

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Of The Caravan Club,
Cheshire Centre, Held At Whitley Village Hall, Whitley.
Saturday 13th September 2025

Secretary:

Good afternoon, ladies and Gentlemen, providing that there are no objections; we will remain seated throughout the meeting. Just a little house keeping before we start, just to remind everyone, there is no smoking in the hall today and that includes vapes. The emergency exits are facing me at the back of the hall, where you came in and to my left. Please can I ask that you either put your phone on silent or turn it off; thank you.

No voting slips have been handed out for the committee positions as we once again have more positions than nominations for the committee 2025/2026.

No motions have been received for this meeting.

Only those in the physical room may speak today, if you wish to speak at today's meeting your name will have to be on the nominal roll which was checked at the door when you came into the hall. If your name is not on the roll you are welcome to stay and observe the meeting but of course cannot speak. If you wish to speak please identify yourself clearly for the minutes.

Item 1: **Secretary:** We welcome you to Whitley Village Hall in Whitley today Saturday 13th September 2025. The Notice Convening the Meeting, together with the agenda can be found on page 36 of our Centre Rally Handbook.

Chairman: "May we take the notice convening the meeting as read, if I could have a show of hands from those present"

Hand vote: Those in favour: All
Those against: None

Item 2: Chairman's Welcome

Chairman:

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. May I extend to you all a warm welcome to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Cheshire Centre of The Caravan and Motorhome Club. It is good to see you are all interested in the running and future wellbeing of the Centre.

Unfortunately, not all of our friends and fellow ralliers can be with us today. We have lost over the past 12 months many friends. As a mark of respect, I would like to take a moment of reflection if I could ask those able to stand for a minutes silence with me. Thank You.

May I remind you that only Centre Members, Family Members and Joint Members whose centre registration has been confirmed with the secretary in accordance with guidance from

the CAMC can and are entitled to speak. Can I ask that those wishing to speak announce your name clearly before making your point. We will have an opportunity towards the end of the meeting for questions from the floor."

Item 3: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Judy Clarke
John Toms
Barbara and Keith Scarlett
Imelda and Andrew Lowe
Sue and Nigel Bayley
Helen and Dale Lancashire
Glenis and Barry Chesterton
Valerie and John Whittaker
Ann and Dave Beattie
Linda and Tony Smith
Trish and Trevor Little
Kayt and Paul Clark
Andrea and Martin Kay
Joy and Steve Littler
Sarah and Gary Upton
Lou and Frazer Jeff
Barbara and Alan Beard
Christine Ansell

Item 4: Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

Chairman:

"The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting for 2024 were added to the website on 3rd September have been emailed to all registered members for all to read. Also, a copy was made available here today. Can I ask for a Proposer and a Seconder that the Minutes be accepted as a true record?"

Proposer: Paul Bedworth
Seconder: Michelle Cook

Hand vote: Those in favour: All
Those against: None

Item 5: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2024 meeting.

Item 6: Chairman's Report

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen

It is with a great honour that I am here as Chairman once again, second time around. Last year unfortunately Mrs Sue Williams felt her personal circumstances meant she could no longer continue in the role of Chairman and therefore she resigned with only a small window before the AGM. As time was short a new chairman was required. Tom Dale became acting chairman for those few weeks to ensure the club continued to run smoothly however he felt he wasn't in a position to take the chairmanship for the coming year. As this was very close to the AGM, and after speaking to a number of past chairmen and committee members I stepped back in so this club could still continue to move forward.

With plenty to look forward to in the coming year with the 7000th celebration rally, the new committee set about confirming roles and responsibilities. Dates were set for meetings throughout the year, with us reducing the number of meetings and not all being face to face with the use of MS teams, therefore reducing travel and cost to committee members and the centre. Over the last 12 months the centre has added new equipment including event shelters, heaters and lights for use on rallies.

We also agreed to continue to utilise the assistance of Andy Gibbs as our centre webmaster and I thank him for his continued support to the centre during this last year. Andy does a great job, and the website is always kept up to date with the latest centre news.

The programme for 2025 was ratified and plans to publish the rally book was underway. It seemed online bookings were deemed a success, and we opted to keep this in place alongside postal bookings giving rally officers the choice of how to take their bookings.

It was great to see a strong junior committee this year lead by Alex Cook. With full numbers and a great mix of young and older juniors, they all have worked extremely hard helping out on rallies, providing the much loved tuck shop and running their own rally. Thank you to all parents and grandparents for their continued support.

2025 was a huge milestone in the centres history and the committee were meeting on a regular basis led by sub committee chairman Tom Dale to deliver a fantastic 7000th rally for all the centre to celebrate and enjoy. With over 220 outfits attending and many more members coming as day visitors this was a huge success and something we should all be proud of. I would like to personally thank our main sponsor Glossop Caravans for their continuous support towards our centre and golf society.

The Centre's golf society are due to celebrate 50 years in 2026. Can I thank the outgoing captain Martin Kay and wish the society and the new captain success in its celebratory year. They are always looking for new members if anybody would like to join.

I would also like to thank all the rally officers who take time out to organise and run rallies for the centres benefit. This is very much appreciated and without you we wouldn't have such a wonderful choice of rallies each weekend. For those thinking about running a rally please get in touch and we will always help, the more the merrier, it's not as hard as you might think it is.

As the new 2025/2026 committee is formed, we welcome 3 new members. I would like to thank the past years committee members for all their hard work, commitment and dedication over this past year. Being on the committee may not be for everyone but without committee members we don't have a centre so maybe give it a try. I can assure you that all the decisions we make, are based on what we believe is the best for the centre and our members. I hope the membership will continue to respect the decisions made by the committee and appreciate the time they put in on your behalf.

