



ANWCC Minutes of Meeting

held 11th August 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
2026.42 - Motorsport UK Reports	Discuss venues (fixed or temporary) at risk of being lost with club members and add details to the register of at-risk venues.	All
	Submit nominations for the annual MSUK Awards	All
	Resend previous correspondence on landowner negotiations to Claire Kirkpatrick.	Andrew Knott
2026.44 – Recruitment	Speak with Dave Thomas regarding promotional flags and banners order.	Jack Mather
2026.45 - Sustainability	Review the Association Environmental Management System and report to the AGM in February 2027	Tracey Smith
2026.51 – Training	Promote BMMC annual marshal training event at Oulton Park with club members.	All
	Provide feedback on the need for Speed Grade 2 training.	All
2026.55 - AOB	Raise concerns regarding lithium battery safety with Ian Smith, Technical Director.	Claire Kirkpatrick

Apologies for Absence:

Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator, North Wales CC), Jon Cordery (BRMC), Roy Bell (Association of North East Midland Motor Clubs), Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC), Kevin Witton (Forestry Liaison Officer), Steve Johnson (CSMA NW, SD34MSG, U17MC(NW) and Accrington MSC), Clare Forrester (NWCC Ltd), Steve Southall (Broughton-Bretton MC), Mike Phillips and Mike Lawson (Knutsford DMC), Terry Frayne (Maesteg and District Motor Club), Eric Cowcill (PaN) and Allan Dean-Lewis (President).

Present were:

Claire Kirkpatrick (Motorsport UK Director of Club and Volunteer Development), Andrew Knott (Sheffield and Hallamshire MC), Andy Rushton (Pendle DMC), Ann McCormack (Warrington DMC), Colin Lester Jones (North Wales CC), David Gregory (Quinton MC), Gareth Roberts (Broughton-Bretton MC), Chris Winstanley, Graham Malcolm, Kath Sutcliffe, Jason Sutcliffe, Julie Sutcliffe (Longton DMC), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey MC), Jonathan Armishaw (AMRO), Les Sharp and Roger Hopkins (Knutsford DMC), Michael Ashcroft (Aintree CC), Nancy Russell (Stockport 061), Oz Phillips (BMMC NW and Accrington MSC), Paul Goodman (MGCC (NW)) 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, SD34 MSG and Liverpool MC), Jack Mather (Vice-Chairman and BLMCC), Jim Spencer (Treasurer/BRCA and Hagley), Maurice Ellison (Press Officer and Clitheroe DMC), Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC) and Tracey Smith (Secretary/BRMC).

2026.39 - Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting. Mark introduced Claire Kirkpatrick, Director of Club and Volunteer Development from Motorsport UK (MSUK).

Claire welcomed Graham Malcolm, his partner Kath Sutcliffe and delegates from Longton and District Motor Club. Claire presented the Official D'Honneur award to Graham in recognition of his outstanding contribution to motorsport.

Mark congratulated Graham on his award and read the following prepared note from ANWCC President Allan Dean-Lewis: When the idea to commemorate individual 'lifetime' dedication to the sport was suggested, the agreed title was Officiel d'Ancien and this ran for a few years before it was decided that a slightly kinder version would be Officiel d'Honneur. This title survives to this day-it is a great honour to hold the title.

Next summer will mark Allan's 55th anniversary of joining ANWCC as General Secretary. In his note Allan stated that he was proud of the contribution his family had made to the Association and to national motorsport, inspired by seeing the Gulf-London Rally pass through Penmachno Forest in the late 1960s with his uncle, Dave Thomas' late father.

Allan stepped down as General Secretary of the Motorsport Training Trust on 31 July, stating it was the right time to hand over to the next generation as the Trust prepares for its 50th anniversary in 2027. He will remain behind the scenes to offer advice, guidance and perhaps the occasional piece of shared wisdom when needed.

2026.40 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

Point of accuracy – Maurice Ellison was not listed as an attending delegate.

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Katy Mashiter and seconded by Maurice Ellison.

Actions from the previous meeting:

2026.36 (AOB) - Mark Wilkinson to raise concerns regarding low attendance of award winners at trophy presentations with the organisers of the Protyre Circuit Rally Championship. *Pending- deferred to next organisers meeting.*

2026.41 - Matters Arising

None received.

2026.42 - Motorsport UK Reports

Claire Kirkpatrick provided an update on the work of the Club and Volunteer Development Team. The Club and Volunteer Development Team are now back to full capacity following a recent recruitment process.

The team are compiling a register of at-risk venues that will allow MSUK to identify threats early. Delegates were encouraged to discuss venues (fixed or temporary) that are at risk of being lost with club members and share feedback via [this form](#).

Claire reported that the MSUK enquiry system (Zendesk) had been restructured, resulting in quicker response times.

