

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting



Held on Tuesday 20th January 2026

Present: 38 members

1	Welcome, Apologies and Minutes
	<p>Jon Taylor commenced the meeting at 8:10pm. Apologies were received from a few members. AGM agenda had been emailed prior and (ref _3) was available in print today. 38 members were in attendance with no visitors. We are quorate. A presentation of an Advanced Riding certificate was made to Abbas Ismail.</p>
2	2025 Chairman's Address
	<p>Jon welcomed all to the meeting and outlined significant work in his 4th year in office. New members total 30 car and 13 motorcyclists ably recorded by Chris Luty to whom thanks are given. The membership spreadsheet has been revised taking into account GDPR requirements. Pete Fenlon has stepped back into managing the motorcycle group following Dave Green stepping down. Peter Stirk has similarly stepped back (temporarily) into looking after our accounts following Ellen Clayton stepping down. Much work went into our bid (much behind the scenes) for the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS)- especially thanks to Martin for his efforts here. Sadly, we were not successful. Distribution of our group magazine Torque is successful with substantial numbers (some outside our group) as recipients. Thanks were given to Martin. Articles are needed- not just welcomed. The continued support for group nights reflects the varied topics and speakers presented. Jon thanked the work of the committee, but most of all would like to thank all the Group's Tutors who without them volunteering their time and knowledge we would not be able to function in our common goal to make everybody safer on West Yorkshire's roads. Finally thank you to all our members for their continued support and without their membership donations we could not function as a road safety charity.</p>
3	Treasurer's Report
	<p>Nigel stood in for Peter Stirk who himself is temporarily managing our accounts. We thank Ellen Clayton for her work prior to this during the year. Some of our group's running costs are near fixed- e.g. room hire whereas others vary according to membership. These includes purchases of Roadcraft (which are a bit 'lumpy' depending upon how many are purchased at once to reduce postage) and support of the Motorcyclists with branded tabards. Nigel identified that there is an element of cross subsidy to encourage new members to join and help make safer roads. We give thanks for the substantial donation received in 2025 to help in the running of our group. A question was posed about claiming gift aid and it was explained this is in progress and does not have to be done every year- retrospective is acceptable. Accounts have been audited by David Springer Agreement of the accounts was requested and agreed by those present</p>
4	Secretary's Report
	<p>Nigel thanked Chris Luty for membership secretary duties and confirmed the new members this year had balanced out those not renewing- membership standing as the meeting agenda. He explained that in committee meetings we establish if each section (car or motorcycle) is healthy- are the numbers of those asking for training 'balanced' by the availability of tutors. We believe we are but would not wish to discourage any from encouraging more to join.</p>

	<p>Mailing for this AGM has gone to all members irrespective of their communication (i.e. GDPR) wishes as this important yearly contact is legitimate in line with our organisation's objectives and charitable status.</p> <p>Nigel emphasised that Peter Stirk has stepped in to help finance recording on a very temporary basis. The email invitation to this meeting gave details of the role and mechanisms of financial recording.</p> <p>AGM minutes for 2024 were amended slightly (dates and pagination).</p> <p>Agreement of the minutes was requested and agreed by those present.</p> <p>Then signed by Jon for the record.</p>																
5	Car Training Officer's Report																
	<p>Mike echoed membership numbers and identified 69 car members who are full ROSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders members and so entitled to free triennial retest.</p> <p>We were aware of some staffing issues at head officer which delayed tests, but 8 were successful with 6 gold and 2 silver. Not all who join our group take the test. Anyone can ask for refresher training.</p> <p>Credit must be given to tutors who give up their time to pass on their knowledge.</p> <p>Unfortunately, 3 tutors have retired and we wish them well. Good news is that 3 others have progressed through their tutor training and are now available.</p> <p>Mike quoted from a member who received 13 tuition lessons but had to cease due to personal commitments: "Thank you for all the time, effort and care you have dedicated to me teaching me advanced driving over the past few months. Your clear and very well thought out instruction has helped me understand the importance of driving in a safe and systematic way. Thank you for everything you and the group do to make our roads safer".</p> <p>Mike then gave a personal thanks to all tutors who give up their time.</p>																
6	Motorcycle Training Officer's Report																
	<p>With references to football managers, Pete has found himself back at the helm as Motorcycle Training Officer (MTO) following Dave Green's stepping down. Good news is that Geoff Halpin has offered to take on the deputy role with a view to becoming MTO in 2027.</p> <p>The end of every year sees some members move on to other commitments. 2025 was no different, but overall membership is fairly constant.</p> <p>Pete read out statistics of tests taken in the year, the number of hours of training, the open training opportunities and social (ride out) activities- some overnight. Thanks to Dave Green, Richard Hirst, Tony Bradley and Steve Harker for their extensive time commitment and leadership in organising these events.</p> <p>Some slow riding events were organised. Also, some indoor meets at Stanningley Fire station- thank you Andy Richardson</p> <p>A calendar of 2026 events is in preparation.</p>																
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	<p>Kevin (president) passed appreciation of the work done by the committee and identified there are vacancies.</p>																
8	President's Address and Dissolution of the 2025 Committee																
	<p>Kevin reflected on our KAVS submission and the sadness this did not come home. Positively it acts as a good audit of our work together- we can try again in 3 years.</p> <p>There were many nominations in competition- maybe it's easier to measure success criteria for some of those.</p> <p>There are some gaps to fill in our committee with especial thanks to Peter Stirk for stepping in.</p> <p>The 2025 committee was disbanded prior to new nominations.</p>																
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11	Address by the 2026 Chairman												
	<p>Jon gave thanks to all attending and reminded members of the next group meeting (17th Feb). All are invited to refreshments (thanks Bob)</p>												
12	Any Other Business												
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm												

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