

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 464th meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall Hotel, Shifnal, on Monday 1st July 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)

464/1. Apologies for Absence
 All committee members present.

464/2. Minutes from the 463rd meeting
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

464/3. Matters Arising
 There were no matters arising.

464/4. 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
1.5.24	Possible future talk (from M. Docker)	-
20.5.24	Draft Club Council Minutes	22.5.24
14.6.24	Organisation Update	14.6.24
24.6.24	Your Local Group Representative	-

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

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
30.4.24	Your Group Report for the May 2024 club council meeting - Shropshire	Reply on behalf of Group	To B. Thomas
1.5.24	Re: Shropshire Group – Boundless Items	Notify receipt of requested items	To B. Farore
14.6.24	Re: Shropshire Group (CSMA) – 12.6.24 Garden Birds	Thank you to speaker for talk	To K. Reynolds
14.6.24	Fw: Shropshire Group – Minutes of the 463 rd meeting	Send minutes to new LGR	To D. Knight

AB read out the responses sent to B. Thomas on 30.4.24, for the LGR Report, and these were discussed. The two points raised on behalf of Shropshire Group were also discussed and it was agreed that the Group's views had been well expressed.

The Club Council minutes and the surprise announcement of the departure of Nick Hoath were discussed in more detail. Concern was expressed regarding the apparent lack of balance between the needs of the Club members, as opposed to those of the management.

AB also reported the lack of contact details for the new LGR Denise Knight. IJ had been able to provide an email address to AB, who was then able to send the latest set of Group minutes to D. Knight, and at the same time recommend that contact details be circulated at the same time as future new LGR names.

464/5. Newsletter
 BB continued to issue the Forthcoming Events each month, and to add any new members to the circulation.

464/6. Competition Matters
 IJ reported that The Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs had not met since the last Committee meeting, and there was nothing else to report.

464/7. Review of Activities

a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2024				
8.5.24	Mediaeval Newport – Judith Everard	HHH	13 members 4 partners 3 guests	This was a really interesting look into the mediaeval life and times of Newport, enjoyed by all
12.6.24	Love and war – how we created our garden birds – Kevin Reynolds	HHH	10 members 4 partners 0 guests	Unfortunately, the audience for Kevin's gripping talk was much reduced for a variety of reasons, which was a shame as it was a really interesting different take on 'garden birds' and how we came to view them as such

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b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2024				
10.7.24 7.30pm	Attingham Park – John Tisbury	HHH - c	John is a volunteer for the National Trust, and will give us an insight into the history of Attingham Park	LT
11.9.24 7.30pm	West Midland Air Ambulance – Maria Jones	HHH - c	Mari will give an update on the activities of the air ambulance, followed by a donation from the Group	AB
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
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

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.

464/8. Accounts

An imprest of £1000 was agreed. Note that a £20 cheque has not yet been cashed, though listed in Expenditure.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 12.2.24 to 29.4.24

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2024 Budget		3300.00
	Cleared Imprest		-2000.00	
	Budget Remaining			1300.00
	Bank Balance		1853.65	
	Uncshd chq 100789		20.00	
	Cash Tin		150.60	
	Total Monies Held			2024.25
	Of which Charity		627.00	
	Volunteer Reward			
	Total Funds Available to Group			1397.25

BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		1386.55
30.4.24	Room Hire, Comm Mtg	Visa	-99.00	1287.55
8.5.24	Expenses - J. Everard	Chq 100789	-20.00	1267.55
8.5.24	Fee - J. Everard	Chq 100790	-50.00	1217.55
9.5.24	HH Room Hire	Visa	-137.50	1080.05
10.5.24	Bank Charges		-5.00	1075.05

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7.6.24	Imprest		1000.00	2075.05
9.6.24	Bank Charges		-5.40	2069.65
13.6.24	HH Room Hire	Visa	-141.00	1928.65
13.6.24	Speaker - K. Reynolds	Bank Trf	-75.00	1853.65
			End of period	467.10
				1853.65

CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		185.10
29.4.24	Committee travel expenses		-31.50	153.60
29.4.24	Biscuits for Events		-3.00	150.60
			End of period	-34.50
				150.60

L Tenan, Treasurer.

N.B. Chq. 100789 not yet cashed, so included in 'Total Monies Held', actual available = £1377.25

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
16.9.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
18.11.24	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting

464/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm. These minutes are a true record of the 464th meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: