



**THE CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION**

**CHESTER & WIRRAL GROUP**

Minutes of the 1st Committee Meeting of 2025 held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**1 Present**

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

**2 Apologies** M Hartley L Sharp

**3 Minutes of Previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting had been read and accepted via E Mail.

**4 Matters Arising [not covered elsewhere]**

Lillybets catering at the Christmas Party had been well received and the same order had been placed for the AGM and Christmas 2025.

**5 Election of officers**

All officers agreed to stand again.

Chairman	Roger Knight	Proposed by Maisie Kench	Seconded by Alison Tattersall
Secretary	Alison Tattersall	Proposed by Denise Knight	Seconded by Mike Docker
Treasurer	Denise Knight	Proposed by Alison Tattersall	Seconded by Mike Docker

Committee members

Mike Docker Liz Sharp Maisie Kench Marilyn Hartley

**5 Secretary's Report**

It is with sadness the secretary had learnt that Doreen Mellor had passed away in January. Roger Knight represented Chester & Wirral Boundless at her funeral. In addition, the club had made a donation of £20 to the family's chosen charity – Dementia UK in memory of Doreen.

**6 Treasurer's Report**

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

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

**Lloyd Bank Account – £5.44p**

**Cash – £ 34.63p**

**Total – £ 41.07p**

### **Payment to go out at the meeting-**

Pay the Committee members traveling costs for committee meeting.

Pay the speaker for 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

A couple of payments have not been paid yet – the Treasurer is happy to make the outstanding payments when the money goes into the account.

Payment for donation etc.

An Imprest for £850.00 has been requested as we have catering company to pay before 21st February.

This should cover cost until the Summer Break 2025.

It was agreed that as Doreen Mellor had been part of the Chester & Wirral Group for many years, we send a contribution to her Funeral.

Flowers were from Family only and donations requested for Dementia UK. As this dreadful illness, she suffered from at the end of her life.

A card was given to Allan her husband who is a member of the Group from all of us.

The Chairman of the Group attend on behalf of the Group and gave a donation of £20.00 on behalf of Chester & Wirral Boundless Group..

## **8 Current Rolling Social Programme**

See Attached

## **9 Programme and suggested Future events**

Mike Docker referred to Shropshire group's programme and a couple of interesting speakers. Unsure whether speakers would be willing to travel to Chester and the cost of the speakers. Mike was going to their next meeting and offered to find out. The committee agreed.

Denise Knight had heard that the Rapid Response team (a medical team) were prepared to come out and give talks about what they did and possibly offer a brief first aid session. The secretary said this could be done as part of the 2026 programme and she would keep it in mind.

The secretary wondered whether, instead of trying to book the RSPB for June 2025 we could hold an afternoon tea. She pointed out that the venue had a nice outdoor seating area which we could use. If the weather wasn't good, we could eat inside. Sandwiches etc could be purchased from Costco. The committee thought this was a good idea and the Secretary would put the idea forward to the attendees at this afternoon's club meeting.

## **10 Other Meetings**

Club council via Zoom. Denise had attended as LGR rep. She had raised the issue of the caravan rally clashing with our groups AGM. She felt that other groups possibly held AGMs in March and had the same problem.

Denise had been asked to raise the question 'What do new members get?' They are advised in the new members information of the local group(s) closest to them. Denise had asked if local groups could have the person's contact details so they could send more detailed information and a personal invite to the local group. Due to Data Protection this was not possible at present, but it is being investigated.

An issue about the members day at Jodrell bank had been raised. Apparently on the road it said Jodrell Bank was closed although it was open to Boundless members only, but this wasn't made clear. In addition, the welcome staff at the entrance were agency staff. It had been asked 'should we have Boundless volunteers if possible?'. The Boundless greet area has to be outside the venue. It was explained that this was the venue's choice and outside Boundless control.

They are still very short staffed in Head Office so please be patient.

Next club council is March 11<sup>th</sup> and will be held in person in Birmingham.

## 11 **Publicity**

## 12 **Any Other Business**

The SEN service has improved.

Mike noticed the Volunteer hub link had moved but Head Office told him to go via 'account' and he would find it. The committee thanked Mike for passing this information on.

## 13 **Date of next Meeting**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm**

Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

**Secretary** *A Tattersall* Date 5/2/25

**Chairman** *R Knight* Date 5/2/25

## 2025 Plan of talks and Events

*Orange indicates speaker not yet contacted.*

	<b>Speaker or Activity</b>	<b>Notes</b>
8th Jan	Beamish	
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The great Smokey Mountains and a few other things	Ted Brabin brings us an illustrated talk about his adventures in the Blue Ridge mountains including an encounter with a grizzly bear
12 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM - Buffet, AGM and some fun stuff	<b>Note – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and start time is 1pm</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Ned's Sheds – woodturning	Come and hear how Ned – a self taught woodturner uses his skills both to design and make individual pieces along with teaching others these skills.
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Medical detection dogs	Medical detection dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes.
4th June	RSPB	I am hoping to get someone to come and talk about the development of Burton Mere (the local RSPB place to our meeting place) and the variety of birds that can be found there.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Lighthouses of Liverpool Bay	Janet Butler
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Poppy Appeal	I am hoping to get a local speaker to come and tell us about the poppy appeal – it's history and how the funds raised today are used.
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Hedgehog care	I am hoping to get a local Hedgehog charity to come and talk about their work and what we who have gardens can do to support the hedgehog population
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christmas Do	<b>Note start time of 1pm.</b> Our annual Christmas Party – buffet lunch will be provided.