

The Motor Caravanners' Club

North West Midlands & North Wales Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 18th April 2026 White Lodge Caravan Park

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)

Meeting Opened 10.06am

1. **Apologies** – There were no apologies.
2. **Previous minutes** – these were agreed.
Proposed: EH, Seconded: DA. **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0**

FA – now on Bank

FA – paid Air Ambulance

Joan Woolnough is not going to carry on as Accounts Checker, Brian Hersall, past Club Chairman has been asked and agreed.

EH proposed, CA Seconded **Vote: FOR 8, AGAINST 0**

IH – credit card machine sorted, **IH needs to set up on FE, EH, MW, IH mobiles** to ensure access at rallies. FA to hold the card reader.

PA system purchase. In addition a set of second-hand speaker stands and Dean Kindlysides has offer to give the group a small mixing desk and some cables to make life easier.

Stickers – samples liked, size agreed need a design before we get a quote. **IH TO PROGRESS**

3. Chairmans Report

Rally attendance remains very encouraging, and we continue to receive excellent feedback from members. I would like to express sincere thanks to Dennis for his dedication, both during rallies and in the considerable work he undertakes behind the scenes to ensure their success, as well as his ongoing efforts in preparing next year's rally calendar.

4. Secretaries Report –

Current Membership – 302 members

16 new members since Jan 26

14 cancellations/lapse since Jan 26

My email: nwmandnw@gmail.com

Membership wise we have not really moved; we still need to promote and encourage.

I have had a letter from Alastair Bartlam – Club Group Liaison Lead regarding the Groups Conference at the National. He has asked for any concerns or any points we wish to raise at this meeting, sadly he hasn't put on which day or time the meeting is being held, so I have no idea however we are usually asked to send two representatives.

Treasurers Report

Amount in current account £3977.49.

Savings account 3116.35.

Still to pay Ellesmere Port Waterways Museum. Awaiting invoice. Approx. £495.

Still holding around 13 refunds from waterways after leaving early. Around £200.

Members have asked us to hold for future rallies.

Discussed regarding the card machine and payment by cash etc, **it is suggested the DA informs venues that we need their Bank Details to pay the fees.** We may need to plan to keep cash back if we need to pay an artist in cash rather than electronically, however we should ask if this is possible.

MW suggested £5 for day visitor/evening entertainment.

FA has suggested he produces an envelope for receipts, committee has the group bank details to paying in money if they are not there such as holidays.

MW to be put on the Bank Account instead of Penny

Rally Officers Report

We have attended Hough Village Hall the hall was very small for number attending., Onnerley CC, Brymbo, Good singer, Ellesmere Port Waterways Museum. Fantastic Venue spoilt by circumstances beyond our control. Ludlow Racecourse was a great venue. Well attended. Entertainment was popular.

Next rally at White Lodge and then on to Newport RC.

There are some members who are going to Shrewsbury and then on to the National. Others only going to Shrewsbury. We need a list from Eileen for those who have booked EHU to be given to the booking in people. We need to decide what equipment will be required before White Lodge so that I can distribute it to others at White Lodge or Newport. We also need to organise taking equipment from Shrewsbury to The National.

Annie and I will host Onnerley CC 20/22 oct 2026

Thanks to Martin & Ian for helping me sort out the rallies for 2027.

Apart from Bank Holidays I am currently only booking two nights as we are having problems finding host who can do the final day.

Disappointed with White Lodge as no lights in marque. If booked again DA to ensure 240v lights in marque, suggest it is a summer venue.

Web Master – Everything is up to date

5. **Health & Safety** – Nothing to report, suggested an accident book is purchased. **IH TO SORT**

6. **Notified Topics**

Pre-National Shrewsbury – **DA/IH to chase chairs, FA/CA to speak to Reception on arrival at Shrewsbury.**

Need to find the Reception Banners.

Parking up at rallies – we must ensure hosts need to park up, please let people know that if you want to park together you need to arrive together. People complaining about not parking where they have been told. Suggest using a 4m rope to allow easy parking.

National – we need two group marshalls. IH has messaged Dave and Agnes Hulme but not had a response. IH to get latest list and email all going and asking for marshalls. The theme is going to be Barbie, agreed that we give £10 per unit towards national decoration, etc. Proposed IH, Seconded MW **VOTE 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST**

How to get the correct paperwork– On the website there is a file with all the paperwork called Committee Documents on the Committee Tab.

Laptop– this is outdated and not fit for purpose especially music. IH proposed we purchase a new laptop with laptop and futureproofed.

IH/EH to investigate, post on the WhatsApp Group and purchase.

7. **Any other business**

New Year Rally is hopefully going to be at Ludlow Racecourse. We have an entertainer on the 30th December and own entertainment and look at food on New Years Eve so will need the Kitchen.

LE suggested we have less rallies next year but good venues, maybe less 5 day rallies. DA will take this onboard.

Suggest we look at a process for Raffle, Bingo, Open the box, Take your Pick, etc. so people no what to record, where and how.

Meeting Closed 11.45am

