



Bridgend Automobile Club Minutes

9th December 2025

The Barley Mow Graig Penllyn

Attendees: HL, JS, JM, HCM, LS, GT, RJ, TP

Apologies: CF. GB. PS

Minutes: HCM,GT

Events

- Discussion of GO Pro/Drone Camera being used at future events to capture footage - **ACTION HL & TP to trial at future autotest**
- LS Provided a copy of next years dates
- Only 3 people registered for Xmas autotest so far
- The last Autotest took place on Sunday 7th December with 13 entries, which was set up by SR & LS. The course was complex but enjoyable.
- There was further discussion on rules for production vehicle class as a competitor again arrived at the event with a vehicle that was not taxed. The vehicle was also modified. - **DECISION - The committee agreed that in 2026 the vehicle will have to be brought on a trailer and entered into trailer class. ACTION - LS to speak to the member concerned at next autotest to advise**
- Discussion on how to incentivise people to sign up early for autotests - **NFA**
- Swansea Motor Club are starting to do autotests at Swansea Airport in 2026 – **ACTION - JM to do a fact finding mission one weekend. Also future action to check the possibility of using the venue for some BAC events**
- Portakabin. Ongoing monitoring and repair with a potential view to replace in the future. **ACTION: Ongoing**

External Points Claims

- **JM** - claimed 6 points for attending MSUK event on 30/11/25 - **APPROVED**
- **WE** - claimed 6 points for introduction of 3 new members (JM completed claim form) - **APPROVED**

1. Hampshire Trust Bank Savings Account – we have £12,000 invested for 1 year @ 4.22% fixed AER to mature on 14/3/26.
2. The balance at Lloyds Bank on 9th December 2025 was £3,203.94

Payments out in the period were:

18/11/25	Lloyds Bank Charges	£4.25
19/11/25	Xeinadin Accountants	£120.00
25/11/25	MSUK Permit Llandow Event	£110.00
25/11/25	Llandow Venue	£140.00
28/11/25	Gymkhana Expenses	£44.22
9/12/25	MSUK Permit Llandow Event	£130.00
9/12/25	Llandow Venue	£70.00

Receipts in were:

9/12/25	Event Entries	£650.00
9/12/25	Memberships	£80.00

Rob James
BAC Treasurer

PREVIOUS AOB

- **JM** The publicity flyer – this will be progressed in the New Year - **Ongoing**
- **JM** now has the minutes book that was in the possession of John James for digitising. - **Ongoing**
- **GB** - Awards Night: The Pheasant has been booked for Saturday 28th February with a 7pm start. Event posted on Facebook and 'Sign On' form available.
- **JM** Has created a 2026 member survey – no additional questions to add but typo to correct - **ACTION - TP to give JM access to BAC email and members email addresses to issue the survey**
- **HL** reported that **CF** was talking to his employers (TARMAC), about any potential sites that could be used for events. **HL** will also look at potential sites over the Christmas break and will also talk to the owner of Walters Arena to ask the price to use for an event- **ONGOING**
- **JM** produced a paper concerning Points Allocation on events at the last meeting, the following points were discussed:
 1. A new Point Matrix form was presented along with options for Points allocation. Discussions took place on how to move forward. It was decided that Points Allocation 'B' would be used from January.
 2. The Sign On/Entry was discussed and **TP** to make a few changes on the selection of Championships/classes. **TP has made some changes to the form - ONGOING**
 3. The Matrix states that both Junior & Ladies Championships attract points to Clubmans Championship – in practice this has never been done. New Matrix has rectified this. **Matrix Amended for 2026**
 4. Proposal of two new awards:
 - The Becs Williams Women in Motorsport (For female Members collecting points in non motorsport driving or navigating competitions
 - And
 - The Howard Davies Spirit Award (For junior members collecting points in non motorsport driving or navigating competitions
 Further discussion took place about the awards generally, no final decision made. **ONGOING – Review at January Meeting**
 5. Juniors – Noted all points are kept within the Junior Championship, this is done in practice but the Matrix reads differently. New Matrix has rectified this.- **Matrix Amended for 2026**
 6. Ladies Championship Rules – these need to be added to the website GB has updated website. **CLOSED**

7. Invited Club Members: Perhaps more clarity required so they know they do not get points in in BAC Championships. Although it was noted for just £10 BAC Membership they could be included ! This to be highlighted on Sign On Form **ACTION – TP**
8. Non BAC events points claims will be shared with the committee monthly to check for irregularities. Question on proof as we have never asked, although the handbook states it is needed. Once agreed will be awarded and the membership updated on activities.
JM – The points amnesty was quite disappointing with only two people claiming missed points from 2025. It was suggested we monitor how much the membership use this facility in 2026 and review its usefulness.
ONGOING
9. Suggested we have some ‘core routes/courses’ for the events and just stick to those. Agreed and in progress – **Suggestion that LS/SR/HS/JS to take turns in setting up the courses CLOSED**