A recent StreetCar event had been held in Dundee, with further events planned for Pembrey, Northern Ireland and the TR Register Car Club Fest event in Malvern.

Marshals and Officials renewals will open in September, followed by Club renewals in October. Club workshops, including event officials, are planned for October and November. The workshop will cover sustainability and event promotion. Further information will be circulated in due course. Delegates requested that a workshop be held in the North West area. Claire advised that the locations of event officials had been mapped and venues selected to minimise travel requirements. The 2027 training programme is currently being finalised and dates will be announced in due course.

Nominations for the annual MSUK Awards have opened earlier than usual to provide clubs with greater opportunity to recognise their volunteers. Claire encouraged all clubs to submit nominations, noting that all nominees will receive a certificate of recognition from MSUK.

Maurice Ellison asked about obtaining a replacement marshal's tabard. Claire advised him to contact the MSUK Volunteers team by email. The new Zendesk email management system should assist with managing such enquiries, although Claire noted that new marshal tabards are not currently widely available.

Andrew Knott declared a conflict of interest due to his involvement with a competition tyre fitting company.

Andrew raised concerns regarding progress against the MSUK Vision 2030 objectives relating to venues and events on MOD land. He noted that, through his work with three MLOs, he had seen limited progress and questioned how the objectives would be achieved. Claire explained that progress had been delayed following the departure of the previous MOD contact. A new contact is now working with Claire and Simon Fowler. Claire confirmed her commitment to increasing engagement with the military and MLOs, while acknowledging that developing effective relationships with landowners would take time.

Andrew emphasised the importance of property expertise in negotiations, noting that landowners and motorsport organisations can approach such discussions from very different perspectives. Claire asked Andrew to resend his previous correspondence so that she could take the matter forward. Claire also confirmed that Mission Motorsport and the RAF are being actively involved in discussions regarding MOD land use, with their expertise being utilised to support the negotiations.

Michael Ashcroft asked on what basis Nick Stafford was appointed to the role of MOD Liaison officer. Claire responded that the role was advertised widely and that Simon Fowler was responsible for the appointment process.

John Harden asked about National Motorsport Week. Claire advised that the Creative Team had coordinated the campaign under the strapline, "There's a motorsport for everyone." John reported that, although he was organising a hillclimb event during National Motorsport Week, the event had not received any promotional support from MSUK. He also highlighted difficulties in obtaining a Steward for the event. Claire advised that a data extract from the permitting system had been used to promote events. Claire added that Rachel Gascoigne was currently on maternity leave, with Alice covering her role. Delegates requested that the National Motorsport Week logo be made available in a more accessible format, such as JPEG or PNG, to enable clubs and organisers to use it more easily in the future. Issues were also reported with some of the promotional materials provided.

Delegates asked whether event organiser forms could be date or version stamped to prevent outdated documents being used on events. Claire understood that this should already be the case and was surprised to learn that older versions remained accessible on the website. She advised that the new Knowledge Hub should prevent this from occurring. It was noted that an incorrect version of the 'Personnel and Equipment Form' was currently available.

Graham Malcolm raised concerns regarding the potential loss of a number of motorsport venues and asked whether MSUK had any influence with local landowners. Claire confirmed that the issue was widely recognised and cited recent work with Clay Pigeon Raceway, which is at risk from redevelopment. MSUK has engaged with the local council and planning team and has also raised the wider issue with Government. Claire explained that, while green spaces receive protection for recreational purposes, MSUK is seeking similar recognition and protection for motorsport venues. Delegates were reminded of the importance of reporting potential threats to venues at an early stage, particularly where venues may be affected by larger commercial developments. Information on venues at risk can be submitted via the [Motorsport UK reporting link](#).

It was noted that, from January, Race Marshals will be required to hold a MSUK marshal licence. Claire reported that marshal retention initiatives appeared to be having a positive effect, with more marshals renewing than in recent years and approximately 7–10 new marshals registering with MSUK each day.

Dave Thomas attended the Regional Committee meeting on 9 June 2026. The timescales between publication of proposed new regulations and the closure of the consultation were discussed, with several attendees considering the period too short. Hugh Chambers advised that there could be up to six weeks between the relevant meeting and publication, followed by three weeks between publication and the consultation closing date.

The Association area maps were also discussed. It was noted that the Association areas had not been published for several years, although they were included in the 2020 Blue Book and there is no reference to them in the current NCRs. Following discussions with Paul Loveridge, Chairman of the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs (WAMC), it was agreed that WAMC would have those map areas covering north east Wales. Simon Fowler had prepared a map showing the new Association allocations. ANWCC was noted to have the smallest geographical area despite being the largest Association, comprising OS Maps 108 (Liverpool) and 118 (East Cheshire), together with the southern half of Map 109 (Manchester) and the eastern part of Map 117 (Chester).

