

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NOW THE STEERING GROUP) HELD INSIDE AT A LOCAL PUB ON 20 MAY 2021 – TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEB

In attendance: Peter B (Chair), Alf B (Club Secretary – stepping down), Gordon S, Chris L, David M (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies from: Roger B – Treasurer (Sick) who submitted a verbal report via Peter who reported that Roger was now at home from hospital and convalescing with no 'op' being needed. All were pleased with that news.

Previous Minutes on 15 April 2021. Accepted as published and there were no matters arising that were not to be dealt with on the Agenda.

Club Executive Committee – Peter thought 'Committee' was too formal so it was changed to 'Steering Group' (SG) on his suggestion. Also SG members would remain as the original 6 (above) with Peter as Chair.

Membership Poll – Peter reported that - from the letter emailed after the last meeting asking for responses by 10 May 2021, and subsequent approaches to non-responders to the email, by post and phone - he had 54 names of original members, their ladies/assistants and single ladies who said they would be interested in attending future informal lunches to the best of their abilities to do so.

Club Name – On a suggestion from Peter, it was agreed that, if practical, the Club should be renamed the 'Cromwell Luncheon Club'. David queried the use of the term 'Club' if, going forward, it was not to have 'members' or subscriptions or any formal structure. It was decided to address that matter should it arise once the Club was 'lunching' and some administration was necessary. *Post Meeting, Roger, when consulted, pointed out that, for the time being, we needed to retain the name as 'The Cromwell Probus Club' for banking purposes.*

Next Cromwell Probus Club Meeting – see details on the website at www.CromwellProbusClub.org.uk but it was agreed that all future meetings will remain 3rd Thursday of every month. Peter to produce a letter to all responders to inform them of the arrangements but also to advise them to check the website in future unless someone can keep the membership informed of events and menus by email. David is just the Minutes Secretary and webmaster with limited cc & bcc capabilities without getting blacklisted. Peter will ask about.

Arrangements for Next Meeting. If all goes according to plan and Peter can confirm arrangements with Slepe Hall – the FIRST meeting of the 'new' Club is proposed for the 3rd Thursday in Aug (19th). Details that Peter can hope to arrange (shown as PB) are as follows:

- **Date** – Thursday 19 Aug 2021
- **Time** – 12.30pm for 1pm
- **Place** – (PB) - Slepe Hall? Cromwell Room or Function Room depending on anticipated numbers.
- **Type of Meal** – (PB) - 2 Course Main and Dessert + Tea/Coffee
- **Tables** – round with 8-10 per table as it used to be
- **Cost of Meal** – (PB) £16
- **Method of Payment** – Individually at the Bar/Table (PAYG)
- **Dress Code** – Gentlemen: Jacket & Tie ; Ladies – whatever seems appropriate.
- **Attendance at Next Meeting (during each meeting)** : by a show of hands (or the usual chits) to get an idea of numbers for the hotel to use. The Menu, if available, could be posted on the website.
- **Staff Tip for Hotel** – 10% from existing funds until exhausted.

Special Thanks – Peter B was thanked for his extraordinary efforts in both contacting members by all and any means, and also for guiding the Club along a new path to eventual success that would appeal to all ages.

Next SG Meeting: Nominally, 1330 hrs at same Pub on Thursday 17 Jun 21 but this may be moved to the right to Tuesday 22 Jun 21 (same pub) if COVID Lockdown relaxation details are not known by 17th.

Signed & Comments to: David@CromwellProbusClub.org.uk and/or Peter@CromwellProbusClub.org.uk