

Scottish Motorcycle Club – Zoom Committee Meeting Minutes

8th April 2026

Present:

**Peter Johnson - Chairperson, (as well as temporary stand-in for unfilled
Runs and Events Coordinator)**

Ken Eddie - Membership Secretary

Grant Powrie - Treasurer

Dave Waddell - Web Administrator

Norman Mitchell - Merchandise Officer

Antonios Tsikrikas - General Committee Member

Ewan Ritchie - General Committee Member

Kenny Anderson - Meetings Secretary

- **Chairperson: Peter Johnson**

Peter opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and commenting that with eight participants, this was one the largest Committee groups in a long time.

- **Treasurer: Grant Powrie**

The first agenda item concerned the Treasurer status. Ian Ness had reported that Grant Powrie, elected as Treasurer for 2026 at the recent AGM, was in the process of being added as administrator to the Club Bank Account.

- **Admin Accounts**

Peter said that the process of restructuring the Admin. accounts had been done by the Club's new Web Administrator, Dave Waddell, with some assistance from Mandy. He thanked them.

Previously, normal usernames were used for the Admin Accounts, as well as in a secondary account in the Members area of the Website that would be used for messaging *etc.* This has now been streamlined to prevent Administrators receiving multiple emails for the same action. The Admin accounts are now simply: ***chair@scottishmotorcyclclub.org.uk***, ***secretary@....*** or ***runs@....***

Ken agreed that this was an improvement, adding that it made keeping track of Membership numbers easier.

- **Treasurer: Grant Powrie**

Grant joined the group, apologising for his lateness. Peter gave him a brief update of discussions so far.

Grant agreed with Peter's summary of his progress in becoming an administrator of the Club's Bank Account. He added that with Ian's assistance, the process was now almost complete although he was still awaiting notification of a PIN to enable full access to the account.

Peter took the opportunity to ask Grant if he'd like to update his profile on the website's Meet the Committee page.

Action: Grant to update Bio pic

- **Constitution**

As discussed at the AGM, the Committee examined what changes may be required to be made to the Constitution, to enable easier alteration of Committee Member work duties as required.

The Committee agreed that the actual changes necessary may be small. It was suggested that Office Bearers responsibilities were not detailed, beyond a general responsibility required to enable successful running of the position. A variety of situations were discussed, where it was that demonstrated how an outcome could be achieved using mechanisms already in place, such as discussion at Committee Meetings, discussions at a wider Membership level or that already appeared to be sanctioned by the Constitution.

It was agreed that the position should be clarified before any Constitutional change was put before the Club Membership. Any consensus reached by Committee would then be presented to the Membership for consideration and voting before any change to the Constitution could be implemented.

Action: Ken to examine the Constitution and its evolution, liaising with Arthur/Committee Members

- **Runs & Events Coordinator: Peter Johnson**

At the AGM, the Runs and Events Coordinator position remained unfilled. Peter agreed to take on those duties on a temporary basis, in addition to those of Chairperson.

Since being elected to the position of General Committee Member at the AGM, Antonios Tsikrikas expressed an interest in finding out more about the Runs Coordinator duties. Recently, Peter introduced him to the background work required for some posted Club Runs. Antonios has now said that he is very interested in taking on the role. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and he should start forthwith.

Until a decision has been reached about any changes to the Constitution, the post will remain Runs and Events Coordinator.

Action: Peter and Antonios to have post Zoom meeting chat exploring his duties.

- **Web Administrator: Dave Waddell**

Dave gave an overview of how he was settling in as the new Web Administrator. He has had a gentle introduction, delving into some Member administration and submitting Bio details. With assistance from Mandy, he has been exploring the Website. Dave encourages Members to contact him at ***admin@scottishmotorcycleclub.org.uk*** if they notice any problems or have issues with the system.

- **Merchandise Officer: Norman Mitchell**

Peter told us that Mandy's business had now closed, and the website no longer exists. The Facebook page will be closed soon. The Club Merchandise page is still on the Website, although there isn't much activity on the site.

Peter suggested to Norman that it might be worth introducing himself to Members and updating them about the current Merchandise situation. He could also encourage suggestions for any new items that Members might like to be made available. Mandy still has embroidering equipment, as well as the heat press needed for printing. She will still be able to produce small quantities of items that Club Members might like to purchase.

Peter noted that there seemed to be ongoing issues with the Merchandise Officer's email interaction with the ***committee@...*** emails. He suggested that for a more dependable method, Norman should generate a new email for contacting Committee Members rather than sending a reply from a string of ***committee@...*** emails received. Grant mentioned that he was having similar issues when dealing with ***committee@...*** emails.

A flurry of test emails was sent between Committee Members, with variable success. Some of the missing posts were found in spam folders. Grant discovered that by simply clearing original spam emails, subsequent emails were delivered to his inbox. Some anomalies persisted, so Ewan confirmed that he would investigate the problem further.

Action: Norman - Update Members about the Merchandise situation

Ewan - to check Committee email links

Peter said that a non-Member contacted him recently about the public Facebook page, inquiring whether it was still live, as it didn't appear to be getting updated. On inspection, it was seen that significant time intervals between updates was not unusual. Peter suggested to Ewan, that as an introduction to Committee workings, he might like to have a look at the public Facebook page and make some updates.

Action: Peter to give Ewan Admin access to the Facebook page and Website

- **Membership Secretary – Ken Eddie**

Ken gave an update on the Membership situation. Last year there were 85 Members. At the moment, there are 71 Members; 60 renewals of last year's Membership, Arthur's complimentary Membership, 2 new Members, who joined just before the AGM. 16 existing Members have not yet renewed, although 3 of those have indicated that they won't.

Ken inquired about the automated procedure for requesting Membership renewal. Dave gave a brief rundown of the system in place. Ken said that his preference was for a non-automatic system based on sending emails to Individual Members and monitoring progress manually. Many voices were aghast at the suggestion but accepted that the decision should be left to the person doing the task.

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Comment was made about the success of last year's 25-year anniversary weekend trip to Strathpeffer and the suggestion was made that it might be worthwhile a similar trip this year.

There was general agreement that it would be worthwhile checking out availability and prices.

Action: Kenny to contact Ben Wyvis Hotel to check options

No other business, the Meeting was closed.