

Minutes of the Country Link Members Meeting held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
at the Best Western Plus Ullesthorpe Court, Ullesthorpe

Tony P welcomed everyone and said how good it was to see so many people at the Meeting.

Apologies - were received from six members.

Introduction of the National Committee and the Area Representatives - Liz G reminded the members who the Regional Reps were, and who represented the different groups.

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Matters arising if not an Agenda item - Wendy asked about the guidance packs for the organisers; Tony said these would be out shortly.

Chairman's report - Tony apologised for the fact that the AGM in May had gone on longer than had been anticipated; he thanked Liz G for writing a Chairman's Chat in October as he had been busy with work. He referred to the two open letters he had sent via the Group Organisers and asked who had received them. Tony reminded members about the website and Facebook page, and asked for members to send in reports for the website. Finally, he asked the members to think about advertising, bearing in mind that Country Link has members from a variety of occupations.

Secretary's report - Liz thanked Jackie and Ken for photocopying the paperwork for this Meeting. As promised at the AGM, the Minutes of the previous Members Meeting and the Agenda for this Meeting had been put on the website. She asked for up to date information re contact details for the Group Organisers, and said that the nomination forms for the election of the National Committee members would be on the website in the New Year.

Treasurer's report - Lesley presented the draft accounts for the year to date. She has received subscriptions for 434 members. Lesley spoke about advertising; she reminded members to submit their advertising costs for 2017 to her before the end of November; there is an increase in the bank balance because no money has been spent on national advertising; the National Committee are willing to spend money, but do need suggestions from the members. Finally, she confirmed that the club advertising will remain at £300 for 2018, and that National subscriptions will remain at £10.00 for 2018. Tony thanked Lesley for her hard work.

Web Editor's report - Maria requested reports from the groups as most come from Cornwall and Derbyshire; she is still short of some programmes, and reminded the organisers that they are responsible for the information that is included. Maria explained some changes to the website: there will be a section for the Minutes/Agendas for the Members Meeting /AGM, and reports from the National Committee Meetings.

Any other business - Lorraine C asked if she could contact other groups if she wanted to organise an event in another county, and this was agreed.

Passing of the Weekend Baton - John R passed the baton to Maria, and she introduced the Spring Weekend: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May-Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May in Hull.

Date of the next Members Meeting - to be held at the Autumn Weekend in 2018, when this has been arranged.

