



THE CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION

CHESTER & WIRRAL GROUP

Minutes of Committee meeting 11 02 26

1 Present

Roger Knight (Chair) Denise Knight (Treasurer) Alison Tattersall (Secretary) Mike Docker Marilyn Hartley

2 Apologies

Liz Sharp, Maisie Kench

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

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

4 Matters Arising [not covered elsewhere]

None

5 Election of officers

All officers agreed to stand again.

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| Chairman | Roger Knight | Proposed by AT | Seconded by MH |
| Secretary | Alison Tattersall | Proposed by MD | Seconded by DK |
| Treasurer | Denise Knight | Proposed by RK | Seconded by MD |

Committee members

Mike Docker Liz Sharp Maisie Kench Marilyn Hartley

6 Secretary's Report

The 2026 programme was complete. SEN's for September to December to be completed in near future.

AT to ask Village Hall if they can use café area for committee meetings as it appears Art group are not using it at the time we would like it. We can offer to pay for the use of the space.

The groups AGM (4th March 2026) once again clashes with a camping and caravan rally at Whitmead, despite DK asking when this was scheduled for. She was informed it would be the week of 9th March 2026 & we only found out the revised date (w/c 2nd March) once we had booked the village hall. This may affect the viability of the AGM as we need a minimum of 10 members. If

10 members do not attend on 4th March AT will arrange a zoom AGM sometime later in March or April (no club meeting in April due to Easter).

7 Treasurer's Report

The Groups Budget for 2026 was approved and granted.

Denise Knight informed the committee by email.

We have before this meeting----

Money in the Bank – Virgin Bank Account £1.00p

Lloyds Bank Account £585.00p

Cash in Hand - £340.50p

Total £926.50p

Finance

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| December | | | £55.18 |
| Imprest | £1050.00 granted. | | |
| January- Hall | £32.00 | | |
| January - Speaker | £50.00 | | |
| January – Refreshments. | £11.68 | | |
| February - Hall . | £32.00 | | |
| February Speaker. | £50.00 | | |
| February Refreshments. | £3.00 | | |
| Balance | | | £926.50p |

Volunteer Incentive

£20 per person has been received from HQ which entitles the committee to have a meal out as a thank you for their hard work. It was decided to book the Stamford Bridge on Wednesday 11th February at 1pm.

Signed D. F. Knight..... Date 4th February2026.

8 Current Rolling Social Programme

See Attached

9 Programme and suggested Future events

February's speaker, Elizabeth Allen was very well received, and she had informed AT that she had other talks and was happy to be invited again. AT would look to book her for 2027. Other

suggested speakers were Graham Loach and Chester's Town Crier David Mitchell. MH agreed to investigate the latter. MD suggested that a singer Sassy Grey could be approached for Christmas entertainment. He forwarded a Facebook link for AT to consider (price not known). A tour of Liverpool Empire was suggested – these seem to be held Thursday's and some Saturday's. AT to see whether the group would like to do this and, if so, plan a visit. Another suggestion was a tour of either JLR or Ford Halewood. Not known if either company offered these, AT to investigate.

10 Other Meetings

Club Council Mon 16th February DK attending as LGR. She will not be attending the April Club Council as she is hosting a social break.

11 Publicity

AT suggested she approach member communities and ask if an E Shot outlining the group's activities and including their current Newsletter could be sent out. Other suggestions for publicity included a group specific poster that could be either printed and displayed locally or used on Facebook etc. AT would e mail member communities and ask. The thought was that even if it attracted non Boundless members, we could explain the benefits membership and recommend them as friends if they did not fall into a public service category. It was interesting to note that our last 2 new members one had come because he was newly retired and saw the Ironworks trip advertised, the 2nd person had come through personal invite when recently widowed.

12 Any Other Business

None

13 Date of next Meeting

AGM & Club meeting Wednesday 4th March

Club meeting Wednesday 6th May

2026 Plan of talks and Events
Please note - All meetings start at 2.30
Green means event completed.

| | Speaker or Activity | Notes | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| 7 th Jan | Alison's miscellany | Our secretary Alison will bring a light-hearted illustrated talk of her escapades during 2025. Some adventures will be local and some further afield. Be prepared to laugh and smile as we start 2026 with some funny tales. | |
| 4 th February | Forgotten History – 10 years at Belsen Elizabeth Allen | The 15 th April 2025 commemorated the 80 th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp by British Troops. However, its history started in 1934 when Hitler became Fuhrer and began preparations to regain territory lost during World War 1. | Elizabeth.k.allen@outlook.com £50 donation to charity |
| 4 th March | AGM - Buffet, AGM and some fun stuff | | |
| 1 st April | No meeting | | |
| 6 th May | Pete Milner – Japan in Bloom | Pete is a retired minister at my church and definitely has the gift of the gab. Earlier this year he and his wife went to Japan during Blossom time. I am going to see if he'd come and tell us about his trip and show us photo's, I'm sure he will have taken some. I'll let you know at the committee meeting in September | |
| 3 rd June | Afternoon Tea | Hopefully a chance to use the garden at the hall otherwise we will eat indoors, with some sort of quiz too. | |
| 1 st July | No meeting | Any idea for a visit/trip?? | |
| 2 nd September | Bryan Carlyon | Merseyside salvage – The history of marine dismantling including HMS eaglet and the longest floating landing stage in the world at one time. | £60 bp.carlyon@hotmail.co.uk |
| 7 th October | Mike Roberts | Wild Days in Coastal North Wales - This talk will cover some of the coastal and island areas of North Wales along the coast from Flint through to Great Orm, part of the Llyn Peninsula and the Isle of Anglesey. It covers a wide range of subjects: birds, butterflies, flora as well as refuges for red squirrels and dolphin watching spots. All rounded off with an aurora. Come and experience the delights of this area which for many of our members is just on our doorstep. | £99 mroberts181161@gmail.com |
| 4 th November | Andrew Breeze | Author and historian Andrew will tell us all about Chester castle in 1387 – The earl of Oxford's love nest | £50 abreeze@unav.es |
| 3 rd Dec | Christmas Do | Our annual Christmas Party – buffet lunch will be provided. | |