



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING
HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE
On Tuesday 5th May 2026

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair & Treasurer)
David Simons (MLO)

John Arnold (President)
Jackie Harris (Secretary)

Delegates from the following clubs:

Bill Pardoe (Midland H/C)
Pat Egger (Loughborough CC)
Tony Carwithen (BRSCC Midland)
Cathy Dewyer (Shenston and District CC)
Dave Williams (WMPMC)
Mike Wilding (Ludlow Castle MC)

Richard Egger (Loughborough CC)
Dave Nursey (HDLCC)
Tania Brown (VSCC)
Ethan Harris (VSCC/SWMC)
Adrian Tucker-Peake (MGCC)

On Zoom:

Mike Broad (BTRDA)
Mark Wagstaff (Eastwood and District MC)

Tracey Smith (BRMC)
Jon Cordery

Motorsport UK Representatives:

Christopher Tate – Chair of Motorsport Council and Board Member
Chris Walkingshaw – Operations and HR Director

1. Apologies

John Jones (Vice Chair) (BRMC)
Matt Walk (Stage Championship Co-ordinator)

Ian Jarrett (Training) (Boundless)
Paul Clacket (WMPMC)

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 3rd March 2026

Amendment to be made to Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting on 11th November 2025, where proposer and seconder were incorrect.

Proposed:

Seconded:

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence have been received since the last Meeting, including, but not limited to:

- Requests for marshals on various events.

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: Carmarthen Motor Club had requested to join the Association. Their membership was unanimously approved. This brings the total Association membership to 101 clubs. Mike Broad commented that it was irrational that clubs had to join multiple associations to be able to compete on events. Clubs should be able to join one, local association and this should allow them access to all events.

Official Changes: There have been no changes to officials.

Date Changes: There are not as many event dates on the calendar as expected. There are dates from Loughborough and Hagley but nothing from Prescott or Shelsley. More need to be added and the VSCC agreed to share their dates via a csv file.



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6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Kevin Witton gave an update on behalf of Matt Walk:

- 122 Competitors have registered across four events.
- 24% of entries have competed in the first four rounds.
- 27 cars entered for Abingdon.
- Competitors have scored in every class.
- 2027 calendar will be available at the next meeting and provisional results will be on the website shortly.
- There will be a possibility of two additional rounds in 2027.

6.2 Car Trial

- Four registered entries to date. Down on numbers from previous years.
- No results after two rounds.

7. Motorsport UK Representatives

Christopher Tate – Chair of Motorsport Council and Board Member

- Non-Executive Director of MSUK. Member of the Safety Committee and MSUK Council
- Background in racing. Former CEO of Donnington and Masters Historic Racing. Involved with bringing young drivers through.
- Trying to expand the membership of the Council which currently includes the chairs of all committees, journalists, HR experts, insurance experts, etc. Very keen to bring people with experience into Bicester to volunteer their skills. MSUK needs to be better at making use of all the knowledge and skills out in the motorsport community and beyond.
- Keen to encourage more female and ethnic diversity into the sport. There are more women competing but very few female run teams or mechanics. Needs to come from MSUK down.
- Mike Broad commented that there is a general feeling that club motorsport is struggling to get MSUK on board. Responses to emails and phone calls are lacking and there are delays in getting information and dates from MSUK. Club motorsport needs a specific person at MSUK.
- In response, MSUK are aware that their communication is not to a high enough standard but there are things in place to improve this. There are plans for a new phone system and new ticketing system.

Chris Walkingshaw – Operations and HR Director

- MSUK core aims are strategy, evolution of digital ecosystem and customer service.
- Their Strategy, Vision 2030, is a five-year plan which runs alongside the core mission of MSUK. A great deal has been achieved over the last five years including Race with Respect, Safeguarding, Esports, Clubman Licences, diversity, girls karting, securing the British GP and bringing Rally GB back to Scotland. 40% of people in the UK claim to be a fan of motorsport and there is an opportunity to bring people with an interest into the sport. These aims include retaining all MSUK members, bringing people back to MSUK who have left and bringing new people in. Currently 80% of people renew their membership, 10% are returning members and 10% are new to the sport. The aim is to retain more than 80% and bring more than 10% in. The sport needs competitors, marshals, volunteers, venues, vehicles and equipment. The MSUK focus is also on customer care and service. What can clubs/regional associations do to help to bring more people into motorsport?
- Digital Eco-Systems is about improving communication. Over the years there have been issues with missing email addresses. This has been resolved by ending the current contract and moving over to a more reputable platform. The web site is an on-going project where previously too much was done too quickly. MSUK have changed strategy, and a new digital agency is changing things piece by piece and fixing issues along the way. The first uplift to the



