

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS CLUB COMMITTEE (NOW THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)
HELD OUTDOORS AT A LOCAL PUB ON 15 APRIL 2021 – SANITIZED - TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEB)

In attendance (as elected Club Committee Members): Peter B (Past President); Alf B (Club Secretary-stepping down), Chris L (Past President); Gordon S and David McC (Assistant Club Secretary)

Apologies from: Roger B (President & Club Treasurer – Stepping Down).

OPENING

The Meeting was opened at 1300 hrs by David

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

David proposed that Peter take the Chair for meetings until further notice. Seconded by Alf and carried. It was agreed that all motions would only succeed if carried unanimously unless otherwise directed by the Chair.

TOAST TO ABSENT FRIENDS

Peter, as Chair, proposed a Toast to 'Absent Friends' including the late Gordon Townsend

EXECUTIVE POWERS

David proposed that the 5 extant committee members at the meeting and including Roger with his apology as the 6th become the sole and only Club Committee and, in the absence of the democratic ability to hold General Meetings of the membership, it should until General Meeting are possible, assume executive powers to make absolute decisions on behalf of the Club. After a healthy discussion, with no alternative to go forward, Chris seconded the motion that was carried.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Peter explained that, using the Algorithm that he had created (and had been accepted as a good guide for the Agenda), the meeting had to decide:

1. **If the Club was to be given the chance to survive.** It was agreed that it should continue as a PROBUS Luncheon Club on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1230.
2. **If the Club should survive as a Formal or Informal gathering for Lunch.** It was agreed that it should be Informal (at least initially), with only the Loyal Toast and a Chair person's address being retained.
3. **The Club's Membership Criteria.** Allowing Ladies to attend meetings had already been agreed pre-COVID. David proposed and Gordon seconded that 'membership' (for want of a better word) should be open to all spouses and to all business people of any age (whether retired or not) in an attempt to seed the Club with growth potential. That was carried. The difficulty now is getting that message across to businesses within COVID restrictions and vaccination extents.

LETTER TO PRE-COVID MEMBERS

It was agreed that Peter would draft a letter, and circulate to the Committee via David, for Alf to send, with the algorithm, to all registered members outlining the difficulties we face, the solutions the Committee has come up with to allow the Club to survive and asking them to 'sign up' and commit to supporting the Club by attending either accompanied or as a singleton when circumstances permit.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Club Executive Committee will be held on 20 May 2021. Location to be notified.