



Shevington and District Community Association

Registered Charity No. 513784

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GREATER MANCHESTER
AGE-FRIENDLY



Minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2026

Welcome and introductions

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting

Present

Mike Crosby; Elaine Ellams; Lorna Ellis; Linda Hill; Helen Hurst; Kathy Lamb; Shirley Lusher; Jim Maloney; Carole Miles; Sheila Milnes; Andrew Moakes ; Gill Rigby; John Whiteley; Marlaine Whitham

Apologies

Bea Coulson; Izzy Morris; Hannah Roby; Izzy Morris; Ira Whiteley

Minutes of the February AGM meeting

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

Finances

The Quiz raised £408 with thanks to quiz master Jim.

There is a grant application for Fete 26 for the usual sum of £250. It had been agreed to grant £220 to a local Year 9 rugby team, the shortfall from their fundraising for a coach for an away game.

Room hire for CA meetings and TecMates paid and the Garden Club cheque reissued.

District Councillors' report

Further discussion about potholes. Mike informed the group that Wigan council have a good rating for mending them. Concerns re weed killer on grass edges being pet friendly. Elaine had contacted the council to ask and was assured that it is safe. Gathurst railway bridge will be closed for a day by Network Rail. The litter pick on Saturday had been well attended with several new people joining in.

Parish Council updates

In addition to local elections on 7th May there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor for south ward. Items discussed at the meeting last week included funds request for a tractor for Vicarage Lane sports field, the planter contract & ground maintenance for three years by Moss Bank and hopes for a newsletter. There are ongoing issues re keys for the PC notice boards. The next meeting will be on 29th April.

Transport Issues

Marlaine led a discussion about raising confidence for travel using Driven & Ring and Ride, the Bee network and learning how to use tec to book taxis and ubers. Alex from TecMates will be coming to the June meeting. Ring and Ride will be contacted to ask if someone could attend a meeting to discuss what is often a less than ideal service.

Additional updates from those present

Gill said the tree in memory of Dr Surman, a Sweet Liquidamber is sited on land opposite The Hospice. Gill will work on suitable wording for a plaque.

Kathy said there will be communion at Crooke on Thursday at 6pm and a Walk of Witness on Good Friday from St Anne's from 11am, with refreshments at the Methodist Church including hot cross buns and a meditation at 12.30. There will be a service at St Anne's at 2pm. There are posters advertising a children's craft event during Friday coffee from 10 -11.30 on 10th April.

Jim suggested Friday 3rd July for the summer quiz,

Lorna said there will be a sunrise service at St Anne's on Easter morning at 6am with bacon butties after and an 11am service with the usual refreshments following the service.

Andrew said the Allotments Spring Show had included some spectacular daffodils. Schools had been more involved, including a bee keeping display by Millbrook. The talk at the Garden Club on Monday 13th April will be by Graham Hough about Rivington Terrace Garden. The bid to North West Ambulance for a free defib was not successful as the area is deemed to be too well covered!! Shirley sent details of Digital Learning at Shevington Library:- The last course was a success despite being cut short by two weeks due to library closure for refurbishment. The next course will be from April 14th - June 16th, ten weeks, from 10am - 12 noon £3 per session. Application forms are available at the library.

Linda said International Aid had sent a 60 foot lorry full of aid to Ukraine.

Please continue to donate. The shoe box initiative is ongoing.

A reminder to the group that bin day will be on Wednesday this week..... Black bin. No Soup and Sandwich on Monday.

Elaine noted how waterlogged the the rec' can get and will contact Jim, (who had left) re discussing with the Ground Trustees.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Date and time of next meeting
Tuesday 28th April

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