

**NORTH WEST MIDLANDS AND NORTH WALES GROUP**  
**of the**  
**MOTOR CARAVANNERS CLUB**

**Minutes of the committee meeting at Cranage Village Hall on**  
**February 15th 2025**

The meeting was convened at 10.05am

Present

Linda Hastilow - Chairperson

Lyn Linay - Secretary

Charles Goldthorpe - Rally Officer

Shirley Hill - Committee member

Jane Parnill - Committee member

Sue Ford - Committee member

Phil Ford - Committee member

Mike Hastilow - Committee member

1. Apologies

Geoff Balshaw

Eileen Harvey

2. Minutes of the previous meeting at Tilstock have been circulated and accepted as a true record. Signed by Linda Hastilow, Chairperson.

Linda welcomed everybody to the meeting, the first of all the new committee members. Everyone sent their good wishes to Eileen, all wishing her a speedy recovery.

Banking details as of 13 - 02 - 2025 11.04am

Current Acc £1491.61 Savings Acc £5079.33

3. Matters arising.

A few of the group's members have asked about a slight reduction in rally fees for single occupancy vans. As Eileen (treasurer) wasn't present it was felt that

we couldn't make the decision and it was decided to leave the discussion until the AGM in October. It could then be put to the group as a whole.

## Rallies

**Brymbo:-** Lyn and Charlie will handle the booking in and parking up. Mike and Linda are also attending and available to help if needed. Shirley reported that Brymbo had an entertainer booked for Saturday evening - Paul Hand.

**Checkley:-** Sue and Phil, Shirley and Darren booking in and hosting.

Suggested game of left right centre. The late start time of 5pm is not popular with members and Charlie expressed he was unwilling to book the venue again because of this and also because it is an expensive hall that we do not have the use of until 8pm on Friday. This is due to dog training classes.

**Talacre:-** Linda and Mike (booking in) Sue and Phil, Jane and Brian attending. As this is a pub car park and the pub are providing some entertainment this is a free and easy weekend. Unsure about the number of spaces allotted Lyn and Charlie have said they will visit and double check the area. Bookable for 25 vans according to the previous rally officer.

**Shrewsbury:-** Due to recent floods the condition of the grassed areas of the showground are extremely muddy/boggy. Charlie has made frequent attempts to contact the staff at the Showground but the phones are not being answered and mobiles simply ring out. After having to cancel last year's Easter rally the worry is that we will have to do so again. With that in mind the planned Hog Roast will be cancelled and moved to Cockshut later in the year if possible. Charlie will ring and ask if that is possible.

**Newport:-** Charlie raised the point that the weekend we are at Newport it is the 80th Anniversary of VE day. Appropriate flags and bunting for dressing the vans could be encouraged. Ask the rugby club if they would be able to make Sunday lunch again. Tea and coffee could be available from the club in the mornings.

**Porthmadog:-** A change of venue from the football club to the rugby club. Still waiting for written confirmation from the club. Charlie to chase this up.

**Bala:-** All ok. Possibility of a meal.

**Lyme View Marina:-** All ok. Lyn and Charlie to visit to check out local amenities.

**Llangollen:-** August Bank Holiday weekend. Committee run rally. No meal this year, several members were disappointed with last years. Electric available if needed.

**Salford Lads Club:-** All ok. Linda and Mike to Host.

**White Lodge:-** New venue. Free and easy weekend. Plenty to do in the area.

**Eccleshall:-** All ok

**Wistanstow:-** Halloween weekend. Shirley and Darren to host. Dress your vans, curling, fancy dress. Possible:- fish and chip van to visit on the Friday evening.

**Hough:-** Free and easy weekend. Small car park 18 - 20 vans so bookable

Jane put forward the idea of a suggestion box to be available at the rallies for members to drop ideas etc into. This was thought to be a good idea and Jane then volunteered Brian to make the box!

Linda closed the meeting at 12.05pm.