



MOTORCYCLE GROUP
Of the Motor Caravanners' Club



Committee Meeting Minutes

3rd August 2025 at 11.00am

Clanfield Rally, Cricket Bat Field, Friars Court OX18 2SX

Present:

Martin Borrill (MB)– Chairman
Ian Jefferson (IJ)– Vice Chairman/Web Master
Wendy Jefferson(WJ) – Secretary
Sue Louch (SL) – Treasurer
Steve Louch (StL) – Rally Officer
Noreen Borrill (NB) - Scribe
Jane Cowley (JC)– Committee Member
Sean Cowley (SC) – Committee Member
Nick Moore (NM) – Committee Member

The Meeting was formally convened by WJ and MB thanked everyone for attending.

1. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting.

MB asked for confirmation that everyone approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the last meeting. All approved.

2. Matters Arising on previous Minutes.

None

3. Matters to be discussed

(a) AGM 2025

MB said that firstly we would need a couple of people to man the gate. MB and NM agreed to get to the venue early and do this.

MB and NM to action

Five places for committee vans would be reserved by the hall. At the moment we had 20 vans confirmed as going, and so would assume we would be catering for around 40 people. We were having a faith supper on Saturday evening. It was agreed to do bacon rolls and allow for 2 rolls each.

The food for this could be purchased from a nearby Tesco. In all we would need 160 rashers of bacon, 80 rolls (to include one pack of gluten free) and 12 eggs for anybody who did not eat bacon. After some discussion and because we did not have the hall on Sunday morning, it was decided to have the bacon rolls on Saturday morning before the AGM. JC said she would take charge of this, with NB and Katrina assisting.

JC to action

So far as refreshments for the AGM were concerned, we already had coffee, tea and sugar left over from the previous AGM. We only needed milk, which MB and SC agreed to get when purchasing the bacon etc. It was confirmed that there was an urn in the kitchen.

MB and SC to action

It was also agreed that NM together with Lyn would sign members into the meeting.

NM to action

In the evening we had Leon's disco booked. We agreed to have a raffle on the Saturday evening, and after a discussion it was decided not to purchase spirits, but rather wine and beer instead plus other prizes. A limit of £50.00 was agreed, and JC agreed to purchase 10 prizes worth £5 each.

JC to action

MB said that he would organise a rideout on the Sunday (weather permitting) in the form of a treasure hunt. IJ explained how the Landmark Challenge worked at his Triumph group and it was agreed that he would base the rideout in that way.

MB to action

In the evening, we would have a game of music bingo organised by NM.

NM to action

WJ said she would prepare an Itinerary for the AGM rally to give to members on arrival.

WJ to action

WJ asked if everybody was happy to stay on the committee for another year and all agreed. StL said that he would only be rally officer for one more year as it involved a lot of work and he could do with some assistance. Finding sites was a growing problem.

WJ said she would let the committee know whose turn it was to stand down this year for re-election.

WJ to action

(b) AGM 2026

StL said that he had booked a site in Cornwall for a holiday rally next September, during which we would have our AGM. There was no hall at the

site but there was a function room down the road – about a 15 minute walk. He suggested hiring the function room for the AGM and maybe charge a £2 rally fee rather than the usual £1 to cover this expense. All agreed. StL said he would make enquiries as to the cost of hiring the room for the AGM and for the evening and will let us know. SL suggested this rally be bookable with deposits taken. All agreed to this and to a £50 non refundable deposit being taken. It was agreed that MCG members only should be offered places until the end of February 2026, after which places would be offered to MCC members.

StL to action

(c) 2026 Rallies

StL handed out a sheet containing the 2026 rallies he had booked. He confirmed he had emailed all rally officers of the regional groups in which the rallies were taking place to let them know when and where we were going, and had copied MB into the emails. He was just waiting for confirmation from the Yorkshire group with regard to the rally in May. MB said that there were quite a few rallies without a free host place. After discussion it was agreed that those rallies would attract a rally fee of £2 rather than the usual £1 to go towards covering this. The rally in June at Ross-on-Wye was costing the club a flat rate of £200 per night for the site and hall and a one off fee of £250 for the emptying of the septic tank, regardless of the number of vans present. It was agreed that we would charge £17 per van in the hope that 17+ vans attend. There was an invite to East Midlands to our rally at Bakewell at the beginning of July, and it was agreed to make this bookable as it might be very popular, and committee run.

So far as the August rally at Deal in Kent was concerned, Adrian King was trying to get discounted tickets for the Heritage Sprint event which was taking place nearby at the same time. StL said that we could have a stand at the Heritage Sprint event to promote our group. There were café premises on site at our rally if we wished to hire them, and StL said he would find out the cost.

StL to action

IJ suggested we send a copy of our 2026 rally program to the secretaries of the various regional groups and all agreed.

IJ to action

(d) Insignia

IJ said that further insignia had been sold at reduced prices, and read out the list of what we had left. He said that he would like to get some more small

stickers and cling ons, as these were proving popular. He said he also needed to purchase some more T shirts – possibly some v neck ones for the ladies.

IJ said he would enquire of COM with regard to the sweatshirts and hoodies that they sell. These are sold by people individually ordering on line. This way, we wouldn't have to keep a large stock. Some members had enquired about the possibility of caps – the popular colour seemed to be black with a white design. IJ said he would look at costs and report back. MB asked about Hi Viz jackets. After discussion it was agreed that we would ask members at the AGM about them.

IJ to action

(e) Saving seats/spaces at rallies

SC said that there had been occasions at the National and recent rallies when seats and spaces were being saved, and members had been told they couldn't sit in that place. Some members had been quite upset. After discussion it was agreed that we should not allow the saving of seats or spaces, and that if members want to sit together they should arrive together.

(f) Possibility of a Complaints Officer

SC wondered if we should have a complaints officer on the committee. IJ said that in the first instance anyone with a complaint would speak with MB as Chairman. The complaint would then be passed either to the relevant person on the Committee, or the Committee would have a discussion together about the complaint. We did not receive many complaints.

(g) Lloyds Service Charges

MB said he noticed that the service charge this month had increased. SL said that it had increased because the number of transactions this month had exceeded the limit. After discussion, it was decided to leave the account as it was.

(h) Officers Reports

Treasurer – SL confirmed there was £932.71 in the current account, and £2,989.99 in the deposit account. We did of course still owe COM £1,000.00. £665 of the moneys in the current account had come in on the 31st July and were yet to be paid out. For the year end we would have £267.71 in the current account. IJ said that we needed to keep extra moneys we get in from profitable rallies to cover those where we don't, and all agreed.

(i) Any Other Business

MB confirmed that Pearl Spence currently had the cup of kindness.

SC pointed out that Tony and Sandra who were running the follow on rally from Clanfield did not have a rally box and therefore no signs to put out. SC and JC said they would leave early with a rally box to give to Tony and Sandra.

One of the rally boxes did not have the Water and Elsan signs, and IJ said he would make some more.

IJ to action

SL asked about dogs being left in vans while members went out on a rideout. It was agreed that anybody wanting to leave a key with somebody staying on site must arrange this directly between themselves.

NM said he wanted to mention that three different members had approached him regarding some rideouts including unrestricted/bad roads, and had stopped going on rideouts because of this. MB said that he always chose roads on google maps and didn't always know what they would be like beforehand. After discussion, it was suggested that MB reads out a disclaimer stating that everybody rides in accordance with the law and at their own risk, and that the road captain was not responsible for the state of the roads.

There being no other business, MB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 2.00pm. The next committee meeting would take place at the September rally at Greenhill Park.