



# The Motor Caravanners' Club North West Midlands & North Wales Group



## Helsby - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

The meeting was convened at 10.35 am.

Present :-

Lynn Miller - Vice Chairperson

Penny Feeney - Secretary

Eileen Harvey - Treasurer

Paula Wilks - Committee Member

Gail Blackwell - Committee Member

### 1 Apologies

Martin Wilks

Mike and Linda Hastilow

### 2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting at Tytherington High School had been circulated and were passed as a true record.

Proposed Eileen Harvey Seconded Lynn Miller Passed unanimously

The Vice Chairperson, Lynn, signed the minutes.

### Matters arising

The fire extinguishers

Eileen had investigated the new, smaller extinguishers and after further discussion it was decided to go ahead and order 2 to replace the large ones at present being carried and to encourage members to buy this new type. They seem to be more efficient and are recommended by the Club.

Proposed Lynn Seconded Paula Passed unanimously.

### 3 Reports

Chairperson's report

Martin sent his apologies as he is unwell. He wished to thank the hosts for the New Year Rally. He, also, thanked everyone for their continued help and support.

Secretary's Report

Penny reported that the membership is declining at present. More than 15 lapses or cancellations since Christmas. Over 300 rally programmes had been posted to members.

Communications from head office included information about the pre - National rally at Clacton on Sea from the Essex Group and a charity walk from the Northern Irish Group. These will be displayed on the notice board.

The caterer has been provisionally booked for Christmas 2018.

Treasurer's Report

Eileen had the figures from the bank 1st February 2018

Business account £3514.12 including 62p interest

Community account £1552.62

There are still some outstanding expenses for the Christmas Party and Tytherington School needs paying as does the website.

#### Rally Officer's Report

Mike sent apologies and a printed report in which he said his absence is partly a working one as they are scouting for new venues while away.

He reported that the 2019 rally programme is well on the way with bank holidays booked, awaiting the return of confirmation slips.

He had a couple of ideas for consideration. These were briefly discussed, but it was decided further information was needed before decisions could be made.

The committee were in favour of the suggestion to have joint or invitation rallies with the East Midlands Group.

#### 4 Feed back on the Christmas Party and New Year Rallies

The Christmas Party numbers were slightly down some saying they did not know about it until too late.

It was decided to advertise earlier and to sell the tickets earlier.

Proposed Penny Seconded Lynn Passed unanimously

Some members left early because of the snow conditions. Many were worried about getting home safely.

It was reported that maybe the New Year Rally is too long and maybe an alternative venue should be found.

This is not so easily done as many venues are booked years in advance.

#### 5 Easter Rally

As this rally is also held at Oswestry it was decided that entertainment (cost dependent) should be considered to encourage members to attend as well as the various activities such as boules, horse-racing game etc.

Try the decorated cake competition again.

#### 6 May Day Rally

The venue has many attractions. As there is a room for socials so there will be activities in the evening.

It was decided to push the venue through the special rallies list in the magazine and to point out that Cosford Air Museum is close by and this is the 100 years anniversary of the RAF.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 12.15pm.