

Business meeting

Date: Monday 6th October 2025

Venue: Leighton Buzzard Golf Club

<u>Present:</u>	Steve B; Mike B; Jenni; Tony; Dave E; Henry; Dai; Nick; Alan; Steve L; Ros; Simon; Tom; Syd; Richard; Chris; Mike R; Ed; Heather; Mike W; Martin A; Robin; Martin K; Pascale; Colin; Kuldip; Mike S; Ian
<u>Apologies</u>	Peter B; Malcolm; Alex; Dick; Gary; Peter P; Avis; Andrew Leave of absence Giles; Frazer; Onyi; Norbert
<u>Guests</u>	None
<u>Minutes of last meeting and Club Updates</u>	Birthdays in October: Dave E, Dai Guest, Gary Gleeson, Chris Roberts. The last set of Business Meeting minutes were approved as being accurate. Proposed by Henry Seconded by Simon
<u>Treasurer:</u>	- Both sets of accounts have been circulated, club account healthy and charity account will be in more healthy situation, when the income in December arrives. - It was a big struggle to get NatWest to open the accounts needed for the CIO but successfully done and need the last Lloyds account closed when Gary is available to cover that 2/3 of the club have paid their bill to date – please will the remainder pay - The club charity (as a trust) accounts to the end of June and the club accounts have been audited and the audit passed - President thanked and congratulated the Treasurer for his work
<u>Steve Bigrave on booking arrangements/arrangements with the golf club</u>	Steve referred to the problems with golf club bookings in September and explained to the club he's had a meeting with Lee at the golf club and agreed arrangements about minimum numbers for the club to open the kitchen on a Monday (18 dining) and has summarised the new rules in an email to the club members. In short - We are block booked Mondays except bank holidays and December – so outside events need cancellation of Golf Club - Please try to book in on line as soon as possible, ideally by the Monday before, and the last time is Friday 12 noon - If you book and cancel after Friday 12 noon that's a charge from the club of £5 instead of the meal cost - Suggest you book up say three weeks in advance to make it easier for all The agreement with the golf club is on the web site in the document library under the heading general
<u>Committee Updates:</u>	Finance: Mike B reported and summarised his written report. Arrangements are being progressed to seek an alternative to the just giving account, as that is expensive As we now are a CIO the members have no personal liability if anything should go drastically wrong The Christmas banking needs to be resolved – and Mike R commented that this would entail trips to Milton Keynes NatWest A resolution is being passed by Steve B, Richard, and Robin the result of which is that all club members will become members of the CIO unless they email Martin A as secretary saying they do not want to – and new members will be dealt with in due course

A resolution was proposed to the club that all assets of the charity trust should with effect from 26th September 2025 belong to and be transferred to the CIO – proposed by Mike Birdseye and Seconded by Mike Rowlands
Grants and donations as referred to in Mike B's report to the October business meeting were explained and the club approved

1. Donations of £200.00 each to Reclaim Life, The local M.S. Support Group, Hospice at Home, MacMillan Cancer Support and Freddie and Friends from the funds received from Leighton Park Rangers.
2. Make a reserve of £500.00 in connection with the Neighbourhood Defibrillators project.
3. Make a reserve of £500.00 in connection with the Lantern Festival project.

Social: Richard reported and summarised his written report. He confirmed that the golf club has been block booked for the future, and apologised to the club for inconvenience caused by the change of venues.

He also referred to the meeting 27th October with Mr Mason as speaker, and the Kayleigh 15th November both of which need more members to attend, the Kayleigh is £20 a head and ideal numbers between 50 and 80 people.
No meeting the following Monday and Christmas dinner is 20th of December
Global sight solutions is a charity speaker coming soon and the first meeting 2026 is the business meeting 12th January 2026.

Youth, Community & International: Pascale summarised the main points of her report and thanked Ed and those Rotarians attending for their good work at the bulb planting in Parsons Close on Sunday.

The lantern parade is now to precede carols in the high street on Christmas Eve and there will be another lantern making workshop at Richards on the 8th November. Same arrangements as last time, bring your own food and refreshments and cost £10m to cover materials

Tom reported on the Nepal project and said the focus is now on toilets and washing facilities for the schools as that is a main need, and more economical. Tom is working through the bureaucratic requirements of the global grant, with the assistance of the local Nepal based rotary club and it may be that the needed report from them will be drafted by Tom for them to sign off.

There will be a further committee meeting for the Nepal project and as Tom would like to speak to local clubs he will be seeking members support about this.

Henry reported about the assistance the Carnival committee seek and the way the club may be able to assist with that. Henry stressed we will not be taking over the carnival merely assisting in areas where we have expertise, including road closures, signage and promotion via social media.

Mike B asked if there would be signage for the crocuses and Pascale said there would be when they came up.

Membership: Henry reported on membership – no changes, and reported on FOR – this is at early stages and more progress next year.

YWC -: Simon reporting for Dick, summarised Dick's report. The "Oscars" event was very successful and Cricket and Golf were represented at this event of the first time, and we had great feedback from the High Sherrif. Also a new sport, Rugby is coming on stream.

Defibrillator Committee report: Chris referred to and summarised his report. The launch on 16th October will be helped by the shop of British Heart Foundation in Waterborne Walk from 10 am to 4 pm. Bedford hospital radio will be there with their sound decks to support and make some noise, and promotional materials will also be available. Dick and Martin K will generate

	on line publicity and free training will be available from the Resuscitation council UK. Funding will be sought from local neighbourhood shops generally and specifically the local co ops.
<u>A.O.B.</u>	Pascale referred (in the absence of Alex) to wreaths on remembrance Sunday and Chris said he as president would lay the Leighton Buzzard Wreath, Henry as vice would lay the Linslade Wreath and both Wreaths had been ordered. Steve referred to fund raising activities by Harry and Linda Sears of Reclaim Life with their Talbot car which will be 100 years old next year and a tour of the UK coastline Richard referred to social committee looking at a foreign trip possibly to Prague or Marrakech next year Dave Edwards updated the club on Frazer's health and also referred to his irritation at the situation with the SAG group. It was agreed that Martin A would draft an email to District Secretary to comment on what they can do to help the club with our issues with the local SAG group, such draft to be reviewed by Dave and Ian. This is required as a result of "Martin's Law" which is not yet in force. The meeting finished at 10.18.
<u>D.O.N.M.</u>	• Next business meeting Monday 3rd November 2025 – sit down at 7.30.