

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

THE SHREWSBURY & NEWPORT CANALS TRUST

Saturday 10th May 2025 at 12 noon.

Held at Rodington Village Hall.

In the absence of the Chairman Bernie Jones, the meeting was chaired by John Heather.

Attendees:

(Bold text = Trustees): John Acres, Adrienne Barnwell, Stephen Bean, Stefan Bielecki, David Crow, Yvonne Crow, Tom Currie, John Daliby, **Sherrel Fikeis**, Alan Harding, Marion Harrington, **John Heather**, Pamela Hill, G Howdle, J Howdle, Howard Jobber, Cindy Jones, Mike Jones, **Philip Jones**, Steven Jones, William Jones, Mike Mee, Shirley Mee, Brian Nelson, Dee Nelson, John Potter, Vee Potter, Alistair Price, Sue Price, Peter Rawlings, **Simon Rowberry**, Joan Ryan, Mark Ryan, Jo Smith, Keith Smith, **John Snell**, **John Stevens**, **Phil Tarrant**, Sean Thomas, Chas Warren.

1. Apologies

Tam Hazan, **Bernie Jones**, **John Myers**, Sam Myers, Maggie Philips, Christine Supple, Edmund Supple, Barbara Tyler, **Vaughan Welch**

2. To approve the minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on 11th May 2024.

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

3. To receive the Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2024.

These had been made available on the Trust website and at the meeting. There were no comments or questions arising.

4. To Elect/Re-elect Directors/Trustees.

Trustees retiring by rotation and seeking re-election this year were Sherrel Fikeis, John Myers and John Stevens. Phil Tarrant had been co-opted as a Trustee since the last AGM. There had been no other nominations received.

It was proposed that all should be elected en bloc by Simon Rowberry and seconded by Alistair Price. On a show of hands the four were unanimously elected to serve a further term.

5. To receive the Report of the Chairman.

In the absence of Bernie Jones, John Heather presented a series of slides, which Bernie had prepared, recording the activities and events in which the Trust had participated over the past year.

The main activities of the Trust's valient volunteers were demonstrated by a series of slides highlighting the works they had carried out, and which were continuing, principally at Wappenshall, Berwick, Uffington, Rodington, Newport and on the narrowboats Bainton and Berkhamstead at Norbury. But

in addition Trust volunteers had attended other locations, such as village fetes, G-fest at Gnosall and the Norbury Canal Festival to heighten awareness of the Trust, recruit members and raise funds. And on the subject of raising funds, the efforts of Alan Boney and his 'team' to raise funds for the boats' restoration throughout the year and in all weathers was rightly praised.

Although the physical efforts and results of many volunteers could be clearly observed, many others contribute in ways that often go unseen although they are equally vital to the running of the Trust. So if anyone wished to help, be it an occasional few hours or a more intensive role, such as marketing or archivist, for which the Trust was in need then the message was, please come forward.

There were no other matters proper to an AGM and the meeting was closed at 12:20.