

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

Minutes of the committee meeting held at Alveley Social Club on
28/06/2025

The meeting was convened at 10.35am

Present

Linda Hastilow - Chairperson

Eileen Harvey - Treasurer

Lyn Linay - Secretary

Charles Goldthorpe - Rally Officer

Mike Hastilow - Committee member

1. Apologies

Shirley Hill

Jane Parnill

Phil Ford

Sue Ford

2. The minutes of the previous meeting at Shrewsbury Showground have been circulated and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Charles Goldthorpe and accepted by Mike Hastilow. Signed by Linda Hastilow, Chairperson.

Banking Details as of 28/06/2025 :- Community Acct £2120.81 Savings Acct £5094.28

3. Linda brought Geoff Balshaw's (ViceChairperson) letter of resignation with her for the committee to read and which is copied below.

Dear Madam Chairwoman,

It is with deep regret that I must tender my resignation as vice chairman of the North West Midlands and North Wales group. Brenda and I are selling our motorhome. The Bramblewood rally will be our last rally. This decision has been based on personal reasons and not caused by anything or any person connected with the group. We wish you all many enjoyable rallies in the future.

Geoffrey Balshaw 29/5/2025

The committee sends their thanks to Geoff and Brenda for all their help and hard work over their time in the group.

Matters arising - future rallies

Porthmadog. Charlie reported that he had finally received the PUPN from the rugby club and that the use of the room, toilets and showers was now agreed. Payment for those would be as a donation towards the facilities and support for the children and youth teams. We agreed to add £1 PUPN onto the cost or a minimum of £100. Charlie also reported that there was to be a carboot sale on Sunday morning and that it would be an early start for it with sellers arriving at 6am.

Bala. It was decided not to book a meal through the rugby club as the rally was not bookable and numbers therefore unknown. We have use of the kitchen so something could be provided if enough people were interested. E.G. Hot Dogs, baked potatoes etc. Ann and Dennis Allman (new members) have offered to host this rally and Linda and Mike will be offering help and guidance as joint hosts.

Lyme View Marina. New venue. Hosts are Lyn and Charlie. A marquee is available for the weekend (3 nights) with electric etc. Showers are available on site - £1. Lots to do in the area and a bus service available into either Macclesfield or Poynton, then Stockport. Not on Sundays unfortunately.

Cockshutt. The Hog roast is booked and will be on Saturday at 7.30pm. It will serve 84 people so the rally is now bookable to around 40 vans. Firstly to NWMids group members and then open to all MCC members. We decided against a singer/act. There will be a raffle.

Llangollen. Chris and Fred Allen have offered to help host with Lyn and Charlie. Linda and Mike have said they will help also as this has always been a committee hosted rally and is usually far too well attended for just a couple of hosts to manage. There will be a table top sale and ralliers are welcome to have items outside their vans. We have booked the room for Friday and Saturday nights and have an entertainer for Saturday. There will be a raffle. Costs are £20 PUPN and £5 EHU PUPN.

Salford Childrens Holiday Camp. A free and easy week as this venue is close to the beach and all the holiday amenities plus the bus route along the coast to other towns. Fish and chips can be ordered in one evening. Showers will be available for a £1 donation towards the children's charity.

White Lodge. All ok but still need hosts

Eccleshall. All ok but still need hosts

Brymbo. AGM

Wistanstow. Need to discuss details with Shirley and Jane. Fabulous rally last year,

Hough. Building is work now finished. Limited to 18 vans

Bickerton. Christmas meal and party. An entertainer/singer to be booked. Hot choc etc on Saturday morning, games etc until mid afternoon. Provisional cost will be £40 per person for the weekend and the meal. 1 bottle wine per couple plus a sherry reception

Minsterley. Booked for New Year. A Singer/entertainer to be booked and buffet will be provided.

Linda closed the meeting at 12.25. The next committee meeting will be at Cockshutt.

