

The Murvi Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on: 21 April 2018 at 18.00

Present:

Steve & Maggie Butler
Brian & Sheila Cady
Gay Chamberlayne
Nolan Clarke
Roger & Anne Clough
Bob & Maggie Eley
Colin & Jean Elliott
Simon & Ellie Elsdon
Robert & Angela Emuss
Nigel & Anne Evans
Kate Foster
Billy & Ingrid Gawthorpe
Chris & Heather Gould
Philip & Hilary Greenwood
Gary & Wendy Hardcastle
Adrian & Theresa Hitchman
John & Sue Ingold
Paul & Gay Johnson
Martin & Jane Jones
Peter & Margaret Lloyd
Alan & Marilyn Major
Nick & Yvonne Mawby
Barry Moy & Den Richardson
Steve and Anne Parker
Roger Norman
Wendy Palmer and Lin Powell
Roger & Wendy Pepper
Tony Phillips
Meg & Pete Privett
Keith & Lyn Ross
Andrew Shewan & Penny McCallig
Paul & Linda Shingler
Tim & Jacqui Simmons
Philip & Anne Strong
Karin & Adrian Sumption
Martin & Penny Sweet
Julia Wright
Vince and Christine Wright

Apologies:

Andrew Bennett
Steve and Viv Clemens
John and Mary Coleman
Dick and Vicky Constable
Hugh & Jeanette Constable
Andy and Sylvia Embling
Alan & Jane Fletcher
Robert & Christine Flitney
Mike & Sylvia Frew
John & Pat Henderson
Barry & Joyce Hopewell
Barry Ireland
Ian Leslie
Tony & Chris Lewis
Martin & Davina Lloyd
Stewart McCaffrey
Glenn & Jacqueline McDiarmid
Dave & Liz Nayler
Bob & Celia Northwood
Ian & Alice Palmer
Mike & Janet Perkins
Martin & Helen Randall
Trevor & Sheila Redman
Chris & Nadine Reed
Andy & Karina Shire
Chris & Sue Spencer-Higgs
Richard & Lynn Stevens
Steve Sykes
Ian & Sue Thomas
Roy & Kath Tipping
Peter & Elaine Vincent
Mike Warburton
Geoff & Carol Wilkinson
Alan & Chrissie Williams

- 1 Julia Wright took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 01/04/17 were approved and signed by Julia Wright.
- 3 There were no matters arising from the Annual General Meeting held on 01/04/17.
- 4 Julia Wright, the Chairman, reported as follows:
This year we are holding the AGM in April, rather than the usual March. This should guarantee wonderful spring weather! I write this in some trepidation as we will be, for the first time at an AGM, using a grass rally field. Karin will report on how the change of date has affected attendance, although I know that some of you are here because you have had time to get back from the sunny climes you decamp to for the winter. We would welcome any feedback on the change of date.
The last 12 months have been a little quiet in the Murvi Club so I am having some difficulty in finding things to write about. When I did my first draft of this report I wrote 'One good thing - no members have died in the last 12 months, thus saving me from one of the more onerous duties I have had in the past'.

Sadly, we then lost Aubrey Nott, who lived in Devon. I didn't know Aubrey, despite him living in the next county but he was a member of the club for longer than I have been. We have lost some members who some of you will know. Nic and Pauleen Nicholls have had to give up their Murvi because of ill health. Nic and Pauleen were long-standing members of the club and well known to many people, along with their two Pekingese dogs. Other members who attended meets in the past but have not renewed their membership this year include Jo Durham and Hanneke Van Deth, Campbell and Lorraine Dixon, Jacquie Fournier, Campbell and Jackie Sayers and Anton Woolford. Once again thanks are due to many people. I would like to thank all of you for coming along to our AGM. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work throughout the year. Thank you Karin for your efforts in organising this AGM weekend and for the worries you had with the 'Beast from the East' and the seemingly endless recent rain. Finally, thanks to Pete and Meg Privett for providing the sound system.

5 Roger Pepper, the Secretary, reported as follows:

Committee meetings took place on 2 April and 11 November 2017. The committee have been in regular touch by email between the meetings.

Adrian Sumption was co-opted to the committee to act as our Editor

The following decisions have been taken:

Liability Insurance to cover the Officers' of the Club was considered but as the premium and excess were high and the risk very minimal it was decided not to go ahead with this.

Several software programs which improved the ease of use and security of the website were purchased.

An inflatable shelter for use at rallies was purchased at a cost of £305.90.

Membership of ACCEO and our public liability insurance have both been renewed. Following a member's request, I included an article in the last newsletter describing the benefits of the Club's membership of ACCEO.

Members may be aware that on 25 May 2018 the data Protection Act 1998 will be replaced by The General Data Protection Regulation commonly known as GDPR. GDPR places greater obligations on how organisations handle personal data. The committee has assessed why we need the personal information we collect on members and how we use it. I have drafted a Privacy Policy and Privacy Notice which are in line with GDPR and it is planned these will be approved at the meeting the committee will be holding tomorrow. They will then be put on the Club's website and circulated to members with the minutes of this meeting. The application form used by prospective members will also be updated to take into account the requirements of GDPR. The Club's privacy procedures will in future be reviewed on an annual basis as a minimum.

