



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE

On Tuesday 5th August 2025

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair & Treasurer)
John Jones (Vice Chair)
Paul Clackett
David Williams

John Arnold (President)
David Simons (Secretary & MLO)

Guests from Motorsport UK:

Claire Kirkpatrick and Ben Cross

Delegates from the following clubs:

Quinton MC, BRMC, WMPMC, BRSCC(M), MGCC, WMPMC, VSCC, Kidderminster MC, WSSCC, Rugby MC, Boundless CSMA, Loughborough CC and Matt Walk.

Further Delegates joined the meeting on Zoom: Mike Broad, Cyril Loman, Jon Cordery and Ken Sheather.

1. Apologies

Two delegates from WMPMC, BWRDC, Sixty & Worcs. MC

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 4th March 2024

Proposed: Cyril Loman

Seconded: John Claydon

3. Matters Arising

Minor typing error of delegate's name in minutes to correct.

Membership status of Forest of Dean MC to be checked.

4. Correspondence

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

- Minutes from meetings of other Associations (and Cotswold Group);
- Various Regulation changes proposed for consultation;
- Clerks & Stewards Bulletins;
- Scrutineers Bulletins;
- Information from LARA on arrangements for events;
- Motorsport UK NCR implementation and updates; (Currently Version 10)
- Motorsport UK Club News;
- Correspondence on Insurance of Road Sections.

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: No further applications have been received since the May meeting. There are now 98 member clubs in total, TVR Car Club are yet to pay their subscription.

Official Changes: It was noted that BRMC has no current Secretary. Member Clubs are advised to make their own amendments on the Association website.

Date Changes: None advised. Clubs to update the website as necessary

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reported as follows:

Championship registrations have closed at 105 and over 90 entries have scored points. Round 6 was held on 5/6 July at Brawdy with 19 cars. Championship positions after Round 6 are on the website, the next round is at Mewla on 25th August. We are getting roughly 20% of registrations for each event.

Sponsorship money is still outstanding.

6.2 Car Trial

No report received, but it is understood that there are 8 competitors and all the relevant trophies have been returned.

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett provided a written report as follows:

"Little to report on training front, but BRMC on-line training sessions are continuing and proving to be well received. They cover a variety of modules to allow attendees to gain the credits required to upgrade marshals registration.

A practical training session allied with a theory session on dealing with fire is planned for Saturday 18th October at Shelsley Walsh. Details are yet to be finalised."

8. Motorsport UK Representatives

Claire Kirkpatrick, who is Director of Club and Volunteer Development, described a number of issues and subject areas that come within her remit, including the following:

Road Rallies: Whilst the recent problems were being addressed by the Rallies team, Claire's team were dealing with resulting licencing and training requirements. The required training is being created and it is anticipated that this will be on-line with a short assessment Rule changes will follow and insurance issues remain to be resolved.

Sustainable Rally Charter: Carbon assessments to be progressed and accreditations will be given to clubs completing them. Forestry agreements rely on these assessments, so they are important; Permits will rely upon them in future.

Regional Development: To include region and club surveys. (A survey was made of AWMMC recently, results were good.) Development plan work is in progress.

Club workshops: Venues need to be resolved, but these are intended to include training for event officials.

Sport 80: Further development is in progress, with the aim of improving the licencing process. Officials renewals to be covered in Autumn, but new developments are to be tested before implementation.

British Motorsports Trust: This is running out of finance and needs to be resurrected. Current initiatives are in the hands of Regional Committee.

Club Development Fund: This is still in operation and deals with 'Volunteer of the Year' and similar awards.

'Martyn's Law': Work is in progress on how this will be addressed.

Ben Cross introduced himself as new to Motorsport UK, as part of Claire's team. He is an experienced competitor in rallying and hill climbs and assists the Prescott Driving School as an instructor.

9. Ministry of Defence Liaison Report

David S reported as follows:

We have had no recent MLO get-togethers and I have had only two recent enquiries about the same venue.

In early July I had an enquiry about Swynnerton Army Training base from Dukeries Motor Club and although I had a negative response from the base to an enquiry last year, I thought it was worth another attempt. The base command were concerned last year about infrastructure damage, but Dukeries were looking for a venue for a targa rally.

Major Sean Caine responded on 9th July 2025 to the effect that there is a halt on permissions for new or resurrected venues at that time, because of unresolved damage issues at Warcop in Cumbria. He was going to let me know when these were cleared.

Today, I received another enquiry about Swynnerton from Stockport 061 Motor Club, so I will contact Major Caine to see if the restriction has been lifted.

10. Motorsport UK Committees

Regional Committee:

John A reported on recent developments, including the meeting held on 17th June 2025:

- An update was provided on the Online Safety Act, with further national developments expected to shape Motorsport UK's upcoming guidance.
- Planning was underway for National Motorsport Week 2025, scheduled for 10-20 July, with a focus on recruitment, retention, and reengagement across all levels and disciplines of the sport.
- The Committee received updates from Motorsport UK Committees and explored ways to raise the profile of the British Motorsport Trust, which supports key safety and training initiatives.
- A new, simplified training pathway for Road Rally Clerks of the Course is in development, alongside efforts to address training gaps in key safety roles. Volunteer recruitment challenges were discussed, with a long-term development audit underway to support future planning.
- Support for Marshals without internet access continues through postal notification of renewals and paper forms.
- On sustainability, Members were notified of the year-end deadline to agree to the Sustainable Rally Charter, submit Carbon Calculator data, and achieve Sustainability Accreditation for Clubs to be eligible to apply for closed road or forest Stage Rally permits in 2026.



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- Finally, Martyn's Law is expected to come into effect in April 2027. The Committee previously discussed the practical implications of the legislation and have requested guidance be issued once further details become available.

Next meeting is on 4th November 2025.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W reported on a meeting held on 11th June 2025, mentioning in particular, discussions on:

- Road rallies, including the issues discussed in this meeting;
- Tyres and tyre allocations for stage rallies;
- Refuelling;
- Safety Car insurance;
- Rally car weights in relation to class structure;
- Pace notes for single venue rallies?;
- Requirements for Nomex underwear?

The next Rallies Committee meeting is in October 2025.

11. Treasurer's Report

Kevin W reported:

We have £100.00 in the Cheque Account and £17,286.92 in the Premium Account

12. Any Other Business

David S picked-up on a discussion held earlier in the meeting.

It was suggested that in the past, permits might have been obtained for events on the basis of false information regarding the true nature of the event. According to the evidence, this might amount to misrepresentation, where Motorsport UK could rescind the permit agreement, avoiding any insurance or other liability to the club in question.

The next Association meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 11th November 2025.

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