

**Bridgend Automobile Club**  
**Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow**  
**Date/Time: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 20:30**

Attendees: Paul Steddy (PS) Chairman  
Tom Pederson (TP) Club Secretary  
Terry Donovan (TD) Competitions Secretary  
Dylan Lewis (DL)  
Colin Coleman (CC)  
Fred Coleman (FC) Event Liaison Officer  
Rob Coleman (RC)  
Geoff Bessant (GB)

Apologies: Chris Garner  
Gary Morgan  
Gareth Tilleke

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman asked the committee to agree the minutes of the previous meeting.

Competitions

The novelty Autotest/Gymkhana that had been proposed for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled as it coincides with the *West Wales Rally Spares Christmas Stages* at Pembrey and there will be a large turn out from the club at that event.

Timing Equipment – TD has spoken to Rob James, he now has all the equipment but has yet to set it all up.

**ACTION: TD to liaise with Rob (ongoing).**

MSA Update

TD reported that there has been some problems accessing the MSA Website ([www.msa.org.uk](http://www.msa.org.uk)). Any problems to be reported to Simon Fowler at MSA.

TD reported that the MSA subscription/registration is £56 and not £47.50 as previously reported.

Event Management

On the Nav Scatter that took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November it was noted that someone had removed the tape that had been placed by the organizer from gates/poles, thus causing a disadvantage to members taking part in the event. Other than that the event was enjoyed by those taking part.

RC completed the survey document and it has been sent out to all members along with membership renewal invitations by TP. Members have been asked to return them by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

TDs suggestion at the previous meeting about a future event could be a full day on Llandow circuit will be looked at in 2007.

FCs suggestion last month for a “Gumball” type rally to North Wales is to be organised by PS in Spring 2007.

**ACTION: PS to organise.**

FC is trying to arrange a date for the club to make use of the Llandow Go Kart track for an event.

**ACTION: FC to progress.**

There was a discussion concerning new members being able to take part in an event on the same day they join the club as this caused a disadvantage to paid up members who might turn up later. The following proposal was put forward by Paul Steddy,

“ Continuation of membership from known past members – reinstate membership on a date subject to ratification by the committee but can still take part in the event”. This was seconded by Colin Coleman and passed by the committee.

TD recommended organizing Gymkhanas in lieu of some Autotests, this may encourage more members (and their families) to take part.

**ACTION: TD – ongoing**

TD said that the woods would need clearing and that a JCB could be organised to assist. A Date has yet to be decided.

**ACTION: TD – ongoing**

The forum for members to discuss the way forward for future events will be combined with a Curry Night on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. RC to contact curry house to book.

**ACTION: RC Book Curry House**

TD Suggested same venue for the award evening i.e. Penmark.

**ACTION: TD – ongoing**

TD had originally agreed to arrange the 9<sup>th</sup> December Autotest, however as he organised the 12<sup>th</sup> November Autotest has asked that someone else organise it.

DL will organise the Nav Scatter on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### Finances

TD reported that a cheque from Gary Morgan to pay for the event that had been arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> December has now been used for the Nav Scatter being held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Carried forward - GB proposed using club funds to purchase items with club logo (Car stickers, polo shirts, fleeces etc), in order to promote the club's activities. TP Suggested issuing stickers with membership cards and TD will also investigate the purchase of clothing with membership logos.

**ACTION: TD/Claire Donovan – ongoing (awaiting costs)**

A.O.B.

Ongoing - GB and CC have volunteered to update the club handbook: The Championships Rules have been updated and published on the club website.

Ongoing – PS had discussion with SWCC and they are looking for an avenue for sponsoring road safety. DL is progressing, awaiting telephone call concerning getting some sponsorship money.

**ACTION: DL – ongoing**

Carried Forward – DL Suggested using other venues such as Margam Park for future events. DL has investigated and the Cost of using East Lodge Car Park would be £150 a day. Although this cost will rise by 5% after April 2007. DL to attend with CC & RC to carry out Risk Assessment.

It was also suggested that if we go ahead to invite Port Talbot MC to take part and that it could be an all day event with a break for a lunchtime BBQ.

**ACTION: DL/CC/RC to carry out Risk Assessment**

Carried forward - CC suggested that club championship points should be awarded to members who compete in external events but do not finish. This is for recognition of the time and money that the members have spent in entering events and therefore promote the club. Following discussion it was suggested that the member be awarded “half the last scoring position for just starting”. No firm decision has been made – to be discussed further.

Carried Forward – GT suggested awarding points for service crews, as a means of recognising the volunteering aspect of their duties to help other members compete in external events.

This was discussed and while the idea was a sound one it was agreed not to proceed as it would be far too difficult to manage.

Carried Forward – RC Suggested a club quiz night as an alternative event.

**ACTION: RC/GB/GT to organise - ongoing**

TD raised the point about applications for membership if previous members apply and are not wanted in the club. After discussion it was decided that if certain individuals with known issues applied then the application should go to the committee for a decision.

### **Summary of Action Points**

<b>OWNER</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ACTION DATE</b>
TD	Timing Equipment testing with Rob James	Ongoing
TD	Renew membership with MSA	<b>Complete</b>
RC	Compile membership survey document	<b>Complete</b>
TD	Investigate Promotional materials	Ongoing
GB/CC	Update Club Handbook	Ongoing
DL	Liaise with Police Safety Partnership	Ongoing
DL/CC/RC	Investigate use of Margam Park (Risk Assessment)	Ongoing
RC/GB/GT	Quiz night	Ongoing
PS	Organise Gumball Rally	03/04 2007
FC	Use of Llandow GoKart Track	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2007
RC	Book Curry House for 12 <sup>th</sup> December	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2006

**Meeting Finished at 21:45**

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007**