2026.43 – Discussion

a) Racing

Nothing to report.

b) Rallying

Tracey Smith attended the June ANCC meeting as a guest. Chris Woodcock reported on the Rallies Committee meeting held on 8 April. Technical Committee is reviewing enforcement of the tyre usage rule to ensure consistent application during future audits. The rule was introduced to meet forestry environmental commitments, with tyre usage limits considered the least intrusive option for the sport.

Consultation was underway on extending the requirement of FIA Impact Data Recorders (IDRs), which are mandatory to be fitted to vehicles competing in British, National status and Junior Championship events to include any permitted event requiring the use of helmets and harnesses. IDRs provide reassurance to insurers that incidents are being managed appropriately. FIA IDRs cost £32 (reduced from the usual £80), have a two-year lifespan and will form part of a vehicle's history by recording accident data.

Claire added that data collected from IDRs would help inform future regulatory decisions, including requirements relating to the lifespan of safety belts and seats. MSUK is currently assessing the level of demand for these devices.

Gareth Roberts reported an incident involving children riding electric bikes in the service park at a recent event, which resulted in a near miss. The Committee noted the associated safety concerns.

Delegates asked whether IDR data would trigger a mandatory concussion test. It was explained that the data would be reviewed by the event scrutineer. It was acknowledged that scrutineers already have significant responsibilities and would not be expected to inspect every vehicle. MSUK is currently considering how the guidance should be worded. It was agreed that IDR requirements need to be communicated to race competitors.

c) Karting

Nothing to report.

d) Cross-Country

Nothing to report.

e) Autotest/Autosolo

Nothing to report.

f) Sprint/Hillclimb

Paul Goodman reported the landowners of Scammonden Dam had withdrawn permission and events had been cancelled. This had been reported to MSUK via the 'venues at risk' form. This is a significant loss for motorsport in the region. As the licence holder, Mid-Cheshire Motor Racing Club is currently negotiating with Yorkshire Water.

2026.44 – Recruitment and the Regional Development Plan

Jack Mather reported that the Blackburn event was cancelled. Mark thanked the recruitment team for their hard work in pulling together a plan for that event. Jack agreed to speak with Dave Thomas regarding an order for promotional flags and banners.

2026.45 - Sustainability

Claire presented the 2025 Sustainable Club Award to Les Sharp from Knutsford and District Motor Club. Committee congratulated Les and Knutsford on their achievement. Claire stated that the application for Sustainable Club from Knutsford was the highest score ever awarded by MSUK.

The environmental footprint of our August 2025 meeting was estimated at 0.50 tCO₂e. This included travel, air conditioning/heating of the meeting room and any accommodation/hospitality. In accordance with our commitment to the Sustainable Club Policy, Tracey Smith will review the Association Environmental Management System and report to the AGM in February 2027.

2026.46 – Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

2026.47 - Secretary's Report

a.) Correspondence

Minutes received from AEMC and AWMMC. Tracey Smith attended the previous ANCC meeting as a guest.

b.) New Member Clubs

No new applications to join ANWCC were received.

2026.48 - Treasurer's Report

Jim Spencer reported that there were no significant expenses incurred.

2026.49 – Championships

Dave Thomas provided a written report.

The 2026 Awards evening will be held at Mere Court on Saturday 23rd January 2027. Details will follow in due course with ticket applications open on 1st December.

The number of ANWCC Championship contenders has increased slightly from 302 in 2025 to 309 in 2026, broadly consistent with the 305 recorded in 2024. Approximately 60% are returning competitors, 20% are returning after a period away and 20% are new competitors.

Most championships currently have fewer points scorers than in previous years, although the year is only just over halfway complete. The Speed Championship has reached a record 35 sprint and 32 hillclimb points scorers, approximately 15% higher than last year. This was attributed in part to Jonathan Baines' assistance with points administration and promotion of the championship.

The Historic Road Rallies Championship has been poorly supported, with only three events and a small number of competitors. Autotests and Trials are also experiencing low participation, with concerns that increasingly specialised vehicles are moving the disciplines away from their original Street Car concept. The need for greater national promotion of these disciplines was noted.

Clubs were reminded to provide details of forthcoming events and regulations for inclusion on the ANWCC website. It was noted that many events are currently identified through social media. The website is updated regularly, including results updates each Sunday/Monday. Clubs were also encouraged to use ANWCC Chatter to promote events, while avoiding repetitive posts.

Dave reported that a deficit is anticipated for 2026 due to increased awards costs, registration fees remaining at a similar level and other administrative costs. Sufficient reserves are available to cover the anticipated expenditure however it was proposed that the 2027 registration fee be increased to £20, with an optional contribution to the Marshals Fund. The proposal will require approval at the November meeting.