- It was proposed that a 30 minute break be taken during BAC Autotests to allow people to visit the facilities at Llandow Circuit if required. The majority of the meeting did not think this was practical. However JM will add this to his next survey to be sent out to members. **ACTION – JM ADDED TO THE SURVEY FOR THIS YEAR - Will be reviewed after the results of the survey**
- It was agreed that JM be supplied with Members email address to send surveys directly to Members as responses from Surveys on Facebook are very low.
ACTION – TP WILL SEND ASAP
- **JM** Proposed that we setup a WhatsApp Group for the Membership and have it in place for January 2026. Members to be added as membership applications received end of the year/start of 2026
 - **ACTION – JM to look into community vs group TP to add a question to the membership form to ask if people want to be added to the whatsapp group.**
 - **QUESTION – HL Will the group be moderated and who will do this - To be discussed in January meeting**
- Discussion around 2026 free membership for those that joined in the last quarter – **ACTION - TP to send out email to relevant members**

AOB

- **JM** proposed BAC run a Nav Scatter next year, he will be speaking to a contact at Brecon MC to see how they go about running one. **JM** has also been advised who to contact re this by Epynt motor club - **ONGOING - Further update at next meeting**
- **JM** stated that he thought the club needed a ‘5 year plan’ to help us move forward with Targets. Further discussion needed ! - **ONGOING**

- **JM** Revived BAC Chat in events facebook post **ONGOING - JM will look at possibly reviving this as a regular newsletter**
- **TP** Curry night - Monday 15th December at The Natraj in Bridgend at 7:30PM
- **HL** potential issue with fluids being spilled in the paddock – **ACTION – ALL MARSHALS** - If vehicle is spilling fluid then they should be stopped immediately
- **HL** – can we make the 27th event festive – **AGREED** - Prize for best decorated car
- **LS** – Can we have our own insurance for events? - **TP – Not possible due to costs and regulations - CLOSED**
- **HL** – Suggested Sam Moller to join the committee - **AGREED – HL** To approach Sam to ask
- **GT** – Concern over the noise level of a member's car at the last autotest – **ONGOING – Marshals** to continue to monitor and address member directly – If too loud then can't run
- **JM** – Gave an update on the MSUK event attended on the 30th of November the following points were discussed
 1. Judges of Fact – We have to have at least 3 or 5 and ideally should be named before the event – **ACTION – HCM/GB to note Judges of Fact on timing sheet for each event**
 2. Volunteering – some other clubs offer incentives for marshals e.g, vouchers, stickers etc
 3. Social Media Presence – **Suggestion** - Can we ask some of the younger members to contribute to this?
 4. **Accreditations** - Can we look at the 3 MSUK accreditations (People, Marketing, Sustainability) - **Suggestion – HL** - can we also look at diversity and inclusion? - **Needs further discussion ACTION – HL will look at marketing, JM will look at sustainability**
- All agreed that marshalling worked well at the last event thank you to **JM** and **GT** for their work at the weekend
- **Proposal** – Can we reward the committee by having a curry night paid for by the club once a quarter/6 months – **To be discussed at next meeting**
- Discussion around if the club have valid risk assessments – **ACTION – PS to review the Llandow document**
- **HL – CONCERN** - Last autotest people walked up to the farmer's barn this needs to be addressed – **ACTION - LS** to add a note to the drivers briefing
- **HL – QUESTION** - What do we do if people miss the drivers briefing? - **LS** suggested put something on facebook to say that gates will be locked at

9:45am for drivers briefing at 10 **AGREED** There was also a suggestion of forfeit of entry fee if drivers briefing is missed - **Further discussion needed**

- Discretionary Awards – **ACTION - LS** to provide a list of winners
- Committee extended thanks to **JM** for all his work on the agenda and MSUK feedback
- **HCM** was proposed and accepted as a member of the committee

Meeting closed at 21:15

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 13th January 2026

Amendments to Points (Applicable from 01/01/2026)

BAC Club Organised events (for example Autotests) are now scored 25 points for a win with points awarded to 25th place. All classes use these points scoring structure. This replaces a system that awarded 10 points for a win with 1 point for 10th and every place thereafter receiving 1 point.

Points for non-BAC organised events that members may claim have been amended along the same structure. With awards for high categories of motor sport now being more generous. We have also recognised the commitment to eSports the MSA has made by adding a section for this class of competition.

Points for “Clubman’s” activities have been altered for ease of scoring.

The club has made two new awards are available. The first is for junior members who volunteer in motorsport and assist and represent the club. The second is for female members who volunteer in motorsport and assist and represent the club. The club will be contacting two Welsh motorsport personalities who we hope will agree to have the awards named after and present them.

Amendments to BAC Autotest scoring criteria (Applicable from 01/01/2026)

A competitor who fails to finish the event but has completed at least one run will be awarded 1 point. The competitor may restart and complete the event in another vehicle (Entered as the same class) but will not be awarded any further points.

Should a competitor make and pay for two (or more) entries under one driver, they must choose which entry and vehicle they are scoring points against. The other entry(s) will not attract any points regardless of its finishing position.