

NORTH WEST MIDLANDS AND NORTH WALES GROUP
OF THE
MOTOR CARAVANNERS CLUB

Minutes of the meeting held at Eccleshall Castle on 28- 09 -2025

The meeting was convened at 3pm

Present :-

Linda Hastilow - Chairperson

Eileen Harvey - Treasurer

Lynda Linay - Secretary

Charles Goldthorpe - Rally Officer

Mike Hastilow - Committee member

Apologies :-

Shirley Hill

Jane Parnill

1. The minutes from the previous meeting at Cockshutt Village hall were proposed by Mike Hastilow and accepted by Eileen Harvey. Signed by Linda Hastilow (Chairperson)

2. Eileen reported the banking details as of 28-09-25 but stressed that these figures are before the payments to Llangollen and White Lodge, as she is still awaiting their invoices. She also still has the caterers for the Christmas party and the entertainers (2) to pay for.

Community Account £8048.74

Commercial Account £5103.26

3. Phil Ford and Sue Ford joined the meeting at 3.04pm

4. This meeting was called primarily to discuss the finer details of the Christmas and New Year rallies. Latest figures for the Christmas party are 24 booked and several enquiries showing interest. The wine and soft drinks will be delivered directly to Bickerton. This avoids any van being overweight as we will all have plenty of other things to transport. A decorate your van and Christmas jumper competition are planned, prizes for the winners. Linda has a large basket which she is going to fill as a food hamper and also make a toiletries basket. A raffle and tombola will run at the Christmas rally and another raffle at New Year. Lyn has offered to donate a bottle of spirits to the raffle and also to acquire some Christmas cakes and other Christmas appropriate treats for the party weekend.

The group owns a lot of wine and shot glasses (currently stored at Linda and Mike's house). Around half are surplus to requirements so we are going to look into selling these.

5. Moving on to New Year it was decided to make use of Asda delivery and have the bulk of the food for the buffet delivered to Minsterley. Again this will avoid any one van being overburdened with transporting items to and from the venue.

6. A short discussion with regards to the AGM at Brimbo then followed. Lyn said she needed to know who was stepping down from the committee as we need three (3) to step down each year. Eileen asked Phil if he was stepping down as she had been told he had said he was. He said no at first then said he hadn't decided. Eileen then asked if he would be attending more rallies and/or committee meetings in future as he hadn't been to any since Shrewsbury and as a committee member he should help to run the rallies. Phil's answer was that he goes to rallies to relax not work. The meeting then became rather heated.

The Fords were asked to leave the meeting after a severe disagreement between them and other committee members. Phil's inappropriate language (swearing) towards Eileen and his threat of violence and swearing towards Charlie are not acceptable. As a committee we can no longer accept Phil as a member due to his aggressive and threatening behaviour towards other members.

After a short coffee break we resumed the meeting and finalised our New Year rally plans. There will be a raffle and bingo on the 30th., a warm buffet on the 31st. And something like hot dogs and using up left-overs on the 1st.. An entertainer has been booked for NY Eve. The price for the rally is £5 pupn plus £15 per person for the buffet.

Linda closed the meeting at 18.03