



ANWCC Minutes of Meeting

held 11th November 2025

via Zoom

Action Summary

The following actions are summarised from the meeting minutes:

Minute	Action	
2025.58 - Motorsport UK Reports Rallies Executive	Feedback to MSUK club dissatisfaction regarding the short consultation period on the road rally licensing/technical regulations.	Mark Wilkinson
2025.59 – Discussion of Sprint/Hillclimb	Ask Andrew Bisping whether non-championship hill climb venue operators had been intentionally excluded from the Hill Climb Venue Operators' Working Group.	Mark Wilkinson
2025.60 - Regional Association Development Plan Recruitment Subgroup	Provide Jack with contact details for the Recruitment subgroup.	Tracey Smith
2025.63 - Secretary's Report a.) Correspondence	Remove the need to submit private addresses from the club registration form.	Dave Thomas
2025.65 – Championships	Consult clubs on the draft 2026 speed championship regulations.	Dave Thomas & Jonathan Baines
	Actively promote the ANWCC championships, including the marshal championship, at their events.	ALL

Apologies for Absence:

Martin Blackburn (Manx Motor Sport Marshals Association Limited), Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC), Colin Lester-Jones (North Wales CC), David Gregory (Quinton MC), Tim Bendelow (ANCC), Nancy Russell (Stockport 061) and Oz Phillips (BMMC NW),

Present were:

Ann McCormack (Warrington DMC), Barry Wilkinson (Pendle DMC), Chris Winstanley (Longton DMC), Eric Cowcill (PaN), Gareth Roberts (Broughton-Bretton MC), Jon Cordery (BRMC), Jonathan Armishaw (AMRO), Jonathan Baines (Liverpool MC), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe DMC), Michael Ashcroft (Aintree CC), Paul Goodman (MGCC (NW)), Richard Murtha (Lancashire AC), Roger Hopkins (Knutsford DMC), Roy Bell (ANEMMC), Steve Johnson (CSMA NW, SD34MSG, U17MC(NW) and Accrington MSC), Martin Jelley (Preston & District Vintage CC) and Steve Kenyon (Garstang and Preston MC).



Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman/Stockport 061/Motor Sport (North West)/2300 Club), John Harden (Vice-Chairman and Liverpool MC), Jack Mather (Vice-Chairman and Bolton-le-Moors CC), Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator, North Wales CC), Jim Spencer (Treasurer/BRCA and Hagley), Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC) and Tracey Smith (Secretary).

2025.55 - Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting. Delegates complained that they had not automatically received the meeting link. Tracey Smith explained that the link had been shared on request.

2025.56 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Jack Mather.

2025.57 - Matters Arising and Actions from the Previous Meeting

Club inclusion-Jim Spencer explained that there had been a long-standing matter around the Sport England definition of motorsport. Radio-controlled car racing was not considered a motorsport activity by Sport England. The British Radio Car Association (BRCA) has been lobbying Motorsport UK (MSUK) to extend the Sport England list to include radio-controlled car racing as a recognised motorsport activity. However, MSUK had now taken the position that BRCA would no longer be recognised as a MSUK club in 2026 on grounds of liability. The BRCA's potential exclusion from MSUK in 2026 raised concerns about the organisation's future involvement in motorsport activities, particularly their STEM programs for schools and colleges and the S-RC Cup. Meeting delegates noted that E-sports were a similar type of sport and were supported by MSUK. It was noted that Esports were recognised by the FIA. Jim explained that the issue comes from a misunderstanding about model car racing's recognition as a sport, rather than addressing the broader question of including grassroots motorsport activities. Jim suggested that BRCA may be given a 12-month grace period to resolve the issue and agreed to keep the group updated on developments. Jim advised the meeting that BRCA and MSUK have an in-person meeting scheduled for 20th November to discuss this matter further.

