Minutes of Whitchurch Photographic Society Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 via Zoom

Present: **Marc Brimble; David Powell; Martyn Daniels; Les Jones; Sandy Robertson; Paul Hayward**
21.39. Apologies for absence were received from **Julia Finch** / **Richard Priestley.**

21.40. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2021.

21.40.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2021 were **approved** as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of subsequent apologies being **received** from **Sandy Robertson** and **Les Jones**

21.41. Matters arising Nil

21.42 COVID 19 policy
It was **agreed** that in relation to **minute 21.35.2 –COVID19 policy** that the policy should remain unchanged, except that refreshments should be reintroduced based on the following;

- Members would be asked to bring their own cups etc
- Volunteers would be asked to help with the issue of tea and coffee
- New supplies of tea, coffee, sugar and milk would be obtained

ACTION SR/MB

21.43. Minute 21.35.3. Strategy / action re 3 officer posts falling vacant at 2022 AGM
It was **agreed** that

1. The issues referred to in **minute 25,35.3** continued to be of major concern
2. **MB** and **DP** would review the potential for recruitment of future committee members and **DP** would then approach colleagues for informal discussions

ACTION MB/DP

21.44. Creative Whitchurch - Minutes 21.19 /21.26.1
It was **noted** that;
1.**RP** had discussed the position with regard to Creative Whitchurch for the development of an Arts Centre in Whitchurch and had been informed there was no possibility of this proceeding in the near future due to a lack of funding and leadership.
2. The issues with regard to the continuing use of Pearl Yard had largely been resolved for the immediate future
3. **MB** and **DP** would discuss with the new Senior Citizens Committee the possibility of further storage facilities. **ACTION MB/ DP**

21.45. Chairman's report
it was **noted** that resumption of meetings at Pearl Yard seemed to be going well ,, although **MB** was concerned that a number of members had yet to return to face to face meetings which would be followed up to see how any concerns might be practically assuaged **ACTION MB**

21.46. Treasurers report

It was **noted** that a small deficit was predicted for 2021 / 2022; it might be necessary to review the fees for 2022/ 2023 within the concept of rolling budgets being produced

ACTION DP would contact budget holders re their 3 year forecasts

21.47 Membership Secretary's report
It was **noted** that membership numbers and attendances were holding up steadily and reminders would be sent to members with regard to fees owing .**ACTION DP**

21.48 Competition Secretary's report
It was **noted** that the number of competition entries was rising steadily and that the photo entry list would be updated accordingly**. ACTION MD**

21.49 IT report
It was **noted** that there was some duplication of details of the statements of the competition rules on the website, which needed some simplification and amendments.
ACTION LJ /MD / MB

21.50 Any other business.

21.50.1 60th anniversary of WPS in 2022
It was **agreed** that:

1. An event/ celebration of the 60th anniversary of WPS should take place in the summer of 2022 including some photography and a social event
2. Guests could be invited to mark longstanding relationships and potentially to establish the concept of " Friends of WPS " with an appropriate gift .Suggested guests might include e.g. Andy Polakowski ,Peter Cheetham, Geraldine Stephenson and Dr Brian Law

ACTION MB / SR

21.50.2. ZOOM based streaming of Pearl Yard sessions
It was **agreed** to ZOOM only the agreed sessions in 2021 / 2022 and to review this issue at the close of this season's programme. **ACTION MD / LJ**

21.50.3 Christmas party 2021
It was **agreed** to ask members to bring their own food / drink this year with some appropriate entertainment being provided where possible. E.g. music, quiz **ACTION SR**

21.50.4 Presentation of trophies
It was **agreed** that these should be distributed at the next members' session. **ACTION MB**

21.51 Date and time of next ZOOM based WPS committee meeting
It was agreed that the next committee meeting should be held by ZOOM at 730pm on Wednesday 19th January 2022.