



THE CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION

CHESTER & WIRRAL GROUP

Minutes of the 3rd Committee Meeting of 2023 on 6th September 2023

1 Present

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

2 Apologies M docker, L Sharp

3 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 3rd May 2023 had been accepted via E Mail.

4 Matters Arising [not covered elsewhere]

None

5 Secretary's Report

Comms from HQ –

- i) Local Groups Report – this has asked about both an event to attract new members and whether new large employers appropriate to Boundless membership had moved into the area. This question was asked as other groups had organised such an event or were in an area where a new large employer had moved in – I thought I had missed a communication that asked us to consider these questions, but this was not the case.
- ii) Previous Local Group report had indicated that one group held things on a Saturday to attract people who could not attend during the week. AT suggested she tried to arrange something on a Saturday or a Sunday particularly as she had been in contact with a couple who had recently joined Boundless but due to work commitments could only attend at weekend. Other suggestions were to look at organising some evening meetings perhaps during the summer when it was better for travelling.
- iii) Vote for Local Group Representative (LGR) – the committee agreed to support Bob Smith as an LGR.

The Committee were saddened to hear of the death of one of their members Norman Draper aged 98. There was no information as to the funeral arrangements if AT heard anything she would pass it on

AT had produced a draft calendar for 2024 with suggested committee dates and queries about the April meeting date as this fell just after Easter & during the school holidays. It was agreed to cancel this meeting and also to wait until Camping and Caravanning dates known for 2024 before booking anything for July as this was this year's meeting was only attended by about 10 people. As an alternative, if numbers that month were likely to be low maybe those wishing to meet up could do so in a local pub. This to decided nearer the time. Draft calendar attached at Appendix 1
The proposed 90th Anniversary trip to Llangollen railway was agreed with the caveats that, it was on a steam train & Boundless HQ would subsidise the event. (NB Treasurer had included this request on 2024 budget request). It was suggested that we consider having a cream tea on the train and it was agreed to investigate this.

6 Treasurer's Report

Club money

As at date of meeting Cash £110.94 Bank £1.00 **Total** £111.94

Impress £800 had been requested and granted.

Virgin money had advised that the Liverpool branch would be closed. DK had looked at alternatives e.g. Santander but this had proved to complicated and so it she had decided that remaining with Virgin and using the Post Office facility to withdraw funds was the best option.

7 Current Rolling Social Programme

See Appendix 2

8 Programme and suggested Future events

Following the E Mail AT had produced a chart showing members preferred future 'ad hoc' events. There were some opinions still to be obtained however, gourmet ambles seemed very popular as did Cuckooland, Crich tramway and a guided tour of Chester. Other events e.g., Liverpool airport tour and Blacon Cemetery had also been of interest. AT will look to schedule some of these in for 2024.

9 Other Meetings

AT and DK would be attending the Networking meeting at Leeds in October.

10 Publicity

None

11 Any Other Business

None

12 Date of next Meeting

1st November 2023 at 1pm

Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Secretary *A Tattersall* Date 6/9/23

Chairman *R Knight* Date 6/9/23

Appendix 1 Draft calendar for 2024

NB Speaker's etc to be confirmed, additional ad hoc events to be included when arranged.

Date	Speaker or Activity	Contact	Cost	Notes
3 rd Jan	Notes from Nice – Alison will bring us an illustrated talk on her visit to Nice France in 2023	Me	Free	
7 th Feb				Committee Meeting, AGM prep and anniversary prep
6 th Mar	AGM Meeting to begin at 1pm			
3 rd Apr	CANCELLED			School hols + 2 days post Easter
1 st May				Committee Mtg post AGM + confirm Anniversary info
5 th June	Anniversary activity – Llangollen Railway inc Cream tea - To be confirmed			AT to cancel room booking
3 rd July				
4 th Sept				Committee Mtg – feedback anniversary plus Christmas
2 nd Oct				
6 th Nov				Committee Mtg – conf Christmas arrangements
4 th Dec	Christmas Do – book hall if possible			

Appendix 2 Calendar of events

Wed 6th September Alison Tattersall – Service with the social. Our secretary Alison will give a humorous talk covering her 30 year career in the civil service mainly working on social security benefits.

Wed 4th October Mike Blackburn – A history of the Ordnance Survey. An talk covering the history of mapping in the UK since 1791

Wed 1st Nov Angela Brabin – Disasters in Court. Angela will tell us of funny things that happened during her career as a solicitor.

Wed 6th Dec Christmas Social – Fun and laughter with food as well!

2024 Events

Wed 3rd Jan It was nice in Nice – Alison will bring us an illustrated and humorous talk on her visit to Nice in May 2023. Not just the sights of Nice (and Alison's favourite place St Jean de Vence) but other interesting sights such as money machines in shops and free water stations outdoors!