Actions from the Previous Meeting

2025.41 (Discussion (b) Rallying) - Claire Kirkpatrick to raise the need for a formally recognised, accredited forestry carbon offset scheme for event organisers. *Complete.*

2025.41 (Discussion (f) Sprint/Hillclimb) - Mark Wilkinson to raise SHC pressures with Andrew Bisping as Sprint and Hill Climb Committee representative. *Complete.*

2025.41 (Discussion (f) Sprint/Hillclimb) - Claire Kirkpatrick to request a discipline-specific prompt sheet for Event Stewards. *Complete.*

2025.44 (Secretary's Report (a) Regional Association Development Plan) - Jim Spencer, Steve Johnson, Oz Philips and Jack Mather to form recruitment sub-committee. *Complete.*

2025.44 (Secretary's Report (d) Event Officials Licensing) - Claire Kirkpatrick to build succession planning and recruitment into the ANWCC Regional Development Plan. *Complete.*

2025.44 (Secretary's Report (f) People Accreditation) - Tracey Smith to apply to MSUK for People Accreditation. *Complete.* Tracey Smith reported that ANWCC's application was successful. The initiative promotes diversity and inclusion in motorsport.

2025.58 - Motorsport UK Reports

Regional Committee met on 4 November 2025. Mark reported that the new Director of Marketing, Polly Dedman, will be launching the vision 2030 initiative, "Joining In - Staying In - Coming Back".

Fire sticks - are not approved for use by the FIA and are not a suitable replacement for traditional fire extinguishers.

Late payment fee - the fee for late payment for permits has been reintroduced.

Rallies Executive-Jonathan Jackson has been working with the three forestry bodies. Some forestry event routes have not been approved on conservation grounds. There was no update on the 2026 forestry fees.

Delegates expressed concerns about the short consultation period for new road rally licensing regulations. Mark stated that MSUK had received 53 responses. Delegates criticised the timing and process, suggesting it was an insult to clubs and violated best practices in public consultation. Delegates agreed that the rule changes were necessary to protect the future of events. Mark agreed to take feedback regarding the short consultation period on the road rally licensing/technical regulations back to MSUK.

2025.59 – Discussion

a) Racing

Nothing to report.

b) Rallying

Mark reported that all ANWCC member clubs that organise stage rally events have now agreed to the Sustainable Rally Charter, the majority have a carbon calculator account and some were working on the accreditation. Claire Kirkpatrick thanked the Association for assisting in communicating the message to the clubs.

Katy Mashiter advised that Sport:80 does not currently record club sustainability status and that permitting must verify this with Claire Kirkpatrick before issuing a rally event permit.

c) Karting

Nothing to report.

d) Cross-Country

Nothing to report.

e) Autotest/Autosolo

Nothing to report.

f) Sprint/Hillclimb

John Harden recommended that the definition for classic cars should be amended. John and Jonathan Baines agreed that the current practice of moving the age cut-off forward could result in unfair competition, as some older cars gaining classic status may be faster than certain more modern vehicles. It was agreed that there were too many event classes, potentially leading to dilution of competition. Paul Goodman proposed a simplified class structure using national classes with one capacity. Paul also raised concerns about the cost of permit fees charged to junior drivers in sprint events.

John reported that delegates from the British Hill Climb Championship had been invited to a meeting with MSUK and asked whether anyone was familiar with the Hill Climb Operators' Working Group. Mark agreed to ask Andrew Bisping whether non-championship hill climb venue operators had been intentionally excluded from the Hill Climb Venue Operators' Working Group.

2025.60 - Regional Association Development Plan

All Regions will have their own plan by Q3 2025 and progress will be measured via future club survey feedback.

Recruitment Subgroup - the group reported that they hope to attend the Witton Park Event in Blackburn on the 11/12 of July 2026. It was hoped this would fall during Motorsport Week. Steve Johnson was waiting for feedback from the event organisers and expects to hear more by Easter. There will be an opportunity for classic car displays, a discipline village and recruitment opportunities. Jack reminded the group that they had yet to formally meet. Tracey Smith to provide Jack with a list of contacts.

Dave Thomas suggested the Lancashire Coast Classic & Performance Motor Show at Lytham Hall on 17 May 2026 presented another opportunity.

2025.61 - Sustainability

The environmental footprint of our August meeting was estimated at 0.50 tCO₂e. This included travel, air conditioning/heating of the meeting room and any accommodation/hospitality.

2025.62 – Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

2025.63 - Secretary's Report

a.) Correspondence

Minutes were received from AEMC and ANEMMC.

Tracey attended the ANEMMC delegate meeting on 20th October as a guest.

Tracey asked Dave Thomas about the amount of personal data collected by ANWCC and how postal addresses were used by the Association. Michael Ashcroft suggested using the Information Commissioner's website test for guidance. Dave agreed that the club registration form would no longer require members to submit personal addresses.

b.) New Member Clubs

Applications to join ANWCC were received from Club Formula G, BARC Yorkshire Centre and Towmann Recovery. No objections were received and the clubs were welcomed as full members of ANWCC, subject to receipt of any subscription fees due. Mark Wilkinson wished the clubs every success.

c.) LARA

Eric Cowcill reported that LARA met in August. Bollards erected at Bamford Clough do not stop motorcycles and bikes from accessing the land. Councils, Local Authorities and DEFRA were now starting to give more consideration to the sustainable rally charter and clubs were now required to have that accreditation.

2025.64 - Treasurer's Report

Jim Spencer reported that a number of small expenses had been paid.

2025.65 – Championships

Dave Thomas stated that 2025 ends with 302 registered contenders registered championship contenders. Some championships had already been completed.

The awards night will now be held on the 24th January 2026 at the Mere Court hotel.

A number of championship changes were proposed, including changes to stage and forest rally class lettering. Jonathan Baines is formalising the Sprint and Hill Climb class scoring system. John Harden stated that the requirement for proof of UK road tax and insurance in the championship regulations needed to be removed and replaced with wording consistent with MSUK requirements. Dave Thomas and Jonathan Baines agreed to finalise and publish the draft 2026 speed championship regulations, including the agreed class structure and bonus points system and invite clubs to comment.

Dave reported that 9 clubs have submitted events for the 2026 calendar and 14 have registered with the Association. The addition of a new member club, BARC Yorkshire Centre, meant that Harewood events will now be included in the ANWCC championship calendar. Clubs were asked to actively promote the ANWCC championships at their events.

Dave thanked Chris Winstanley for providing event results promptly.

Jonathan Baines offered to take responsibility for the SD34 Speed Championship scoring and will attend the SD34 meeting on 19 November with a proposal to adopt the ANWCC bonus points system for 2026.

Competitor registration for 2026 is now available online. Dave also reported that some competitors were having difficulty renewing their competition licenses.

Dave reported that, with Mark's help, he had reached an agreement with Trac Môn to erect a permanent banner promoting the ANWCC Championships.

Marshals Monthly £30 Prize Draw-the winners were:

- August - Rob O'Brien (Warrington & DMC)
- September - Stephanie Parrett-Swift (Liverpool MC)
- October - Paul Cross (Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC)

Mark Wilkinson congratulated the winners of the prize draw and asked clubs to promote the marshal championship at their events.

2025.66 - Press

Post remains vacant. Maurice Ellison expressed an interest in returning to the role.

2025.67 – Training

Katy Mashiter reported that the timing marshal training held in August was a success. More than 90 delegates have registered for the marshals training day on 29 November at the National Centre for Motorsport Engineering, Bolton.

Katy reported that her British Motorsport Trust grant bid to hold a training day at the National Centre for Motorsport Engineering was successful. Katy also stated the importance of arranging training events throughout the region to provide a good geographical spread.

Katy also reported that the Deputy Stage Commander course materials will be written by Jon Binns and Karen Spencer for delivery next year.

2025.68 - Forestry Liaison Officer Report

Nothing to report.

2025.69 - Route Liaison Officer Report

Nothing to report.

2025.70 - MOD Liaison Officer Report

Nothing to report.

2025.71 - Any Other Business

Eric Cowcill stated that the recent Isle of Man rally trialled the use of a virtual chicane. Katy stated that this was suggested as a solution to beating the bogey time on the Mull Rally. Eric reported the chicane was successful and popular with drivers. It was noted that if this type of chicane comes into regular operation, this will need to be incorporated into timing training for marshals.

Jonathan Armishaw reported that delays and processing DBS checks in Wales meant that rescue crews were experiencing delays in renewing their licenses. MSUK has stated that rally recovery can only perform rally recovery tasks. Jonathan reported that he had submitted a response to a MSUK consultation regarding changes to the equipment list. John Harden stated that sprint and hillclimb events were not required to have MSUK licensed recovery units, but use them anyway.

2025.72 - 2026 Meeting Dates

- 10 February (also AGM)
- 12 May
- 11 August
- 10 November

Meetings will start at 7.30 pm.

2025.73 - Meeting ended at 21:10 hours.
