

BMFA WALES
Unadopted Minutes of the
General Meeting
held on Thursday 7th May 2026
via the internet platform 'ZOOM'

The meeting commenced at 7pm

PRESENT:

Mike Tiley (Chairman)	Cardiff MAC
Allan Belcher (Area Delegate)	Crymlyn Burrows MFC*
John Taylor (Secretary)	Cardiff MAC *
Keith Barnes	Eglwysilan MFC *
Phil Charlesworth (Education & Outreach Officer)	Fins over Gwent *
Michael Budge	Swansea MFC
Gareth Llewellyn (Country Members Rep)	Country Members *
John Charles	Anglesey & District MFC *
Albert Gay	Haverfordwest MFC
Richard Badham (ACE)	Rhyl MFC *
Alan Williams	Lleyn MFC *
Huw Dennis	Swansea MFC
Dennis Pritchard	Amman Valley RCC *
Andrew Potts	Gaer Park MFC *

* Indicates a voting representative.

AGENDA

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

With 10 voting representatives in attendance, the meeting was deemed quorate, with 4 other members also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Alan Williams

2 Approval of Agenda and items for Any Other Business

The Agenda was agreed.

3 To approve the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 12th February 2026

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Action regards item 5 had been completed.

The minutes were accepted by all, proposed by Keith Barnes, seconded by Phil Charlesworth

4 Board Matters (Area Delegate to report)

Main topic of the Board Meeting was the bulk email facility, which could only be used through the JustGo Portal. Cymru Wales (John Taylor) was invited to a Zoom meeting but could not attend.

This lead to a discussion regarding area downloads from the Just Go portal.

Trophies were also discussed but little take-up had occurred, it had been suggested that areas take over the trophies and come up with ideas for distributing them.

Action: Secretary to send Google Maps Country Members locations to Mic Budge and Allan Belcher for publication on our forum and discussion at the Board or Council meetings.

5 Area Council Matters (Area Delegate to report)

No report available as Allan could not attend.

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; however Allan Williams was congratulated on his article published in RCM&E which raises our profile.

Aim 5 ties in with 1 and 2

Aim 6 in progress but very slow.

Aim 7 attendance at the Cosford RAF Air Cadets took place 30th November 2025

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Business Case for funding

7.1.1 Cardiff Model Aircraft Club – Funding for training Aircraft

John Taylor presented the business case which included a trainer aircraft, spares and batteries.

The group discussed the spares and agreed that the group had already made a decision not to fund spares. If trainers are damaged a retrospective bid for parts could be requested at the next meeting.

The group agreed to fund the Aircraft and the batteries. The vote was unanimous.

7.2 ACE Training and Test Day

Emails had been sent out but no clubs had responded offering their facilities.

Andy has attended additional Training days in England and was gaining additional knowledge.

Richard offered his site in Rhyl for a test and training day.

Action: Andy to liaise with Richard.

7.3 Lord Lieutenants Ceremonies

The list of future events were discussed and Gareth recommended all to attend if possible.

7.4 Country Members

Country members were discussed again, the JustGo portal County pop down list was discussed. It appeared that the system's reliance on post codes meant that individual members would need to update their records manually to ensure the correct county was selected in their address. Unless some way was found to make this happen, the Area's records were condemned to be permanently inaccurate.

7.5 Request for Fishguard and Goodwick Model Show

Fishguard and Goodwick would like us to organise a show in their area. This item had been discussed at the Officers meeting and that group decided it was too difficult to organise this year. The need for risk assessments, volunteers to help out at the show, etc needed expertise the Area had lost and not yet re-acquired.

8 Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Next General Meeting will held on Wednesday the 2nd September followed by the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting on the Wednesday, 25th 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 9:30pm