

The Murvi Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on: 25 March 2023 at 18.00

Present:

Ian Baxter
Brian & Anne Biffin
Maggie & Steve Butler
Colin & Julia Davies
Adrian and Liz Dwyer
Nigel & Anne Evans
Alan & Jane Fletcher
Robert & Christine Flitney
Kathryn Foster
Mike & Sylvia Frew
Ingrid & Billy Gawthorpe
Terry & Margaret Gordine
Philip & Hilary Greenwood
Adrian & Theresa Hitchman
Richard Hollingbery
Ian & Pat Johnson
Mo Lee
Alan & Marilyn Major
Nick & Yvonne Mawby
Angus Mcallum
Barry Moy & Denise Richardson
Shirley & Richard Mound
Roger & Wendy Pepper
Tony Phillips
Lin Powell & Wendy Palmer
Pete & Meg Privett
Keith & Lyn Ross
John & Karen Schofield
Andy & Karina Shire
Tim & Jacqui Simmons
Karin Sumption
Colin & Elizabeth Wallis
Geoff & Carol Wilkinson
Sarah Woolley & Susan Norman
Julia Wright

Apologies:

Carolyn & Robert Ash
Janet Colbeck
Richard & Vicky Constable
Angela & Robert Emuss
Denise Exall & Phil Ashby
Ann Farncombe
Claire Garston
Heather & Chris Gould
Tony & Chrissie Gumbrell
Pat and Robin Hatch
Stuart & Dorothy Holmes
Joyce & Barry Hopewell
John & Mary Laidler
Peter & Margaret Lloyd
Rachel Mcallum
Penny McCallig & Andrew Shewan
Roger Norman
Paul & Linda Shingler
Martin & Penny Sweet
Anne & Steve Parker
Steve Sykes & Sue Pulham
Mike Warburton

- 1 Julia Wright took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 02/04/22 were approved and signed by Julia Wright.
- 3 There were no matters arising from the Annual General Meeting held on 02/04/22.
- 4 Julia Wright, the Chairman, reported as follows:
This year, our AGM appears to be fully back to normal following all the disruption of COVID-19 in that we have re-introduced our shared supper. I'm sure this will be much more enjoyable for everyone. I am looking forward to trying all the signature dishes after this meeting.
Two other significant things have happened recently. As you know, we have been searching for a new secretary so that Roger Pepper can retire. Mike and Sylvia Frew have thankfully stepped into the breach. Mike will officially be the secretary. However, Sylvia will be co-opted onto the committee so that the position can effectively be a job share. It will be interesting to see if this model will attract more volunteers to vacant committee positions in the future.
Roger has been the secretary since the club came into being in July 2010. Although that was before my time as a member, I suspect that Roger was responsible for drawing up our constitution. He has certainly been keeping the committee on the straight and narrow ever since.

The second significant thing has been the creation of the Hub to act as the focal point for the Club. I'm sure I speak for most members when I say that it can be quite challenging to adapt to new ways of working with technology. However, I can see the benefits already, particularly in the organisation of the discussions and enhanced levels of security.

I would like to thank Alan Major, who led the project, together with those committee members who understood what was going on (I certainly wasn't much help) and the members who acted as guinea pigs to help trial the new system.

My thanks also go to the committee members for their hard work and support and of course, you the members, for your enthusiastic support for what we do.

5 Roger Pepper, the Secretary, reported as follows:

Committee meetings took place on 03 April 2022, 07 October 2022, 04 November 2022. Those members not able to be present in person attended via Zoom video conference. The committee have been in regular touch by email and the Murvi Club Hub between the meetings.

John Laidler was co-opted to the committee to act as our Editor

The following decisions have been taken:

Newsletters will be distributed via a link to the website.

The Murvi Club Hub was introduced at the beginning of 2023 using Discourse open source discussion platform at an annual cost of \$348 hosting fee and \$20 Hub email account.

Revisions to the Data Protection Documents to take into account the Murvi Club Hub were approved and included on the website when the Hub was launched.

Membership of ACCEO and our public liability insurance have both been renewed.

6 Alan Major, the Treasurer, reported as follows:

With the return to a full rally programme increasing the volume of transactions passing through the Club's bank account, the Income and Expenditure Account has been expanded to include a breakdown by event.

The introduction of the Hub has increased the Club's expenditure on its web presence, and along with the first full year of bank charges this has reduced the surplus of income over expenditure compared with pre-covid years.