There are no proposed ANWCC rule changes for 2027. It was noted that if a separate Cross Cars championship was required, this could potentially be incorporated as a class within the Stage Rally Championship. Dave would need assistance with the preparation of regulations and points scoring.

Forms for clubs to submit their planned events will be available online from end of September. The championship calendar will be finalised on 31st December to comply with MSUK permit requirements.

Marshals Monthly £30 Prize Draw-the winners were:

- May and June - Sean Robertson (Liverpool MC)
- July - Dave Smithson (BMMC & Liverpool MC)

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

2026.50 - Press

Nothing to report from Maurice Ellison.

2026.51 – Training

Oz Phillips advised that BMMC will hold its annual marshal training event at Oulton Park in early February. Clubs were asked to promote the event widely and encourage members to attend. Modules will include Fire Practical, Race Grade 1 and Speed Grade 1. Clubs were also asked to provide feedback on the need for Speed Grade 2 training. If sufficient demand exists, BMMC will seek to include this module within the training programme.

Claire provided an update on the British Motorsport Trust (BMT). Allan Dean-Lewis stepped down in July and Claire's team has taken over management of the Safety Development Grant. The BMT requires additional funding and MSUK is keen to ensure that training provision continues. Clubs were encouraged to consider making donations to the BMT when undertaking fundraising activities. John Harden suggested that clubs may not have a clear understanding of the role and work of the BMT. It was agreed that clearer messaging was required. The BMT website has recently been refreshed and it was noted that new marshal tabards are funded by the BMT and will therefore carry the BMT logo in future.

Clubs were reminded that any member who attends training events held by an ANWCC member club is eligible to score points for the ANWCC Marshals Championship.

Mark announced that the BRMC were recruiting a new Training Coordinator.

2026.52 - Forestry Liaison Officer Report

Nothing to report from Kevin Witton.

Andrew Knott stated that he had a contact offering private forestry land for hire but that this individual would not work directly with MSUK.

2026.53 - Route Liaison Officer Report

Gordon Pirie provided a written report. There had been no significant issues with event submissions, public relations or negative public feedback. However, some clubs continue to fail to notify the Route Liaison Officer (RLO) of events, including those held entirely on private, circuit or council-owned land. Clubs were reminded that the RLO must be notified within the required timescale, as failure to do so may result in permits being refused or withdrawn. Cheshire/Merseyside and Greater Manchester were noted as having the fewest issues and Gordon expressed his thanks to clubs for continuing to run safe and well-organised events.

2026.54 - MOD Liaison Officer Report

Nothing to report.

2026.55 - Any Other Business

Andrew Knott reported that, at a recent event, a young competitor was using older tyres which were not barcoded and therefore could not be identified. Concerns were raised regarding how the tyre requirements could be effectively policed and enforced under the current technical regulations. It was also noted that type C tyres have not been formally checked or measured.

Delegates discussed the difficulties organisers face in enforcing tyre documentation requirements. It was noted that there is currently insufficient guidance for competitors and event organisers, while poor competitor returns make it difficult to use the resulting data effectively within the Carbon Calculator. It was agreed that clearer guidance and procedures are required to support consistent enforcement and improve the quality of data collected.

Jim Spencer reported that a dry brake fitting, that was not sealing properly, had caused a fire at an event last weekend. He wanted to raise awareness of this issue as it appears to be more common than previously understood.

Jonathan Armishaw reported an incident at Rali Menai involving a smoking lithium-ion battery. The crew were unaware that the vehicle was fitted with a lithium-ion battery. Marshals successfully brought the incident under control by carefully dampening the battery with foam extinguishers, preventing thermal runaway and a potentially more serious fire.

Delegates discussed the increasing use of lithium batteries to reduce vehicle weight and noted that the issue is not unique to rallying. John Harden advised that similar concerns apply to sprint and

hillclimb vehicles, particularly as there are currently no specific technical requirements for vehicles operating between 48V and 60V.

It was agreed that clearer technical requirements were needed, including appropriate identification/marketing of vehicles fitted with lithium batteries. The need to update fire training to ensure both crews and marshals are aware of the specific risks associated with lithium battery fires was also discussed.

Jim Spencer advised that while lithium batteries can reduce the overall risk of fire, the consequences of a failure can be more severe. Incorrect charging is a common cause of battery failure and thermal runaway, with different lithium battery types requiring specific charging methods. Delegates agreed that competitors should be better educated regarding the correct charging and handling of these batteries.

Michael Ashcroft noted that the John Moore's University Formula Student competition requires vehicles to pass a charging system check before being permitted to continue. It was agreed that similar checks should be considered within the regulations. Claire agreed to raise the matter with Ian Smith, Technical Director, who was already aware of the Anglesey incident.

2026.56 - Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2026 from 7.30 pm via Zoom.

2026.57 - Meeting ended at 21.25 hours.

