

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE SHREWSBURY & NEWPORT CANALS TRUST**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 12 noon.**

**At Rodington Village Hall.**

**Attendees.**

(Bold text = Trustees): **Bernie Jones** (Chair), John Acres, Karen Asquith, Adrienne Barnwell, **Steve Bean**, Alan Boney, Sue Boney, Brian Bonehill, Peter Cann, Dave Clarke, Linda Clutterbuck, James Collins, Geoff Culshaw, Janet Culshaw, Tom Currie, John Dalby, Brian Davies, Jan Davies, Ian Edgar, **Sherrel Fikeis**, Pat Frost, Miles Grason, Alan Harding, Maz Harrington, Delaine Haynes, John Haynes, **John Heather**, Julian Hill, Pamala Hill, Derek Hillaby, Paula Holden (rep Wellington ETG), Roger Holtom, David Jasper, Helen Jasper, Anne Jones, Cindy Jones, Cris Jones, Freeman Jones, Mike Jones, **Philip Jones**, **Steve Jones**, Sue Jones, William Jones, Edward Leetham, Keith Lewis, Steve Lloyd, Karen Longden, Julie Mackinson, **John Myers**, Sam Myers, Brian Nelson, Dee Nelson, Jennie Perks, Tony Perks, Maggie Phillips, Andy Pillow, Alistair Price, Susan Price, Peter Rawlings, Tom Roberts, Sue Sharp, Nathan Sheppard, Jose Smith, Keith Smith, **John Stevens**, Christine Supple, Ed Supple, Phil Tarrant, Steve & Jane Taylor, Barbara Tyler, Martyn Vincent, John Webster, James Weir, **Vaughan Welch**, Derek Williams, Barry Witts, Mary Witts, Caroline Wright.

**Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from: Dave Angell, Sue Blake, Susan Bogue, Martin Buxey, Betty Carlyle, David & Yvonne Crow, Tam Hazan, Edward Higginbottom, Stephen Kearney, Jane Noble Knight, Dave & Ros Koring, Janet Moulton, Julia Olsen, Dominic Olsen, Steve Orange, David Ray, Simon Rowberry, Jonathan Smith, David Stevens, Tom Supple, Edmund Thewles, Karen & George Todd, Chas Warren, Roger & Meg White, Alan & Susan Wilding.

**Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The Minutes had been made available on the Trust's website. There was no request that they be read out, and there were no questions or matters arising. John Stevens proposed that they were accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Alan Boney and agreed on a show of hands.

**Report of the Trustees & Financial Statement for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The Treasurer, Steve Bean, stated that these had been made available on the Trust website and several hard copies made available at the meeting.

He then presented a few slides of pie-diagrams to highlight sources of income (explaining that the increase over the previous year was due to a very generous legacy left by a member for use at Wappenshall); overall expenditure and a breakdown of that on charitable activities; assets (explaining fixed assets were principally the Wappenshall improvements, the two narrowboats and miscellaneous plant, tools and equipment); and of the project funds, which come either from allocations Trustees have made from General Funds, grants obtained for the particular project or donations made with the request that they be used for a particular project.

A question was raised as to what the Wappenshall current assets figure related to. It was explained that this was cash for future expenditure, whereas the fixed asset figure plus the restricted funds figure was what had been spent on the development up to the end of the financial year. There were no further questions.

**Report of the Chairman**

Bernie Jones reported on activities and events since the last AGM, with slides of work carried out at Wappenshall, Berwick, Rodington and Newport; and the sad passing of Marion Weir who had been a stalwart volunteer, particularly at Wappenshall. He also highlighted the number of volunteer hours put in, during the latest year, over 22,000; and some of the ways members were able to assist fundraising, amongst them participation in the Twincl lottery, used stamp collecting, and shopping online using Easyfundraising. He finished his report by appealing for members' help at the Norbury Festival.

**Election and Re-election of Trustees.**

Steve Bean explained that the Trust currently had 10 elected Trustees, of whom the nearest whole number to a third retire by rotation. This year they were himself, Philip Jones and Vaughan Welch - after over 22 years he had decided not to seek re-election. There had been no other nominations received and the Trust Board had made no recommendations. Therefore, the only candidates were Philip Jones and Vaughan Welch who, on a show of hands with no votes against, were duly re-elected.

There were no other matters proper to the AGM and the meeting was closed.