Despite these additional costs the club continues to be able to meet its expenditure from the annual subscriptions paid by members and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Lyn Ross proposed and Meg Privett seconded that the accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

7 Karin Sumption, the Rally Secretary, reported as follows:

We have had a good year, having run eleven meets since the last AGM, with van numbers from six to forty-five attending. More members have been organising meets this year than in the past, as well. I hope that continues. It is lovely to have a variety of places to go; something every month would be great. Once again, our winter meets have been the best attended. What hardy souls we Murvi lovers are! We haven't had any organised presence at festivals this year, but seven vans attended the Newbury show in May 2022, which was fun, including the evening entertainment. We managed a good Christmas meet in Cambridge. Hopefully, we will have more than one this year.

The new system for booking rallies seems to be working well. It makes it a lot easier to organise meets, now we don't have to check that the phone and registration numbers we have for everyone are up to date. Do make sure you keep the club informed if you change your van registration or phone number. So far we have two meets planned for this year, Falmouth in May and the Forest of Dean in November; details are on the website. It would be nice to have meets just before and after these, somewhere on the way for those travelling from the other side of the country.

Do think about organising a meet. It can be as easy as booking yourself into a campsite and telling members about it, with a link for them to book a place for themselves. There is no need to plan a programme, with the WhatsApp group the participants come up with all sorts of ideas when we are on site.

Next year's AGM will be held on 20th April. I'll send out more details later.

I'm going to be out of action for a few months later this year so I'm relying on you all to get things organised!

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

When Pam Crummay wrote to Murvi owners in 2010 suggesting the formation of an owners' club she was hopeful that she would receive about 6 responses. Interest was far greater than that and at the first A.G.M. held in 2011, I reported there were 89 members. If membership increase had continued at that rate there would have been 800 members by 2025. In fact, it has stabilized at about 300 and there are

currently 293 members representing 553 people. During the past year we have lost 49 members, 2 resigned without reason, 19 have sold their vans and 28 did not respond to the subscription request. The membership list and rally booking system using the free Google spreadsheet facility has been automated this year and I would like to thank Alan Major for carrying out this work. 35 members have opted not to share their details and they therefore do not appear on or have access to the membership list included on the website. I would like to remind members that this information is confidential. The website has sections for members to advertise rallies, post blogs and include useful tips. I would encourage a greater use of these straightforward facilities.

- 9 Alan Major reported on the introduction of the Murvi Club Hub as follows:
The Hub was rolled out to the members on the 5th December 2022 as a replacement for the old Google Groups based chatroom and mailing lists. All club communications and discussion activity now take place through the Hub. This helps to ensure that club activity does not unnecessarily compromise or disclose members' email addresses. Additionally the Hub only communicates content received from known email addresses and which has been passed through a spam filter.
Some members have already experienced this security in operation and in cases where emails were rejected due to an alternative email address being used have taken advantage of the ability to have additional email addresses added to their Hub account.
The changeover has not been without its hiccups. Changes have been made to prevent further email storms and the misrouting of replies. Alongside these changes the guidance on reply options contained in email footers has been improved to address the confusion over just what happens to replies.
Hopefully looking beyond these hiccups members are able to appreciate the clearer presentation of content in the email notifications and that all discussions viewed online relating to a single topic are clutter free and unfragmented. Together this lack of clutter and fragmentation ensures that the knowledge built up through members' contributions to discussions can be easily searched and accessed in the future; something that was very definitely not the case with the old chatroom. I hope that more members will feel that participating in the discussions is worthwhile and together we can continue to enhance our community knowledge base.
The Hub offers many different ways to interact with it using whatever device and software a member prefers. If there is something that a member needs to ask about using the Hub they can reach out to the community by emailing questions to feedback@hub.murviclub.org.uk or by going online and creating a new topic in the Feedback category.
Kate Foster proposed a vote of thanks to Alan Major and Nick Mawby for all their efforts over the past year spent in designing and introducing the Murvi Club Hub. This was met with acclamation.
- 10 Mike Frew, Alan Major, Nick Mawby, Karin Sumption and Julia Wright were elected to the Executive Committee.
- 11 Sylvia Frew proposed Martin Sweet as Auditor. This was seconded by Wendy Palmer 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 20 April 2024 at a location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 18.35