



Shevington and District Community Association

Registered Charity No. 513784

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GREATER MANCHESTER
AGE-FRIENDLY



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026

Welcome and introductions

Elaine welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

Present

Elaine Ellams; Linda Hill; ; Kathy Lamb; Shirley Lusher; Jim Maloney; Carole Miles; Sheila Milnes; Andrew Moakes ; Gill Rigby; Hannah Roby; John Whiteley; Marlaine Whitham

Apologies

Paul Collins; Mike Crosby; Lorna Ellis; Helen Hurst; Izzy Morris; Ira Whiteley

Minutes of the November meeting

Proposed by Jim, seconded by Andrew, they were signed as a true record.

The King's Award

The event at the library was well attended and a great success. Elaine has offered to take the crystal to any groups who haven't seen it on request.

Digital screen at the library

With everything running smoothly, the screen will cease to be an agenda item.

Finances

Helen was unable to attend the meeting

District Councillors' report

No councillors were available to attend the meeting. Any report received will be included in the minutes.

Parish Council updates

John said there will be a meeting tomorrow. Agreeing the precept will be discussed. It was noted that PC notice boards around the district hold very out of date information. John will mention this at the meeting. The notice board outside the library cannot be unlocked. Information for the meeting was taped to the outside of the glass.

Additional updates from those present

Jim said the next quiz at the Parish Centre will be this Friday 30th January from 7.45. Tickets are £6. Funds will go to CA. to help other voluntary groups.

Marlaine said there was still room for more teams to join.

Andrew will visit Topshop tomorrow to discuss siting a free defib. machine.

Standish Lower Ground would be an alternative should Top Shop not agree.

Andrew has ordered two cables to clear memory on two defibs that have been used.

Hannah volunteered Lansafe to fund the maintenance of at least one defib.

Andrew has organized training on how to use defibs and CPR. with Trevor Williams from North West Ambulance on 20th February from 1pm at the Parish Rooms. Elaine will produce posters.

There will be a talk about Rainback Cottage in Halsall by Sue Beacon at the February GC meeting on Monday 9th. in the Parish Rooms. The Spring Show via the two allotments will be on Saturday 28th. March. Schedules are now available. Carole said there will be a Spring Fair at the Methodist building on 21st March.

This will be the first joint venture with Crooke and The Vale and proceeds will be split between the churches. The film show at The Vale last Saturday with soup & cake before the film in the church was enjoyed by people from the three churches.

Shirley said the Digital Learning courses continue with filled places and positive feedback from 2025 sessions. The next course will start on 14th April until 16th June. Each course runs for 10 weeks on Tuesdays from 10 -12. The organizers will be meeting with Tech mates next week to discuss what each group contributes and ideas on how to move forward in the future.

Pam said the Art Group have no plans for an exhibition, but continue to enjoy as a social event and welcome the positive comments of people who come to the library.

Linda said the shoeboxes were processed in Burnley and over 16thousand were delivered on two lorries in time for Christmas. International Aid in Tarleton are doing shoe boxes all year and have opened a furniture shop.

Gill said the Hospice shop in Shevington should reopen in 2 -3 weeks time. She had attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at the Town Hall earlier today, a moving occasion with speakers and relatives of the six million Jews slaughtered over eighty years ago.

John hopes to retire as secretary of the Youth Club on 31st March and is seeking a replacement, perhaps as a paid position.

Kathy is planning a kids craft session at the Methodist building during Friday coffee morning on 20th February from 10 -11.30am. With an Easter Bonnet competition.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Date and time of next meeting
The AGM Tuesday 24th February 2026

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