Finally, I **would like** to thank Angela for all her continuous support over the last 12 months. This concludes my report."

There were no questions regarding the Chairman's Report.

Chairman: "May I now have a show of hands from the floor on the adoption of my Report?"

Hand vote: Those in favour: All
 Those against: None

Item 7: Treasurers Report

"Good afternoon, Ladies & Gentlemen.

In my report, I will present the Centres accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024.

Copies of the accounts were made available as you entered the hall, I hope you have all have a copy.

The Accounts have been drawn up in the same format as previous years which are those laid down by the Caravan & Motorhome Club.

Just the accounts pages are numbered. Pages 1 and 2 show the balance sheet and pages 3 and 4 show the income and expenditure account of the Senior section for the year. Page 5 shows the Junior's accounts.

Please turn to page 3 of those accounts.

You can see that the Net Surplus of £103 in 2023 is down to a loss of £79 in 2024. This is mainly due to a reduced grant from the Caravan & Motorhome Club, and a small number of last minute rally cancellations where rally plaques have already been purchased, or deposits lost.

Please turn to page 4 of the accounts.

Overall, our total expenditure was £5,220, up by £2,253, due in the main to increased depreciation of assets, more face to face committee meetings and reduced advertising income. This gave us a nett loss of £1,720, which compares to a surplus of £1,092 last year.

We should bear in mind that these accounts are lower than the true cost of running the centre, because your committee have not claimed back any of the expenses that they personally incur.

Page 5 shows the Juniors results for 2024. The Junior Treasurer gave an account of their finances at the Junior AGM meeting earlier today.
Please turn to page 2.

This section of the balance sheet shows purchases of £736. This covers various rally equipment purchases. In 2023 this was higher as we needed to replace laptop computers for the Treasurer, Secretary and Rally Secretary.

The results of the senior and junior sections are added to the net assets of the centre and this is reflected in our balance sheet, which is shown page 2, the total assets are £34,268. £3,263 of this belongs to our Junior section.

This now concludes my report on the Centre accounts for 2024.

Going forward, it is essential that we as a Centre keep a close eye on three important factors, to ensure that we continue to flourish in the coming years:

1. Equipment purchases
2. Advertising income, which have fallen in recent years
3. Contribution from rallies – I know that this has been suspended for 2026, but we may not be able to afford to maintain this forever.

I have every confidence that the new committee will be diligent in this area.

Finally, my thanks go to my wife Jane. She has been my right-hand woman throughout the last three years, without whom I would not have been able to complete the role of Treasurer. "

Chairman:

"Please may I have somebody to move the adoption of the accounts:"

Proposer: Wendy Windsor

Seconder: Paul Bowler

Chairman:

"Are there now any questions on the Treasurers Report?"

Chairman:

"May I now have a show of hands from the floor on the adoption of this Report?"

Hand vote: Those in favour: All

Those against: None

Secretary:

"I would now like to ask the Chairman to present our retiring 2024/2025 Officers and committee with their year plaques, but first I ask Tom Dale to present the Chairman, Chris Haig, with his plaque.

Can I ask now the Chairman to present the following plaques."

Vice chairman: Tom Dale
Secretary: Deborah Rose
Treasurer: Dale Dale
Rally Secretary: Martyn Shaw

Committee: Paul Aubert
Bill Taylor
Trevor Little
Diane France

Item 8: Elections

Secretary:

"There have been enough nominations to fill all the positions on the committee this year, so there is no need for a vote for committee positions."

Secretary:

8 (a) Chairman.

I have received 1 nomination for the position of Chairman, that being Chris Haig, I therefore declare him duly elected.

Can I ask our Vice Chair Tom Dale to present Chris Haig with his Badge, Plaque and Chain of Office and Angela Haig with her chain of office.

Secretary:

8 (b) Vice Chairman.

I have received 1 nomination for the position of Vice Chairman, that being Martin Kay, I therefore duly declare him duly elected.

Chairman:

8 (c) Secretary – I have received 1 nomination for the position of Secretary, that being Deborah Rose, I therefore declare her duly elected.

Secretary:

8 (d) Treasurer – I have received 1 nomination for the position of Treasurer, that being Susan Evans, therefore I declare her duly elected.

Rally Secretary:

8 (e) Secretary – I have received 1 nomination for the position of Rally Secretary that being Martyn Shaw therefore I declare him duly elected.

Secretary:

8 (f) I have received 6 nominations for Centre Committee therefore it is not necessary to have an election.

I declare the following 6 people, are elected as the Committee for 2025/26. As I call out your name, please will you make your way forward to the stage so that the meeting may identify you and to receive your committee plaques and badges from the Chairman.

Bill Taylor
Trevor Little
Darren Peatfield
Lou Jeff
Diane France
Tobias Keyser

Item 9: Approval of Auditors

Treasurer:

"My recommendation to the Committee will be SMH BullockWoodburn."

Chairman:

All in favour?

Hand vote: Those in favour: All
Those against: None

Item 10: Motions Received:

Secretary: I have received no motions this year.

Item 11: Any Other Business

The Chairman opened up questions from the floor.

11.1 It was asked if there was anywhere to list items of lost/found property.

The Chairman suggested that any lost or found property should be reported to the respective Rally Officers for the rally. The items could then be mentioned at closing flag or sooner, during the rally.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and all those who had contributed to the meeting.

The Chairman reminded attendees that the meeting would be followed immediately by the Junior AGM and invited all to remain for that meeting.

The Chairman announced the meeting closed at: 2.25pm