

The Motor Caravanners' Club

North West Midlands & North Wales Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 28th February 2026 at Brymbo Sports and Social Club

Attended

Martin Wilks (MW), Ian Hill (IH), Fred Allen (FA), Dennis Allman (DA), Geoff Pearce (GP), Eileen Harvey (EH), Chris Allen (CA), Len Evans (LA)

1. **Apologies** – There were no apologies.
2. **Previous minutes** – these were agreed with 1 amendment to the accounts that should have read £3112.43 not £311.43.

Proposed: FA, Seconded: GP. **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0**

No Matters arising from these minutes

Ratification of Position Changes on Committee. MW as Chair, DA as Vice Chair & Rally Officer, GP as Safety Officer, rest to remain the same. **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0.**

3. **Chairmans Report**

Thanks for the committees support and acceptance of the committee structure change. Informed the meeting that it is now time to draw a line and move forward. He also stated that we may disagree in the meeting and sometime not happy with the result, but we walk away as friends, and we keep committee discussions within the committee especially if sensitive until the time for it to be released to the membership.

Secretaries Report –

Current Membership – 309 members

11 new members since Jan 26

2 cancellations since Jan 26

4 lapses since Jan 26

3 group transfers since Jan 26

Group email address has been redirected to myself –

nwmidsandwales@themotorcaravannersclub.co.uk and a Gmail email has been set up nwmandnw@gmail.com

Wish it to be noted that a thanks needs to go to Ron and Penny at the club office for all their help during the transition

Since the EGM I have created the new Agenda, I have rewritten the welcome letter to be less formal and created a printable numbered new members voucher, this is on a list which I will send once a month or as requested to Fred so he can ensure they are only ticked off so there is no duplications. I have also started to remove the paperwork side of the job and create electronic files of the important documents.

Going forward I would like all reports to be sent electronically to me by the weekend prior to the next meeting so that I can process them and send them out in the meeting pack prior to the meeting. This will give you time to read, digest and prepare and questions. Hopefully this will speed up the meetings.

Treasurers Report

A month on and FA is still not able to access the Bank Online or has no Bank ID. **FA and EH will chase.**

Community Account - £2139.52

Commercial Savings Account - £3113.84

There is an outstanding donation to Air Ambulance of £350 not paid, **FA/EH to chase.**

Following a conversation with Paul Maguire the Clubs Financial Officer, it was suggested that EH should create a set of balanced accounts up to the EGM when FA took over. **EH informed the meeting that this was already in hand and Joan Woolnough had agreed to check them.**

After some discussion, it was agreed that we obtain a Square Card machine, the cost is a one-off payment of £22.80 plus 1.75% transaction fee. **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0. IH to sort this out, FA to have the Card Reader and as many Committee members as required to have the App on their phones.**

Rally Officers Report

After lots of checking and calls DA has now got all the details for all this year's rallies except for White Lodge. EH said that the owner has always been hard to get hold of, but his father is a member and **IH should have his contact details.**

The Waterways Museum DA has visited and renegotiated a price of £15/pupn with a room for the evenings and free entry into the museum.

Newport Rugby Club appears to have some issues with Kitchens but has agreed to bring in a Fish and Chip van on Friday, he will put entertainment on Saturday and Bacon Rolls on Sunday. **FA and CA said they would call on their way home to discuss.**

Easter - DA has booked David Barnes from The Voice for the Saturday night, MW and IH informed the committee that they will be leaving on the Sunday due to family commitments.

Shrewsbury Pre National Rally – IH visited the showground, all is in place except the small upstairs room had been booked just for 1 night. IH agreed with the showground that we could change this to the Berwick Pavillion, however this will have been recently renovated but does not have any heating. NW has booked a Neil Diamond Tribute for the Saturday Night and Monty Don a Leo Sayer style singer for the Monday night. **DA contact the showground regarding tables and chairs in the Berwick Pavilion**
MW has booked vocalist Amy Hannan for the Christmas Party

Web Master – Everything is up to date

4. **Health & Safety** – Nothing to report

5. **Notified Topics**

National – the party night colour is Pink; suggestions were put out of a pink Garden Party and Barbie and Ken (favourite). Suggested it was put to the members at coffee morning.

As we are running the Pre National and then straight to the National it was suggested that additional working party was requested for the Pre National and we needed Marshalls for the group at the National. We have not heard anything from COM regarding the National, so it was decided we don't put ourselves forward for things like Booking in Marshalls, etc.

Accounts Examiner – **EH to speak with Joan Woolnough to see if she was still up to doing it since her illness and the ongoing care for George.**

Sound System – The old system was given to Jakob Hill who is a professional Sound & Lighting Engineer after it would not work at Onneley, he could not get the system to switch on and thus was scrap. He suggested a new system which is used a lot by his and other event companies. It was agreed that we should purchase a Sub Zero D10 system for £359 and a set of Radio Microphones up to the value of £150. **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0. IH to purchase.**

Recruitment Flyer- DA suggested it would be a good idea to have some form of recruitment flyer to give to perspective members. IH informed him that they were available free from the club and distributed a few. IH was asked to get some more. LE suggested that it would be good to have an internal window sticker which said our Group and maybe a funny strapline. **IH to get a quote.**

Roles & Responsibilities – these were distributed.

Dedicated Entertainments Booking Person – this was discussed and it was decided we didn't need on for this year.

6. **Any other business**

MW suggested that all hosts should get the weekend rally fees free. There was a discussion and it was agreed that this should be the case, however hosts should be encouraged to put some effort into hosting, more that just booking in. **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0.**