

BMFA WALES
Unadopted Minutes of the
General Meeting
held on Thursday 27th November 2025
via the internet platform 'ZOOM'

The meeting commenced at 8:20pm

PRESENT:

Mike Tiley (Chairman)	Cardiff MAC
Allan Belcher (Area Delegate)	Crymlyn Burrows MFC*
John Taylor (Secretary)	Cardiff MAC *
Keith Barnes (Treasurer)	Eglwysilan MFC *
Phil Charlesworth (Education & Outreach Officer)	Fins over Gwent *
Richard Badham (ACE)	Rhyl MFC *
Alan Williams	Lleyn MFC *
Andy Green (Area Scheme Co-ordinator)	South Wales Soaring *
Gareth Llewellyn (Country Members Rep)	Country Members *
Stephen Roberts	Wrexham MFC *

* Indicates a voting representative.

Voting representatives of 9 Area Clubs, with 1 other member also in attendance.

AGENDA

1 To verify the voting strength of the Meeting and accept apologies

With 9 voting representatives in attendance, the meeting was deemed quorate, with 1 other members also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Henry Fray and Matthew Stubbs.

2 Approval of Agenda and items for Any Other Business

The Agenda was agreed with the following addition.

7.5 National Funding.

3 To approve the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 4th September 2025

The minutes were approved subject to attendee Mick Budge not being a member of Swansea MFC and at present is a Country Member.

Proposed by Alan Williams, seconded by Phil Charlesworth

No matters arising.

4 Board Matters (Area Delegate to report)

Allan Belcher reported that he had received a copy of the Board minutes, the secretary would distribute to the group.

5 Areas Council Matters (Area Delegate to report)

The Area Delegate report was discussed in the earlier AGM and included as an Appendix in that meetings minutes.

6 To review progress against the Area's stated aims

Aim 1 and 2 not progressed.

Aim 3 completed

Aim 4 is difficult without an active PRO

Aim 5 ties in with 1 and 3

Aim 6 in progress but very slow.

Aim 7 attendance at the Cosford RAF Air Cadets took place November 2024 and was to be repeated on the 30th November 2025, 3 days time.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Business Case for funding

No business cases were tabled.

7.2 RAFAC - W&W - RAD 30 Nov 25 - Model aircraft inclusion.

Gareth Llewellyn reported that the show on Sunday 30th November 2025 was looking good with 150 cadets, plus there adults, from Wales and West Midlands should be in attendance. We have good support from Chris Badbury, BMFA, who's bringing support publications and a simulator, John Taylor bringing a lot of kit including a model with FPV and head tracking. Sadly Eglwysilan MFC had to drop out but Shropshire MFC will also be in attendance with a lot of kit. Unfortunately a list of clubs who would support Air Cadets was not available due to lack of response, only 4 clubs would support this initiative.

7.3 CAA Regulation Changes

It was noted that from the 1st January 2026 anyone flying a model of 100 gr or above must have a flyer ID and associated Operator ID.

Remote ID would NOT be required until 2028 and it was hoped that flying from a BMFA club site would not require a Remote ID Beacon.

Discussions regarding what would be required took place, John Taylor who flew in France stated that in France the beacon only needs to transmit an ID which was registered with the French Aviation Authority and could be shared with all models by simply removing it from one model and placing it in another. It was a simple powered GPS device that transmitted an ID and cost about £25.

The CAA web site, <https://www.caa.co.uk/drones/moving-on-to-more-advanced-flying/remote-id-rid> identified what would need to be transmitted from the remote beacons, extract below:

What data is transmitted using Remote ID

Remote ID transmits the following time-stamped data periodically during every flight:

- the Operator ID
- **the unique serial number of the aircraft**
- the aircraft's geographical position and height above the surface or take-off point
- **the aircraft's route course**
- the geographical position of the remote pilot
- an indication of any emergency status of the aircraft, such as low battery

The above requires a unique model ID which mean a beacon would have to be reprogrammed before moving to a different model. The current CAA recommended one which cost about £150.

It was noted that different beacons were now coming to market but they may not transmit appropriate information.

Also discussed was that piloted microlights do not need beacons (transponders) but the CAA

appear to want models to transmit transponder type information.

It was recommended that no one purchase beacons until we know what is required and acceptable to the CAA.

The Chairman reiterated his (and a widely held) view that in the event that any beacons were required, the costs of any such devices should be borne by the commercial and government bodies in whose interests they would be made mandatory, at least until such time as the technology became integrated as standard into rc equipment.

7.4 Wrexham Request for First Aid Training

It was noted that First Aid training could be obtained from St John's Ambulance and possibly Air Cadets First Aid crews.

7.5 National Centre Funding

The Chairman reported that he had attended the BMFA AGM as an observer. He had been concerned at the way in which the board were proposing to treat the accounts for the National Centre. It appeared that it was not intended to put them before the membership for consideration, much less approval as the interim accountant stated that the budget for the coming year did not include anything for the National Centre because it was now self sufficient which seemed strange. He then mentioned that there was a significant increase in the PR and Staff budget. Part of the justifications for the additional expenditure was that more support was needed for activities at the National Centre Activities, however there was nothing in the accounts to show the recovery of any costs from ~~charge out~~ to the National Centre to cover that expenditure increase. This concern was expressed in the room by the former Treasurer, but the situation was accepted, by, vote, nevertheless.

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the BMFA seeking clarification of the situation and that the Area Delegate would raise the matter at the next Areas Council meeting.

It was noted that the BMFA AGM recording is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clw5WMUCAS0>

8 Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Next General Meeting will be held on the Thursday, 12th February 2026 followed by meetings on Thursday, 7th May 2026, Thursday, 3rd September 2026 and (immediately following the next AGM) Thursday, 26th November 2026.

All meetings will start at 7pm via zoom.

Zoom meeting will be opened 30min before the start of the meeting to allow participants time to resolve any connection issues.

The Meeting Closed at 9:20pm