



THE CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION

CHESTER & WIRRAL GROUP

Minutes of the committee meeting held 5th November 2025

1 Present

A Tattersall – Secretary, R Knight- Chairman, D.Knight Treasurer, M Hartley, M Docker, M Kench

2 Apologies

L Sharp

3 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting had been accepted by E Mail and published on the boundless website

4 Matters Arising [not covered elsewhere]

None

5 Secretary's Report

Christmas arrangements.

Buffet menu agreed. Event to be held in activity room as numbers attending the event make this feasible (Secretary to check potential numbers at group meeting). Secretary to confirm that proposed menu is suitable for those with allergies. Secretary to remind attendees to bring their own drink as only squash, tea, coffee and water will be provided. Secretary had no success containing potential entertainers. MH knew someone who may come and was willing to contact them. This was agreed.

Programme for 2026

All speakers up to and including September had been booked. It was agreed to change October's proposed visit by the Owlman to a speaker that Wirral bird club were having to avoid potential Health and safety issues. Secretary would arrange this.

Time Change

Unfortunately, the hall had received a weekly booking for Wednesdays in 2026 that coincided with our start time. Following E Mail consultation, it was agreed that we would run all meetings from 2.30 to 4.30 (including AGM & Christmas). We can revisit this in future meetings if this is a problem. We would discuss committee meeting venues at next committee meeting.

Next committee meeting

This would be in the form of a volunteer recognition meal. This would be held on Wednesday 11th February 2026 with the committee meeting at 12.30 and the meal at 1pm. Partners may attend on a self funded basis. It was agreed not to invite rest of members as this was a recognition meal for the committee.

6 Treasurer's Report

At the Boundless Club Council Meeting a question was asked by one of the members if anyone could recommend a bank that did not charge monthly fee?

The Treasurer said if you need to pay charges the club will cover this from the funds.

Regarding the bank - that don't charge one Bank mentioned was Metro Bank. We have a branch of Metro Bank just opened recently in Chester.

The Chairman and myself went to this bank to discuss about opening a new account with this bank. After discussion with a member of staff. We were informed they are going to bring in charges for club accounts from 1st November 2025.

I have informed Brighton regarding this new information to be passed on.

The Club Treasurer said that all proposed budgets had been received those with any queries on had been addressed with those clubs.

We were not contacted about our budget.

We were informed that we should be using up to date Imprest sheets when requesting money for the club.

I have checked and we will be using the latest form next time.

We have before this meeting----

Money in the Bank – Virgin Bank Account £1.00

Lloyds Bank Account £360.00

Cash in Hand - £274.09

Total £635.09

I will inform the Secretary once I hear about our budget proposal for 2026.

7 Current rolling programme

See secretary's report

8 Future events

None suggested

9 Other Meetings

Around 86 attendees at Volunteer Recognition/AGM meeting. Chair & treasurer not impressed with the food although MD said he thought it was OK. Part of the event included a network event which MD felt didn't work well.

As there is no club council leader at present no club council meetings can be held.

There are to be more local member days arranged with hosts only required for a couple of hours rather than most of the day. Feedback from the events is that those attending just want to get into the event not be given club information so it is difficult to promote things.

New staff now in place at Brighton and things are improving. It appeared that Kadie Crichton seemed to be working particularly hard as people were receiving replies to E Mails even when her 'out of office' was on.

10 Publicity

4th Newsletter has been produced by DK. Secretary will E Mail this to members and arrange for hard copies to be available at December's meeting.

11 Any Other Business

None

12 Date of next Meeting

Wed 11th February 2026 at 12.30 at Nags Head Willaston. AGM preparations to be discussed.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Secretary *A Tattersall* Date 5/11/25

Chairman *R Knight* Date 5/11/25

Treasurer Report for Committee meeting 6th November 2024

The Group's money before today's meeting is as follows-

Bank Account – Group Account Virgin Money **£1.00,**

Lloyd Bank Account – D Knight. **£545.12p**

Cash – **£229.62p**

Total –**£775.74p**

Nationwide Building Society has taken over Virgin Money. As at this moment in time not been informed how this will affect our account.

Will keep updating as I receive notifications.

An Imprest was requested for our running costs for £825.00p

The Imprest was granted.

Money has gone into the account.

The Group Budget –

The proposed budget was agreed by the committee.

I sent via email the proposed Budget for 2025 to Brighton after the last committee meeting 4th September 2024.

It was acknowledged from Brighton on 5th September 2024. That they had received our proposed budget for 2025.

The deadline to be submitted was 18th September 2024.

We will be informed if our Budget has been approved or any changes to our proposal towards the end of November 2024.

I will inform the committee when I receive the outcome of our request via email of what the outcome of our request.

The cost of room hire I noticed on The 5 Villages Hall webpage has gone up in October. Yet neither Alison nor I have received any information regarding this cost. I am sure we will be informed soon.

Or when the invoice arrives for payment. It's not gone up a lot. Depending which room you are hiring.