

Bridgend Automobile Club Minutes

6th January 2026

The Barley Mow Graig Penllyn



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

Apologies: None

Minutes: HCM

Events

- 22 entrants at last event
- Need a plan to organise the queue when we have that many people again
- Who is setting up the next route **HL & JS**
- We need to take care of potholes - too cold to fix at the moment but will do once it is possible
- **Action - RJ** - will have a chat to the HGV drivers school to ask about parking the trailer to one side and possibilities of using toilets
- Discussion of GO Pro/Drone Camera being used at future events to capture footage - **ACTION HL & TP to trial at future autotest - Ongoing**
- **LS** Provided a copy of next years dates - **LS** Will provide them to the farmer and suggestion that we also provide them to the HGV training
- 11 people registered for autotest so far
- **TP** has applied for next 3 permits
- 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 - JM advised that they are going to be doing autosolos not autotests**

External Points Claims

None this month

BAC Treasurers Report

6/1/2026

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 6th January 2026 was £3,802.39

Payments out in the period were:

10/12/25	MSUK Club Registration	£87.00
19/12/25	Lloyds Bank Charges	£4.25
22/12/25	Llandow Hospitality	£49.30
30/12/25	MSUK Permit Llandow Event	£220.00
30/12/25	Llandow Venue	£70.00
2/1/26	WAMC Registration	£40.00

Receipts in were:

6/1/26	Event Entries	£775.00
6/1/26	Memberships	£190.00
6/1/26	Awards Night Tickets	£154.00

Rob James
BAC Treasurer

Petty cash stands at - £38.78 - credit

RJ also advised that the 2025 accounts are now paperless.

Awards Night

The Pheasant has been booked for Saturday 28th February with a 7pm start. 15 people signed up and paid so far a reminder will be posted on Facebook and sent to winners to remind them to book a place.

- **LS** - All trophies have been returned so engraving can be done within the next couple of weeks
- Raffle Prizes - **Action HL** to organise - If anyone has any prizes to donate please let **HL** know and bring them on the night

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**
- **JM** Has issued the 2026 member survey – **15 responses so far. Action JM** to post reminder on facebook
- **HL** reported that **CF** was talking to his employers (TARMAC), about any potential sites that could be used for events. **CF** gave an update on this. **Unfortunately not feasible due to time constraints and public footpath that goes through it - CLOSED**
- **HL** - Looking at who owns Margam knuckle yard and will update once more information is available. Also looked at Walters Arena they are happy to have us but rough surface so might be an issue for road cars. There is also potential to use a motocross area in RCT as its tarmaced **HL** to find out more info and update. - **Ongoing**
- **Points 2026 - updated on the website**
 1. 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 competitionsFurther discussion took place about the awards generally, no final decision made. **ONGOING – Review at February or March Meeting - looking to allocate these in 2027**
 2. Need to make more of people claiming external points - **Action JM** - Could put this in BAC Chat each month if there are any.
 3. Invited Club Members: Perhaps more clarity required so they know they do not get points 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 - Completed - Closed**

- WAMC Meeting - **TP & PS** reminded the committee that the club will pay expenses - **JM** will try to attend the next one if possible
- **PS** - Can we publish the timesheet - Not at this point - **Closed** for now
- 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 (Feb meeting)**
- **JM** Proposed that we set up 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. - Community has now been set up and members who have opted in on the membership form will be added to the group - **ONGOING**
 - **QUESTION – HL** Will the group be moderated and who will do this - To be discussed in January meeting - **TP to do this as the administrator - Closed**
 - **TP** - This needs further discussion on what it will be used for as not everyone has opted in - to be discussed further in the next meeting in Feb
- **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 in Feb.**
- **JM** stated that he thought the club needed a '5 year plan' to help us move forward with Targets. Further discussion needed ! - **ONGOING**
- **JM** By next meeting can everyone make a note of what their responsibilities are on the committee - **Action all committee members to either put this in the committee whatsapp or to discuss at the next meeting. - Action HCM to collate responses.**
- **JM** Revived BAC Chat in events facebook post **ONGOING - JM will look at possibly reviving this as a regular newsletter**
- **HL** – Suggested a new member to join the committee - **AGREED – HL** To approach them to ask- **ON HOLD** for now.
- **GT** – Concern over the noise level of a member's car at the last autotest – **ONGOING** – Marshals to continue to monitor and address members directly – If too loud then can't run - Update given **HL** Monitored noise level at last event. Member will not be bringing this car in 2026 - **CLOSED** for now but monitoring will be ongoing.

- **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 - Completed**
 2. Social Media Presence – **Suggestion** - Can we ask some of the younger members to contribute to this? - **Ongoing**
- All agreed that marshalling worked well at the last event thank you to **JM** and **GT** for their work at the weekend - **Ongoing**
- Discussion around if the club has valid risk assessments – **ACTION – PS to review the Llandow document - Completed - LS to get them laminated so we can put them up.**
- **HL – CONCERN** - Last autotest people walked up to the farmer's barn this needs to be addressed – **ACTION - GB & HL** to add a note to the drivers briefing - **COMPLETED - New drivers briefing has been posted**
- **HL – QUESTION** - What do we do if people miss the drivers briefing? **Further discussion needed - Reminder to go out that people must be at the drivers briefing or they risk not being able to compete.**
- Discretionary Awards – **ACTION - LS** to provide a list of winners - **COMPLETED**

AOB

TP - Discussion of **GB** resignation from the committee and his ongoing role. All committee expressed thanks for all **GBs** work and agreed that they would welcome his assistance and input continuing. **Action** - Ensure that when **GB** needs to take an action such as updating the website a committee member will ask for this to be done. Also that when **GB** asks a question to the committee the committee members must respond.

PS - Can we reinstate club nights - Yes **Action JM & HL** to look into how (quiz, table top rally?) **Suggestion** - Committee curry night every few months - All agreed. **Action JM** - to look at Apex Race Room for committee night

HL - Would like to arrange an autojumble in the summer? - All agreed this would be a good idea. **PS** - suggestion to include a “Cars and coffee” aspect. **HL** to look into logistics, insurance etc and maybe contact Baffle Haus to ask if they would be interested in supplying a coffee truck.

LS - Suggested that we need some more committee members - **Action for all committee** - To think if they know of anyone who would be interested/suitable

RJ - Reminder that anyone on live track needs to be in high vis - **All Agreed**

RJ - Raising Money for Marie Curie - London Marathon - **Action HL** will share on facebook page

GT - Would like to create a motorsport quiz for the awards night - Yes agreed if there is time

LS - We should have discussed more what happens to entries that are carried over - Agreed that system will remain as it is where entries are carried over but if the person does not return within 3 months they will be contacted and ask if they want the carry over or if they would prefer to donate the money to Air Ambulance.

HL - Would like to make an enquiry into how much it would cost to hire Pembrey or alternatively arrange a group to go on the same day if hiring the full track would be too expensive. - **Ongoing**

HL - Is it possible for people to have a non competitive run on the BAC autotest venue to learn how to control cars in difficult conditions (e.g when it skids) - Unfortunately this is not possible through the club although there is an option for a taster session at the start or end for new drivers.

HL - Off Road experience - No response from the company

GT - Gareth is away for Feb event - **Action JM** - Collate a list of any events where we may be short of marshals and officials

Meeting closed at 21:15

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 10th February 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.