

BMFA WALES
Unadopted Minutes of the
General Meeting
held on Thursday 2nd February 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 *
Phil Charlesworth (Education & Outreach Officer)	Fins over Gwent *
Richard Badham (ACE)	Rhyl MFC *
Alan Williams	Lleyn MFC *
Gareth Llewellyn (Country Members Rep)	Country Members *
Michael Budge	Swansea MFC
Huw Dennis	Swansea MFC
Albert Gay	Haverfordwest MFC

* Indicates a voting representative.

Voting representatives of 6 Area Clubs, with 4 other member also in attendance.

AGENDA

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

With 6 voting representatives in attendance, the meeting was deemed quorate, with 4 other members also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Henry Fray and Andy Green

2 Approval of Agenda and items for Any Other Business

The Agenda was agreed, a few items had been added since distribution.

3 To approve the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 27th November 2025

The minutes were accepted by all, proposed by Alan Williams, seconded by Gareth Llewellyn
The minutes were reviewed with a short discussion relating to item 7.4 National Funding, the Charman explained the response he received to his email from BMFA Centre and the response was displayed for the group to read. Alan Belcher gave further background information on the finance issues. The Chairman stated that he would hold a 'watching brief'.

4 Board Matters (Area Delegate to report)

Allan Belcher reported not much has happened and that he was no longer a board member.
At the previous meeting member were instructed to vote for Rolling membership which was agreed.

Allan also reported that the proposed new scheme to distribute money to Areas was agreed.
Someone needed to substitute for him at the Areas Council Meeting on the 10th where all Areas' budgets for 2026-27 would be discussed.

5 Area Council Matters (Area Delegate to report)

The Area Delegate report a spreadsheet had been created to judge areas who had applied for

the Club of the Year award, Cymru Wales delegate to the Area Council would be called next year. A communications had been received stating Area Officers could apply for access to the Area Council Forum.

Action: The Secretary to forward the communication to all Area Officers.

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. The Chairman congratulated Allan Williams on his managed to get article published in RCM&E which will have helped to raise 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 for Funding.

The Chairman and Secretary of Cardiff MAC suggested this item be deferred until the next meeting as the Secretary was a voting member thereby leaving only five 'disinterested' voting members which was not quorate. The other members agreed.

7.1.2 Portaloo

The merits of purchasing rather than renting portaloos for events were discussed. It was noted that if purchased they would need to be serviced and insured. Clubs that were renting them said everything was taken care of, even ramps for disabled people. The Portaloos turned up the day before and were set up correctly, the day after the event they were taken away, no hassle. It was agreed that rental was the preferred way forward for the Area.

7.2 JustGo Portal

The secretary reported that the annual downloads had been completed and it was noted that Eight new clubs were included of which we had not received any notification previous to the download. It was noted that it was disappointing that BMFA National had not informed us of the new clubs missing opportunities to contact them sooner. All had been invited to this meeting but unfortunately none have taken up the invite.

Phil Charlesworth stated that all the clubs involved were rocketry-oriented, participating in competitions and that their involvement with the BMFA was of necessity; they were unlikely to engage with the general activities of the BMFA.

7.3 ACE Ratification – Steve Holland

Andy Green, Area Scheme Co-Ordinator, had informed the secretary that Steve Holland had now completed his annual report and could be re-ratified as an Area Chief Examiner. The members present were asked to vote on his re-ratification and all present agreed.

7.4 Llanelli MFC – advice on how to attract new members

Geoff Harper had sent a request via the Cymru Wales website feedback form asking if he could be given advice on how to attract new members, the secretary, prior to the meeting, suggested that a Web site and Facebook pages would be a good start.

Gareth Llewellyn said another club near him had put an article in RCM&E inviting new members, this lead to a number of new members had joined.

These suggestions would require someone in the club to respond appropriately and follow

through.

Action: The secretary to report back to Geoff Harper providing the information discussed.

7.5 School's Rocketry Competition

Phil Charlesworth informed the group about the School's Rocketry Competition regional finals are to be held at Llanbedr on the 27th March.

South Wales schools go to Chippenham on the 18th April.

7.6 Carmarthen

It was noted from the previous meeting that Carmarthen club were going to put on a fly-in type an event to in place of the Woodspring event which had been cancelled this year. It was agreed that the Area should approach the Club to lend support in widening the appeal and publicity of the event.

7.7 Air Cadets

Gareth Llewellyn reported that the next Reserved Forces Cadets Area meeting would be held on Thursday 5th March in Bangor.

He also asked if there had been follow up from last years attendance at Cosford on the 29th November as Telford had picked up 40-50 cadets.

The secretary reported that no contact had been made in South Wales.

7.8 Ace Training Day

The possibility of an ACE training day this year in North or West Wales was discussed. A venue and date would need to be identified.

8 Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Next General Meeting will be held on the Thursday, 7th May 2026 followed by meetings on, 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 8pm