

Conwy Comrades Club Committee Meeting Minutes



Date:	<u>6th September 2025</u>	Time:	<u>11:00 AM</u>
Venue:	<u>Conwy Comrades</u>	UID:	<u>CCSSC-SGM-06-09-2025-001</u>
Chair:	<u>Martin Craven</u>	Secretary:	<u>Gary Hughes</u>
Meeting Type (AGM, SGM, Committee, Sub Committee):			<u>SGM</u>

1. Attendance

Jay Gilford, Eliot Madeley, Heather Williams, Joan Vaughan, Steven Roberts, Martin Craven, Phillip Hughes, April Armstrong, Stan Stringer, Steve Mack, Rob Miles, Jim Cochrane, Ian Turley, Caroline Roberts, Micheal Curran, Hazel Jones, Jenny Owen, Byron Williams, David Roberts, Ivora Turley, Angi Parry, Les Glover, Jayne Craven, S Blackwell, N Edwards, Chris Whitley, Goronwy Edwards, Raymond Lea, Ian Pattinson Snr, Karen Pattinson, A Lambert, James Lennon, Jon Marc Owen, Haydn Roberts, David Williams, Dave Parker and 16 non-members.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Andy Lewis and Dawn Allen.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

There were no previous minutes.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's report.

6. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report.

7. Club Business / Agenda Items

7.1 Special Motion – Provisional Membership for Committee Elections

The Chair read out the Special Motion for the members to consider. "To allow ex-members and non-members to be elected to the committee as provisional members, subject to their membership being confirmed by the newly elected committee.

The reason for this motion is simple – it ensures that the Club can draw upon people with the right skills and experience, regardless of their current membership status. Without this step, we would limit ourselves and risk not having enough qualified people to guide the Club forward."

Resolution: Resolved - Following the vote, the motion was Carried by a majority of members present.

7.2 Election of Committee and Officers

The Chair stated that nominations for the election of Officers and Committee were now closed. As all positions were uncontested, no ballot was required in accordance with Rule 19. Members were given the opportunity to raise any concerns; none were received.

Resolution: It was resolved that the following be duly elected as Officers and Committee Members of the Club:

President: Andy Lewis

Chairman: Martin Craven

Vice Chairman: Raymond Lea

Treasurer: Keren Bond

Committee Members: Ian Pattinson Snr, Hazel Jones, Jenny Owen, Ian Hughes, Bethan Ronan, John Price, Jay Gilford, Dawn Allen

The resolution was carried.

7.3 Appointment of Secretary

The Chair explained that, under Rule 17.1, the Secretary is normally a paid position appointed directly by the Committee. However, in the spirit of openness and transparency, members were invited to endorse the proposed appointment.

Gary Hughes had volunteered to serve as Secretary on an unpaid and voluntary basis. The Chair noted Gary's significant contributions in recent weeks, including preparing proposals, liaising with solicitors, and engaging with stakeholders, and recommended his appointment.

A vote of endorsement was then taken by a show of hands.

Resolution: Members endorsed the appointment of Gary Hughes as Secretary of the Club on a voluntary and unpaid basis, until further review by the Committee.

The resolution was carried.

7.4 Confirming Membership Applications

The Secretary reported that over 130 people have expressed interest in rejoining or joining the club in addition to current membership being renewed, which will inject some cash into the club in October.

Resolution: Resolved that application forms for new members and current members renewals were completed and retained in order to be confirmed at the next Committee meeting.

7.5 Report on the Club's Current Position

The Secretary distributed some documents regarding creditors and reported that a number of debts have been put on hold until November. Contact with the HMRC is yet to be established, this is to be addressed as soon as possible. The remaining debts are unclear and require further scrutiny. It is expected that more debts will be added to the list in the next coming weeks.

Resolution: Resolved that further research is needed to consolidate the total amount of debts. Sarah Moorcroft agreed to discuss access to HMRC portal via the Government Gateway following the meeting.

7.6 Discussion on Financial Options

The Secretary distributed and explained the documents 'Memorandum to Members' and 'Finance Briefing Sheet'. The different finance options were discussed, and members were asked to register their interest in Loan Stocks. Financial data will be gathered with the purpose of developing a business plan. Joan Vaughan pointed out that the address for the club is incorrect.

Resolution: Resolved that a register of interest will be held for Loan Stock options. A business plan is to be drawn up and the address of the club needs amending.

7.7 Agreeing Next Steps

The Chair welcomed suggestions from the members and there was a discussion around the dissemination of information and practical solutions for the running of the club.

Resolution: Resolved that information is to be put up on the club notice board and a link to the rules to be shared on social media.

8. Any Other Business

The Secretary informed the members that the next AGM will be taking place in November.

9. Date of Next Meeting

13th September 2025 at 1:00 PM

Meeting closed 12:30 PM

Minutes Approval and Signatures

The undersigned confirm that these minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting at the following Committee Meeting:

Approval Meeting Date: 13th September 2025

Signed (Chair):



Date: 13/09/25

Signed (Secretary/Minute Taker):



Date: 13/09/25

Once signed, these minutes constitute the official and conclusive record of the meeting.