

Business meeting

Date: Nov 3rd 2025



Venue: Leighton Buzzard Golf Club

<u>Present:</u>	Steve B; Mike B; Jenni; Tony; Robin; Dave E; Avis; Henry; Dick; Malcolm; Alan; Steve L; Ros; Simon; Tom; Syd; Peter P; Chris; Mike R; Kuldip; Mike S; Ed; Heather; Mike W; Andrew, Gary;
<u>Apologies</u>	Martin A; Peter B; Alex; Frazer; Dai; Nick; Martin K; Richard Leave of absence - Giles; Frazer; Onyi; Norbert
<u>Minutes of last meeting and Club Updates</u>	Birthdays in November – Peter B 29 th . The last set of Business Meeting minutes were approved as being accurate. Seconded by Simon & Colin. The President took the opportunity to publicly thank Ed Syrett for the work he does behind the scenes to keep the website and booking system running and providing assistance to members.
<u>Treasurer:</u>	• Both Club and Charity accounts have been circulated and are in healthy conditions. • Since change in banks there is still a snag with paying in of currency. Hopefully it will be sorted in time for the Santa money. All member payments have come through successfully. • Having moved to CIO status we are awaiting the issue of a new HMRC registration for gift aid that we will use; just giving need that to accept the new bank details.
<u>Committee Updates:</u>	Finance: • Minutes from the last committee meeting have been previously circulated and are attached. • Items marked for approval in the minutes were all approved. • Donation to RNLI has been approved. • Discussion was held regarding the Homeless foodbank. It had been felt that they currently do not need financial assistance. A vote was held about ceasing our donation, which was passed with three against. The foodbank has been advised of this, with the proviso that they can come back to us if necessary. However, they do need assistance with packing of the food parcels as this load is increasing. Social • Minutes of last meeting have been circulated and are attached. • Next main event is the Caleigh dance at Brooklands Hall on Nov 15th. • Menu choices for the Christmas Dinner/Disco have been circulated (please contact Peter P if you haven't received it). There is a December 1st cut-off date for submissions of food choices. • Cost is £40 each. • Usual dress code - smart suit & tie. • The foreign trip will be to Prague 5-8th. March 2026 as it was felt there too many negatives for Marrakesh. • There will be 3 sessions to make lanterns in All Saints Church, plus one at Richard's on Nov 8th. Youth, Community & International; • Peter B is currently in Laos, before moving to Nepal. • An update on progress will be forthcoming. Neighbourhood Defib campaign launched last month and our marketing program is underway.

	A grant has been applied for from LLTC for £500 to cover further marketing costs. Chris will also be doing a presentation to Councillors at astral Park on 24/11. The first Defib Discovery Evening has been switched to next week on Wed 12th and we hope to have a second, 2 weeks later, on Wed 26th Nov. Yes We Can - All good, reaching out to the SEND leads in local junior schools, with two responses currently from Leedon & Rushmere academy. May Day Fayre - With everything else that is going on it will be early January before there will be a committee meeting. However, there has already been signs of interest in stalls, and some acts have already been booked for the main arena (Dangerous Steve, Little Nipper Terrier Racing and Hawk-walk birds of prey). - Dick gave out a plea for members to think about the future of the MDF. It is getting more expensive to obtain interesting acts to show – typically about £1-1.5k for a basic show, with several acts now demanding £5-6k for a couple 20-minute shows. It will become more of a problem as time goes on. Comms Team: - Excellent month with regard to publicity, with stories around the crocus planting, Charity giving, the defibrillators and the lantern workshops and there has been good reactions from them all. - There has particularly high take-up in terms of the lanterns with over 10,000 interactions. - All other publicity output will be put on hold once Santa starts, in order to get maximum impact. - Dick had a good meeting with Andrena from Buzz Local with support both YWC and our Santa news in both the magazine and on social feeds. Membership: - Currently active recruitment is on hold, but Chris is to discuss with the Club Board the possibility of starting it up again. Depending on the results of this talk, he may come back to the Club. Santa - Version 1 of the Santa Rota is out, with V2 to be published at the Nov 24th briefing. - The rotas for the supermarkets will be produced shortly. Please let Dick know if you are able to help.
<u>A.O.B.</u>	The meeting finished at 9.45.
<u>D.O.N.M.</u>	Next business meeting Dec 1st 2025 – sit down at 7.30.