

## Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 463<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall Hotel, Shifnal, on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

### 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)

**463/1.** Apologies for Absence  
 All committee members present.

**463/2.** Elections  
 The retiring officers had indicated that they were willing to re-stand for office. The elections proceeded as follows:-

Role	Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by	Vote
Vice Chairman	En bloc	En bloc	En bloc	Carried
Future Events Editor	En bloc	En bloc	En bloc	Carried
Motor Sports representative	En bloc	En bloc	En bloc	Carried

**463/3.** Minutes from the 462<sup>nd</sup> meeting  
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

**463/4.** Matters Arising  
 There were no matters arising.

### 463/5. 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
4.3.24	Member Communities Communiqué – March 2024	4.3.24
18.3.24	Local Groups Representative Voting	Replied 10.4.24
2.4.24	Local Group Representatives election – Groups votes	2.4.24
14.4.24	Your Group Report for the May 2024 club council meeting	Replied 30.4.24
15.4.24	Election of the new Local Groups Representative	Replied 15.4.24
24.4.24	Member Communities Communiqué – April 2024	23.5.24

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

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
11.3.24	Shropshire Group – Registering Interest for an Event	Requested update on situation	To N. Hoath
14.3.24	Shropshire Group – talk 13.3.24	Thank you to speaker	To David St John
18.3.24	Shropshire Group – Registering Interest for an Event	Replied that 2 of 3 notifications received	To Kadie Crichton
10.4.24	Local Groups Representative Voting – Shropshire G	Replied with Group's voting	To N. Hoath
15.4.24	Election of the new Local Groups Representative	Asked if Shropshire with new LGR	To N. Hoath
15.4.24	Election of the new Local Groups Representative	Response – not known	From N. Hoath
25.4.24	Shropshire Group – Boundless Items	Request for Boundless items left over	To N. Hoath
29.4.24	Shropshire Group – Registering Interest for an Event	Requested update on situation + updates	To N. Hoath

AB reported that some left over items listed in the April Communiqué have been requested. Publicised in the same document, the new membership option was discussed. All Committee members were surprised that there had been no warning or discussion about this new offering. It was agreed that it was unlikely to be of interest to members in the Midlands, as the additional features are in Scotland or the South. Also announced in this issue was the removal of the calendar pages in the magazine that featured local group events, another blow to local groups. It was agreed that this and the membership change should be brought up in the Local Group Report requested by Bob Thomas.

AB in communications with N. Hoath regarding a bug when registering interest for a group's event. Some changes have been made which may have corrected the problem, but it is impossible to test conclusively on the live system. AB suggested a further improvement to help members know that their registration of interest has been processed correctly.

### 463/6. Newsletter

BB continued to issue the Forthcoming Events each month, and to add any new members to the circulation. The Committee members expressed their thanks.

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### 463/7. Competition Matters

IJ had provided an updated list of rallies to BB for inclusion in the monthly Forward Schedule. IJ reported that The Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs met on 27.2.24, but he was unable to attend.

IJ reported that MotorSport UK has announced a 'sustainability charter', to be implemented later this year.

### 463/8. Review of Activities

#### a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
<b>2024</b>				
13.3.24	65 years in Show Biz – David St. John	HHH	19 members 8 partners 2 guests	David stepped in at the last minute and gave an interesting and entertaining talk on his years in show biz, and got the Group singing along to old favourites on the 60s and 70s
17.4.24	AGM + SNCT Restoration Update	HHH	17 members 8 partners 1 guest	The business soon over, Bernie Jones again gave a fascinating account of the progress being made on the restoration of the Shrewsbury and Newport Canal

#### b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
<b>2024</b>				
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	Cartoon Drawing Part 2 – Malcolm Whittall	HHH - c	Malcolm returns to tutor us all in cartoon drawing, great fun last time	AB
13.11.24 7.30pm	Star Gazing – Peter Williamson	HHH - c	Topic to be agreed	IJ
4.12.24 7.30pm	Annual Quiz	Norbury VH – c ST20 0PA	A chance for N. Staffs members to challenge the Shropshire teams, and enjoy nibbles and drinks	AB
<b>2025</b>				
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

LT had emailed Haughton Hall regarding the time that the refreshments are brought out and there had been an improvement.

AB to speak to speaker who had to cancel at short notice due to ill health, to discuss rescheduling talk.

Action: **AB**

IJ agreed date with Peter Williamson for another astronomy talk, topic to be decided later.

#### 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
- BIFOR talk - AB
- Invite Midlands Air Ambulance to attend, to collect charity cheque - IJ.

### 463/9. Accounts

LT reported that £1000 was required, and this was agreed.

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### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 12.2.24 to 29.4.24

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2024 Budget		3300.00
	Cleared Imprest		-1000.00	
		Budget Remaining		2300.00
		Bank Balance	1386.55	
		Cash Tin	185.10	
		Total Monies Held		1571.65
		Of which Charity	627.00	
		Volunteer Reward		
		Total Funds Available to Group		944.65

### BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		922.55
12.2.24	Room Hire, Comm Mtg		-99.00	823.55
11.3.24	Bank Charges		-5.00	818.55
13.3.24	Speaker Fee		-70.00	748.55
13.3.24	HH Room Hire		-141.00	607.55
22.3.24	Imprest		1000.00	1607.55
9.4.24	Bank Charges		-5.00	1602.55
18.4.24	HH Room Hire		-141.00	1461.55
19.4.24	SNCT speaker	Chq 100788	-75.00	1386.55
		End of period	464.00	1386.55

### CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		216.60
30.10.23	Committee travel expenses		-31.50	
		End of period	-31.50	185.10

L Tenan, Treasurer.

#### 461/10. 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
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

#### 463/11. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm. These minutes are a true record of the 463<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: