



ANWCC Minutes of Meeting
held 12th May 2026
Mere and Tabley Community Club,
Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford
WA16 0TD



Action Summary

The following actions are summarised from the meeting minutes:

Minute	Action	Who
2026.36 - AOB	Raise concerns regarding low attendance of award winners at trophy presentations with the organisers of the Protyre Circuit Rally Championship.	Mark Wilkinson

Apologies for Absence:

Jack Mather (Vice-Chairman/Motor Sport (North West)/BLMCC), John Harden (Vice-Chairman/Liverpool MC), Jonathan Baines (Assistant Championship Compiler), Andy Rushton (PDMC), Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC), Clare Forrester (NWCC Ltd), David Gregory (Quinton MC), Jon Cordery (BRMC), Kevin Witton (FLO), Lisa Maguire (Buccaneer MSC), Martin Blackburn (Manx MSMA Ltd), Steve Kimber (Towmann Recovery), Steve Johnson (U17MC(NW), Accrington MSC, CSMA, SD34 MSG), Paul Kelly (Boundless by CSMA), Oz-Lloyd Phillips (BMMC NW), Mike Phillips and Michael Lawson (Knutsford DMC), Barry Wilkinson (Pendle and District MC), Ann McCormack (Warrington DMC) and Nancy Russell (Stockport 061).

Present were:

Chris Winstanley (Longton DMC), Colin Brady (Ormskirk & District MC), Colin Lester-Jones (North Wales CC), Eric Cowcill (PaN), Gareth Roberts and Steve Southall (Broughton-Bretton MC), Jonathan Armishaw (AMRO), Nick Stafford (MLO), Paul Goodman (MGCC NW), Ray Simpson (CSMA), Richard Murtha (Lancashire Automobile Club), Roger Hopkins (Knutsford DMC) and Steven Kenyon (Garstang and Preston MC).

Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman/Stockport 061/Motor Sport (North West)/2300 Club), Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator, North Wales CC), Jim Spencer (Treasurer/BRCA and Hagley), Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC), Maurice Ellison (Press Officer and Clitheroe DMC) and Tracey Smith (Secretary/BRMC).

2026.20 - Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting.

2026.21 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Katy Mashiter.

Actions from the previous meeting:

2026.17 (Any Other Business) - Dave Thomas to investigate cost of awarding keepsake trophies. (Complete). Dave Thomas reported that the cost of awarding a keepsake trophy was minimal,

however the logistics around engraving and awarding the trophy may mean that the closing date for award nominations may need to be brought forward.

2026.17 (Any Other Business) – Tracey Smith to contact MSUK to ascertain why the new official roles had not yet been added to Katy Mashiter’s licence. (*Complete*). Katy Mashiter reported that her new licence was now available to download to her Google wallet. Eric Cowcill reported inconsistencies in the design/appearance of MSUK Officials licences.

2026.22 - Matters Arising

Jim Spencer reported there was no change with MSUK regarding BRCA membership.

2026.23 - Motorsport UK Reports

National Motorsport Week will run from 9-19 July 2026. See website for details of how to get involved motorsportweek.org. Roger Hopkins reported that Knutsford and District Motor Club held a taster day at Tabley earlier in the year as part of National Motorsport Week, with the aim of engaging potential new members and attracting newcomers to the sport. It was further reported that several attendees subsequently participated in the Grass Autotest held on 11 May.

Regional Committee met on 12 March. Committee received an update on digital improvements, including website redevelopment, the relaunch of the Resource Centre to the Knowledge Hub, enhancements to Sport:80, improved email communications and customer service systems, as well as the introduction of a new member benefits platform. The Pathways Project was outlined, reviewing how people enter and progress through motorsport, with an emphasis on reducing barriers, modernising examinations and supporting grassroots participation.

Further discussions covered sustainability, insurance, venues and governance. Clubs were encouraged to use the Carbon Calculator to support measuring emissions, assisted by Environmental Volunteers. Updates were provided on rally-related insurance, medical provider indemnity, and new licensing requirements for Road Rally officials.

A venue working group will be established to share best practice on retaining and securing affordable venues. Additional items included LARA, safeguarding training feedback, award nominations, equality initiatives such as the Disabled Drivers Scholarship.

2026.24 – Discussion

a) Racing

Nothing to report.

b) Rallying

Nothing to report.

c) Karting

Nothing to report.

d) Cross-Country

Nothing to report.

e) Autotest/Autosolo

Nothing to report.

f) Sprint/Hillclimb

John Harden raised concern via email regarding the unreasonably short consultation period for the latest proposed regulatory changes. It was noted that, at our August meeting attended by Claire

Kirkpatrick, this concern had been acknowledged and a commitment made that MSUK would seek to adopt more realistic consultation periods in the future. The proposed changes for sprints and hillclimbs were announced on 30 April, with the consultation period closing on 13 May. The MSUK meeting at which these changes were agreed took place on 1 April. Accordingly, there was a delay of approximately one month before the consultation was issued, followed by a consultation window of only 14 days for member feedback. The Committee reiterated its view that such timescales are unreasonable and expressed disappointment that Motorsport UK was not acting sufficiently on feedback received, nor implementing meaningful improvements in response to concerns raised by clubs and competitors.

Committee discussed the importance of ensuring that Regional Associations remained relevant and that new regulation consultations were properly considered through the appropriate processes. Concern was expressed that, while national clubs are directly represented on specialist committees, those committees may not always accurately reflect grassroots club-level sport and competitor interests. This was previously done via the Regional Associations. It was further noted that specialist committee expertise should reflect all levels of discipline.

Paul Goodman expressed frustration around the wording of “recommended” and “mandatory” in the National Competition Rules (NCR’s), particularly in relation to PPE requirements. Concerns were also raised regarding Sports Libre and the burden to accommodate new regulations that do not appear to address the increased speeds in this category.

Jonathan Armishaw reported that confusion regarding rescue unit coverage for sprint events had not yet been formally resolved and consequently, he would continue to attend these events.

2026.25 – Recruitment and the Regional Development Plan

Jim Spencer reported that the competitive events at Witton Park had been cancelled following the failure to reach agreement with the local authority. The Recruitment Team hopes to attend the Gold Cup at Oulton Park and the Anglesey Motorfest on 8–9 August.

2026.26 - Sustainability

Nothing to report.

2026.27 – Safeguarding

It was noted that the Safeguarding CSO quarterly webinar had been postponed until Wednesday 3rd June. [Register for the webinar using this link.](#)

2026.28 - Secretary’s Report

a.) Correspondence

Minutes were received from AEMC, AWMMC and ANEMMC.

Tracey Smith attended the AWMMC meeting on 5 May via Zoom. Chris Walkinshaw and Chris Tate from Motorsport UK also attended the meeting and presented an overview of Vision 2030, together with updates on other work being undertaken by Motorsport UK. They also posed the question: “How can Regional Associations turn strategy into impact?” Tracey Smith reported that, during the meeting, Mike Broad and Richard Eggar had expressed concern that it was unreasonable for clubs to be required to hold membership in multiple Regional Associations solely to enable their members to compete in a particular championship. Delegates from ANWCC did not share this view and suggested that competitors could seek membership of an alternative club where their existing club does not facilitate participation in such championships.

b.) New Member Clubs

No new applications to join ANWCC were received.

ANWCC Membership for the following clubs has now lapsed: Anglesey Circuit Club, Glossop 4x4 Group, Proto EV and Royal Air Force Motor Sport Association. We now have 133 member clubs.

c.) LARA

Eric Cowcill reported the next LARA meeting would be held the following week.

2026.29 - Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

2026.30 – Championships

Dave Thomas reported there were currently 295 registered championship competitors and reminded clubs to notify him of forthcoming events so that he can publish details on the ANWCC website.

Committee discussed the potential development of a championship class based around the use of single-venue rallies for Cross Cars. Steve Kenyon explained that this represented a new motorsport concept, noting that while the vehicles are not rally cars, they provide a strong spectator appeal. It was agreed that a new Stage Rally Championship class would be needed if sufficient qualifying rounds were available to make a championship viable.

Marshals Monthly £30 Prize Draw-the winners were:

- February - Victoria Swallow (BLMCC)
- March - Jim Livesey (U17MCNW)
- April - Andrew Parrett (Liverpool MC)

Mark Wilkinson congratulated the winners of the prize draw. Dave Thomas also reminded clubs to promote the marshal championship at their events. Downloadable promotion materials are available from the ANWCC website.

2026.31 - Press

Nothing to report.

2026.32 – Training

It was noted that training funding is now available. Katy Mashiter reported difficulties in obtaining a permit for recent training delivered on behalf of another club. Katy also confirmed that GEM radio training had been successfully delivered.

2026.33 - Forestry Liaison Officer Report

A written report was submitted by Kevin Witton - there were no matters to report.

2026.34 - Route Liaison Officer Report

Nothing to report.

2026.35 - MOD Liaison Officer Report

The Committee welcomed Nick Stafford to the meeting. Nick outlined a number of pressures currently affecting Stakeholder activity on MOD land and stated that it wasn't just motorsport users experiencing access difficulties. It was noted that base commanders are typically appointed on a non-permanent rotational basis and that an increase in military training exercises are increasingly utilising available facilities and resources. Nick asked that any requests regarding potential new venues or events be shared with him directly.

The Committee discussed venue arrangements on MOD sites and Nick urged caution regarding potential conflicts by simultaneously contacting MOD Central enquiries and bases or training grounds directly.

Existing venues currently in use were also discussed. Steve Kenyon reported a positive working relationship with Weeton. Katy Mashiter reported that joint pre- and post-event inspections at Warcop Ranges would identify any repairs required as a direct result of event activity. Maurice Ellison reported that events at Dishforth had been highly successful in recent years; however, planned building works may affect use of part of the venue. Maurice further reported that the organising club makes substantial efforts to liaise with the local regiment to ensure their requirements are met and also ensure the venue is thoroughly cleaned following use, which has helped to maintain a positive working relationship.

2026.36 - Any Other Business

MSUK has approved a new Master Road Section Top-Up Insurance Policy, arranged by Kingfisher Motorsport and underwritten by First Underwriting. The policy will ensure that participants have access to the minimum legally required third-party cover for vehicles using the public highway and will be available to all MSUK-permitted events utilising public roads. The policy will be administered by MSUK. Clubs will pay a surcharge on the event permit fee, which is expected to be passed on to participants using the cover. Permit surcharges are anticipated to range from £25 to £60 per person, representing a significant reduction compared to current event-specific insurance premiums. Participants who already hold appropriate valid cover will be able to declare this at signing-on and opt out of the master policy. Events that have already arranged cover with Kingfisher Motorsport for future dates may transfer to the new policy arrangement.

Gareth Roberts expressed disappointment that relatively few award winners remained after events to receive their trophies in person. It was noted that this issue appeared to be particularly prevalent at the larger championship events. Mark Wilkinson agreed to raise this with the Protyre Circuit Rally Championship organisers.

2026.37 - Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th August 2026 from 7.30 pm at Mere and Tabley Community Club, Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford WA16 0TD.

2026.38 - Meeting ended at 21:01 hours.
