

Notes from a Meeting of the Cromwell Probus (Luncheon) Club Steering Group (SG on 15th Feb 2022

The Meeting was opened by Chris Leah with the following others present:

Peter Baker; Roger Bruce; Gordon Steptoe; Ros Townsend; Dave Mack (Admin)

Name of the Club. It was agreed that the Club would continue to be named Cromwell Probus (Luncheon) Club with the brackets around Luncheon and not around Probus as had been suggested by a diner because the aims and principles of convivial friendly gatherings of business people was still in the spirit of Probus.

Tenure of the SG Chair. It was agreed that to support many aspects of continuity the SG Chair would be elected by the SG for a tenure of 6 months. Elections would take place at the SG Meetings in Feb and Sep. Peter Baker was elected as Chair for Mar-Sep by an unanimous vote from a proposition by Dave Mack, Seconded by Ros Townsend. It was also agreed that should the elected Chair not be able to attend a Lunch, they could nominate anyone capable to replace them to Chair a Lunch. If unable to Chair a SG Meeting then the SG members assembling would simply nominate someone from amongst themselves to chair the meeting.

Toasts. It was agreed that 2 seated Toasts would be called: The Loyal Toast and a Toast to Absent Friends.

Menu Survey. At Slepe Hall Manager's request, a limited Menu Survey of the SG Members and a sample of members' Likes/Dislikes and Wish List had been carried out and the raw results handed to Maria for consideration within the price agreed. Maria agreed most 'wishes' could be incorporated.

Complaints Procedure. The Hotel had received complaints about the meals from individuals. The Chair will emphasise that any complaints about the meal at mealtime need to be made to the Chair if a quick word with the staff does not correct an immediate matter. Post meal complaints needs to be made in writing to Lunch@

Club Update/Disposal of Funds. The form/format and content of the letter to all current diners was agreed. Admin to send to all after Thursday's Meal. Basically, the SG agreed that from April the Club's funds would be depleted with a £50 per month STO gratuity to Slepe Hall Staff and a £5 per meal discount on the £17 meal.

Financial Handover. Roger Bruce handed over the administration of the Clubs Finances to the Club Admin and the documentation for 4 account signatories to complete: Peter Baker, Ros Townsend, Gordon Steptoe & Chris Leah but not including the Club Admin who will merely administer the account. The Chair thanked Roger again for his service as Treasurer and wished him a relaxed time at future lunches.

Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that the Lunch in June will still be on 3rd Thursday of the month (16th) but to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that lunch will be special and comprise 3 courses, possibly with appropriately names dishes such as Coronation Chicken And Turkey Crown all still for just £17 per head (after the agreed Club discount). Maria will consider options but ideas for dishes to Admin@ would be welcome.

Disposal of Old Club Assets. It was agreed that most of the weighty and voluminous documentation relating to the old club - amassed by Alf and currently being stored by Admin - would be shredded. However, photos and identifiable assets would be retained with a view to offering them to the Norris Museum as an historical part of life in St Ives. Admin to ask Norris.

Survey of Diners. Dave Mack (Admin) asked the SG (and via the Chair at the Feb/Mar Lunch) the Members if they knew of any member in Alf's 'White' Handbook (our discontinued Bible) or who has attended since Aug 2021 who will no longer be attending, to let Admin@ know please to reduce Admin overheads sending emails to them. Ideas for the Disposal of 3 Unused President's Medals would be welcomed.

Dave Mack

SG Sec / Club Admin