6 Alan Major, the Treasurer, reported as follows:

A copy of the accounts was circulated with the AGM papers. These have been audited by Martin Sweet and on your behalf I thank him for his time.

There have been a few changes in the levels of expenditure during the year. This year's charge for Public Liability insurance represents an annual premium whereas last year's charge included an additional pro-rata charge following the re-basing of the policy renewal date. Last year's administration expenses included the cost of the windscreen stickers and the events expenditure this year represents the cost of the events shelter. Finally the increased website expenditure represents the costs of improving functionality and security.

Once again I am pleased to be able to report that the club continues to be able to meet its expenditure commitments from the subscriptions collected from the members. There no foreseeable events which should disturb this ability. For this reason I will be recommending to the Committee that the subscription remains unchanged at its current level of £5.

Paul Shingler proposed and Roger Norman seconded that the accounts for the year to 31 December 2017 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

7 Nick Mawby, the IT and Membership Secretary, reported as follows:

Since the inception of the Club there has been a steady increase in the number of members, but over the last year it has remained steady with an addition of one from 283 to 284. During the year 42 members resigned or did not renew their membership and 43 joined the club.

Two years ago, the operation of the website began to slow up. To tackle this problem the web host was changed and with some other improvements the site is now functioning well and security has been increased. For the future, I will be looking into using an internet plugin for the operation of the chat line. I would like to encourage members to contribute more to the website and the activities of the club in general. Suggestions of ways in which the website may be improved are also welcome.

- 8 Karin Sumption, the Rally Secretary, reported as follows:
A few years ago I believe a Murvi member resigned because there weren't any rallies to places near where they lived. I don't think they could have been reading their emails or looking at the website. Over recent years we have had meets in most areas of the country. We might not get up to the North coast of Scotland or far west in Cornwall every year, but we do get about quite a lot. In the last 12 months we have had twelve meets. We have been on the South coast to Bridport and Brighton, in central England to Devizes, Little Stretton, Castleton, Moreton in the Marsh, and over the Welsh border to Chirk. Yorkshire has been well covered at Hebden Bridge, Pickering and York. A few Murvis also made it to Edinburgh and North Berwick in Scotland. Here we are today reasonably centrally placed, and slightly north and east of the Murvi centre of gravity, which I believe is Pershore in Worcestershire. There was a Murvi presence at four festivals last summer, Port Eliot, Countryfile Live at Blenheim, Pershore Jazz and Shrewsbury Folk Festivals. I know at least one has been booked by several Murvi members again this year.
We have already plans for two meets this year. Yvonne Mawby has planned one in Liverpool with a possible trip to Chester as well and Brian and Anne Biffin are organising our annual seaside gathering this year in the Gower peninsula in Wales.
We have two festivals lined up so far. After last year's success, Shrewsbury Folk Festival is on the agenda again this year as well as the flower festival there in early August.
All the details of the meets and festivals are on the website.
Finally a plea to those in partnerships who receive the emails about activities. Please let your partner know what will be happening; forward the emails to them, phone them or, as a last resort, talk to them. Tomorrow we have people who will be swimming in their underwear through lack of this information.
- 9 Adrian Sumption, the Editor, reported as follows:
Having been newsletter editor for a few years I find that every year it becomes harder to find anything new and original to say in my annual report.
Suffice it to say then that with a little gentle prodding enough contributions come rolling in to enable me to produce two newsletters a year, a spring and autumn edition.
It's good that the items I receive for inclusion come from a good variety of our members. Nonetheless there are many of you whose voices we've never heard and others who are serial contributors, a rare but treatable disorder. However, I have a vague suspicion that some of these contributions may be produced just to try to put a stop to the begging emails I keep sending out. Still, who am I to complain so long as the contributions are of interest to you all.
I can report one significant change in the last year. Since we now have so few members who can only receive the newsletter by post, the committee agreed that the cost of mailing a newsletter with more than 8 pages to these members is now low enough for me to indulge in a bit of expansion and grow the newsletter beyond 8 pages – within reason. This means you can now be unconstrained when you pour your heart out to your fellow members.
As you should all be aware I am currently in the throes of producing the next newsletter. So, please do have a good hard think about what you might be able to contribute.
It's always good to hear from people who haven't contributed before. Remember, so long as it's legal, decent and honest, and hopefully of interest to our members, I should be able to include it.
Variety is the key to helping to keep things interesting. Do of course write about your travels as of course that is a common interest for all of us, but there is so much more to life with a Murvi – tinkering with it, cooking in it, breaking down in it you name it, someone will have done it!
Have a great year in your Murvis and do share your highlights – and maybe your lowlights – with the rest of us!
- 10 Alan Major, Nick Mawby, Roger Pepper Karin Sumption and Julia Wright were elected to the Executive Committee.
- 11 Heather Gould proposed Martin Sweet as Auditor. This was seconded by Maggie Eley and carried unanimously with the meeting's thanks to Martin for carrying out this function.
- 12 The next Annual General Meeting will be held on 13 April 2019 at the Shrewsbury Showground.

The meeting closed at 18.35