12 Mar	Clubnight			
26 Mar	Annual Dinner			
9 Apr	AGM and talk Mike Wabe "Coffee the Devil's Drink"	RJT	Yes	
23 Apr	Noggin			
14 May	Clubnight			
28 May	Fish & Chip night			
11 Jun	Summer visit			

9 July	Summer Party			
6 Aug	Picture Trail			
10 Sep	Clubnight			
24 Sep	Noggin			
8 Oct	Clubnight			
22 Oct	Noggin			
12 Nov	Clubnight			
26 Nov	Christmas Dinner			
10 Dec	Clubnight			

Norwich Group Rolling Events list as of 11 September 2024

Date	Event	Organiser	Booked	SEN
	2024			
26 Sep	Cromer Pier show	MH	Yes	2348
10 Oct	Talk Paul Whiting "Bawdsey Radar – The Eyes of the Few"	PJW	Yes	2365
28 Nov	Christmas Dinner			
12 Dec	Talk Stephen Poulter "Supernatural Norfolk"	DMG	Yes	2366
	2025			
9 Jan	No event			
13 Feb	Afternoon talk Sarah Doig "Local history through Village signs"	DMG		
13 Mar	Afternoon talk Bridewell museum	MH		
27 Mar	Spring Lunch Filby Bridge	MH/RJT		

10 Apr	Afternoon talk Pubs & churches of Norwich	MH		
8 May	Afternoon talk Chris Parfitt "Bhutan"	DMG		
11 Jun	Summer Visit Secret Garden Earlham Rd	MH		
10 Jul	Local visit Norwich Castle			
14 Aug	No event			
11 Sep	No event			
9 Oct	Afternoon talk Pip Wright "?"	DMG		
13 Nov	Christmas Dinner Filby Bridge	MH/RJT		
11 Dec	Afternoon talk Paul Whiting "Galapagos Islands"	PJW		