

**Wilton Link**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
7.00 pm Wednesday 25 May 2022  
Minutes of meeting

**Attendance** :Committee members: Roger Williams, Valerie Williams, Steve Long, Beth Andrews, Sheila Clifford.

Volunteers and clients: Christine Wickham, Pauline Mahony, John Gosling, Sarah Puttock, Rachel Flower. Apologies: Irene Long, Mrs Blanchett.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Roger Williams welcomed all present to the AGM and introduced the Committee members.

2. Minutes of meeting on 9 Oct 2021

Christine Wickham proposed that these be accepted as read. This was seconded by Pauline Mahony

3. Matters Arising: Nil

4. Report by Chair

Roger informed the meeting that Wilton Link was one of 45 schemes which operated across the county. Prior to lockdown the schemes had travelled in excess of a million miles in a year providing transport to clients.

Roger referred the meeting to his report (enclosed with minutes).

A discussion followed Rogers report on the efforts to recruit new volunteers. Roger advised the meeting that the Committee had made a number of efforts including use of posters, advertising on Wilton Town website and in Valley News. Most recently adverts have been made on social media which has resulted in 2 enquiries.

5. Treasurers Report:

Sheila has recently taken up the role of Treasurer but prior to then and at end of 2021 Roger had performed Treasurers duties. Arrangements are in place for the Link accounts to be examined twice a year by an independent financial auditor. The individual who does this at no charge is a retired bank manager.

Roger referred to the statement of accounts (enclose with minutes) and reported financial matters for 2021 as follows:

During 2021 the Link received total income of £1,302.50

The total expenditure for 2021 was £1,932.25

The main item of expenditure was drivers reimbursements of £2,922.25.

The balance at the end of 2021 was a small loss of £629.75 but the scheme continues to be in a healthy financial state.

The balance including monies placed with Shawbrook Bank at the end of 2021 was £11,093.82. This compares to a balance of £11,723.57 at the end of 2020.

## 6. Secretary's report

Steve reported as follows:

The Link Insurance had been renewed at the beginning of May 22 through Wiltshire Community First. This is a block insurance which covers all Link schemes in the county and means we save about £100 on previous arrangements. The premium for 2022 has not increased from 2021.

We have continued to work with the Salisbury Silver project for the Link who have delivered afternoon teas to some of our clients. Roger told the meeting he had been requested to write an article about the Link scheme for a Silver Salisbury publication.

The Committee has agreed to deliver a bunch of flowers each month to one of our clients. The decision as to who receives the flowers is taken by Roger.

## 7. Election of Officers

All Committee members were willing to continue in their role. A proposal for re-election of all was made by Christine Wickham and seconded by Pauline Mahoney.

## 8. Clients outing

RW informed the meeting of arrangements for the summer clients outing on 8 June 22 to Compton Abbas airfield and to the jigsaw factory at Ashmore.

## 9. AOB

Pauline reported to the meeting that she had recently participated in the SAGE driving assessment and received a positive report from the instructor. Pauline felt it was a positive initiative and Roger thanked her and said he would use her experience to promote to other volunteers at our get together.

Christine Wickham asked that the appreciation of all those who benefitted from the Link service be recorded in the minutes.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.