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new website was the beginning of the year with the site being stripped back and reorganised so that users can find their way to things more easily. New items include an event finder which will make things easier for people to search events. This is an evolving piece and any feedback is welcome. It is important to make sure that the website works for everyone. The knowledge hub (formerly the resource centre) currently holds 300 current/live guides and policies. This is being republished and rehoused in a proper document management system using AI search technology. Although not currently live, it is undergoing testing, and this technology will also be layered over the NCRs and Karting documents to allow users to search these documents. There are plans to have an AI supported question and answer system. Sport80, now 2½ years in, has had numerous issues and challenges and could be better. When it first started there was a lot of demand for help but in 2025 less support was needed during renewal periods. Any feedback on Sport80 is always welcome although a high proportion of users report that they don't like the experience they've had. There is still a lot of work to do, MSUK are working with the provider to improve navigation and key journey "pain" points/issue are being monitored with every single journey being remapped within the system. There is also a lot of work going on behind the scenes to improve customer usage. Whilst data is kept safe and secure MSUK are aware that they need to make it easier to use. Guided tours functionality will be implemented, club permissions will be delegated to club, new integrated member benefits and training with integrated learning modules, club modules including website/event management, system validation for current licences and donations module are all in the works and any feedback is important.

- Improved Customer Service standards include making sure people are easy to reach, either by phone or email, with queries acknowledged within 24 hours and kept updated with responses. Finally, to close the loop and get responses out in a timely manner. Previously there were 400 different email addresses for 70 people within MSUK. Now there are 16 shared in boxes across all teams. The existing phone system has been reconfigured and there is an online directory. Currently trialling a helpdesk and ticketing system to ensure that all queries are captured and responded to, with the ability to track them through the organisation. Part of the implementation of the new phone system improves new call routing including people who are working away from the office and on mobile phones.
- Dave Nursey asked whether the current review of the British Motorsport Trust would maintain its current service in providing funding for clubs. Christopher Tate replied that there was an opportunity now with the BMT to review funding and allocation of funds to make more impactful donations. This should make a significant difference to smaller clubs and smaller venues. More details to follow.
- Richard Egger observed that images in MSUK promotional material was not being used correctly and that the images you see promoting a discipline should relate to that discipline.

8. Training Officer's Report

Kevin Witton gave an update on behalf of Ian Jarrett:

- John Jones is stepping down as Training Co-Ordinator for BRMC. Not sure how training will work moving forward.
- AWMMC Practical Fire Safety Training will take place on 18th October 2026 at Shelsley.

9. Route Liaison Officer's Report

Guy Woodcock is the new RLO for the area. Hopefully there will be a report provided at the next meeting.

10. Ministry of Defence Liaison Report

David Simons reported as follows:

There has been no MoD Liaison activity since the last meeting and in fact, none in 2026 so far.



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Whilst I have followed up all enquiries from member clubs, there have been none recently. It is of greater concern however, that there doesn't seem to have been any work on MoD initiatives by MSUK either, although there will be a meeting of MLO's at Bicester in the coming weeks.

11. Motorsport UK Committees

MSUK Regional Committee:

John Arnold advised that the first meeting of the year took place on 12th March 2026.

- New Sustainability Manager – Simon Wright-Jones.
- Update regarding insurance cover.
- Club/Volunteer of the Year being promoted soon.
- Currently two trials taking place. First, AI cameras installed in rally cars to monitor spectator safety and second, LED panels at hill climbs.
- Next meeting will take place on 9th June 2026.
- Craig Murray has been invited to attend the Association meeting in August to discuss insurance, ie club insurance and per capita insurance.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin Witton reported that the first meeting of the year was held on 8th April 2026, but there are no minutes currently available. Items for discussion include:

- CEO Update
- Minutes of the Road Rally Working Group.
- Forestry matters including deal with Forestry Wales and Forestry Scotland.
- Refuelling
- AI Cameras trialled at the Severn Valley – five cars had AI cameras installed to monitor spectator safety.
- Multiple clerks of the course.
- Specialist rally cars regs to be done.
- Eligibility
- Sustainable fuels
- Tyre limits
- Noise testing
- Junior rally
- Engines
- Chief Medical Officer
- Referral from National Courts.
- Mike Broad referred to the Cheltenham closed road event planned for May 2027. Date to be confirmed as soon as possible. Similar incident in Scotland where an event planned for March 2027 clashed with a Border Counties event, which is no longer being run. Dates for 2027 for all events required by end of June.

12. Treasurer's Report

Kevin Witton reported:

- Currently £100.00 in the Cheque Account and £19,093 in the Premium Account, due to new members and sponsorship deals.
- Two clubs have been removed from the Association for non-payment of fees – The TVR Club Limited have not paid the Association for two years but have paid their fee to MSUK, citing membership of the Association. Refused them membership for 2026 and it is presumed they have joined another association. Thame Motorsport Club no longer exists. All other outstanding clubs have paid for 2026.



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13. Any Other Business

- David Simons asked why the Stewards and Clerks Working Group was disbanded and could it be brought back as it was a very useful group to be part of.
- BRMC are looking for a new Training Co-Ordinator.
- Difficulties for clerks to come on board particularly in forest rallying, due to clubs not being open to have non-club members to help as Deputy Clerk of the Course.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2026 as follows:

4th August 2026

3rd November 2026

The next Association meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4th August 2026.

The meeting will be held at Bromsgrove Golf and Conference Centre B60 1LD