Notes of the 586th Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held 7.00pm Wednesday 14th October 2026 via Google Meet

1. **Apologies for absence.** Lee and Janette Mitten, Kerry Ramsey.

2. **Attendees.**

Keith Wood Chair (KW), Dave Wightman Vice Chair (DW), Nick Harris Secretary (NH),(late) Carole Wightman Rally Secretary (CW), Keith and Janine Aylmore, (KA) & (JA), Elizabeth Greenfield (EG), and Sara Martin (SM)..

KW thanked those present for attending

3. Notes of the previous meeting.

The notes were agreed.

4. **Matters Arising.** NIL

5. **Actions from the notes 585**. Nil

6. **Notification of any other business**.

7. **Secretaries Report.**

Since last meeting we have had 87 new members, 23 re registered, 0 re joined, 9 resigned and 91 not renewed to centre.

Membership numbers are now 2 life members, 954 lead down from 963, 798 joint down from 819, 18 family down from 20. Total 1772 down from 1803.

Email received from CAMC re their wish to standardise websites for every centre of the CQAMC. Circulated to committee.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Presented by KW.

Monies in Bank Accounts

A) Main Account - £11077.49

B) 2nd Account - £18.58

Main Account – The balance includes the I Zettle income for Rally 1655 Wicks Farm just this last weekend.

VAT Return for Quarter 3 for June July and August submitted to Governance with a payment of £94.70. This included a repayment of £6.30 that we should have received for Q" VAT Return that we never received.

Received an email from Club on 15th Juy or thereabouts saying that we had accrued interest of £182 – we have not received this amount into the Bank Account and I will be chasing this up.

Profit from Rallies

1652 – Beaulieu £28.99 (only 5 free nights)

1653 – Wild Heart £19.29

1654 AGM – Rally Expenses £487.80 – (Afternoon Tea, Ploughmans and Singer – Unknown numbers for AGM and Afternoon Tea, and few not arrived for ploughmans – over catered slightly but difficult to judge!

Re – Digital Platform Questionnaire completed and sent as result of request 10th October. Received Feedback – 2 full pages of information that really didn't seem relevant, but also overwhelming. Here was my response

Hi all

I've read your email, attachments etc.

Being in business ourselves, think this is going to adversely affect current members from wanting g to be re-elected - my reason - too much information and jargon too quickly. Being a positive person, this really doesn't sit right. As voluntary committee member, agreed to take on treasurer position, understand the info has to be communicated - but so much so quickly in 1 email ???

Very happy to get involved in the roll out and support where I can. Kerry

I did receive a response that it was received and thanked me.

9. Rally Secretary's report.

The 2027 events book is progressing well. Photo needed for front cover.

Some items are still required but are needed from other centres or CAMC.

North Hall have invoiced us for three night instead of the two that we owe. £300.00 as opposed to £200.00.

There is a possibility that we can go to Wickes Farm on other dates in the year. CW will make enquiries.

The matter of members who are business owners getting adverts in our event book at reduced rate was mentioned. KW asked it go onto AOB.

10. Southern Centres.

Last meeting notes circulated to committee

11. S.E.D.

SM attended but nil to report other than Mark Sinclair-Watson is now Chairman of CAMC.

12. Committee with responsibilities: -

a. Rally Book 2027. Dealt with at agenda point 9.
b. Web site. All in order. A problem with the inbox has been fixed.
c. Centre equipment. All in order. DW looking at inflatable event shelters.
d. Plaques. All in order. NH presented an alternative to the current tags we buy. They are made of wood, produced by a centre member and would be at less expense to the centre. This was discussed with various views being put forward. Agreed to trial alongside our current supplier for a couple of months next year.
e. Health and Welfare. All in hand. CW updated re poorly members.

13. Centre Media/Advertising.

Mail Chimp is very expensive. SM and partner looking at other options. SM is of the view that we will still have control over our website even if we go with the CAMC generic one.

14. Wickes Farm Raffle Money.

KW had asked via Whatsapp if the raffle money from the Wicks Farm event could go to MacMillan and not centre finds. KR suggested this be put to committee. Discussed and agreed.

15. Matters raised at AGM. T Elkington via NH

The email from TE was circulated to committee and entered in full on AGM minutes. This was discussed at length in relation to the matters raised. Various views were put forward.

It was agreed as follows. It was felt that putting the onus on event hosts to purchase raffle prizes may well put people off running events/raffles and it was felt that people actually like to contribute. It is however not mandatory to do so.

Provision of food at events at no cost will be at discretion of event hosts and the centre can be asked to fund on an event by event basis.

We are aware that in 2028 we will be hosting the 60th anniversary of the creation of our centre and it is anticipated that will require a large amount of funds.

For the time being we will stick with the status quo of funding of raffles and events.

16. Matters raised at AGM. K&A Sumpter via NH

The email from K&A Sumpter was circulated to committee and entered in full on AGM minutes. This was discussed at length in relation to the matters raised. Various views were put forward.

In relation to the supply of printed event books. This can be requested via Carol. We do not intend going back to printing and posting 1500-1800 event books/ event cards each year.

Event cards can be obtained at the AGM and are available from Carol.

SM explained that personalising emails can be achieved and she can assist with this and assist with printing if required at minimal cost. Also suggested ways of making using technology easier.

The committee will have a look at this.

17. NH. Plaques 2027. Dealt with at Agenda point 12d.

18. AOB

Slinfold. DW raided the matter that Slinfold CAMC have asked to borrow our party tents 14th March 2027. This was discussed and agreed with safeguards in place via DW.

Advert Costs. DW raised the matter of reducing cost of adverts in our centre event book for current committee members who have their own businesses they wish to advertise. Discussed and agreed to look at this on an individual basis.

60th Anniversary to be put on agenda.

KW thanked all centre members who made the MacMillan coffee morning such a success.

19. Date and venue of next meeting.

Wednesday 11th November 2026 via Google Meet.

Nick Harris. Secretary

Meeting ended 20.35