

West Cheshire Athletic Club AGM

Minutes – Tuesday 25th November 2025

1.	<p>Attendees – Committee: Mike Lamb (President), Brian Wright (Chair), Alan Morris (Vice Chairman), Sarah Hibbert (Treasurer), Dennis Wall (Secretary), Victor Oyesola (Track & Field Officer), Eddie Gore (Facilities Officer), Ian Ackroyd (Coaching Co-ordinator), Jane Pughe (Membership Officer), Dave Alexander (Cross-country Officer), Emma Nutt (Road Officer). Via Zoom – Leanne Wheeler (Welfare Officer)</p> <p>Members – Jill Gore, Jane Palmer, Richard Batterham. Via Zoom – Ellie Robinson, Ellen Molloy, Glenys Potter</p> <p>Apologies – Jenny Palmer, Jenny Manning, Adrian Gledhill</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 26th November 2024 - The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted and signed off by Brian Wright (Chair)</p>
3.	<p>Management Reports</p> <p>Chairman’s Report – Brian presented the Chairman’s report and a copy is provided below.</p> <p>The Club had a very good year with members continuing to excel in all areas of athletics. In Track & Field we hosted a successful Open meeting at the Ellesmere Port track and continued to deliver great team performances in the Northern and both YDL Upper and Lower Leagues. There were outstanding individual performances at the Northern, Welsh, English and European Indoor Championships, the Northern, North Wales and English Schools T&F Championships, the British Milers Club and the England Schools International. There were several England vests, a GB vest and selections for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme. I must congratulate Victor Oyesola who was named as England Athletics North West Coach of the Year</p> <p>In Cross Country the club continued to host the Schools Cross Country series at EPSV and took part in the North Wales, Manchester and North Staffordshire Cross Country leagues. We were represented in both the Cheshire and the Northern Cross Country Championships and delivered some great individual performances in the European Trial Short Course event.</p> <p>We again hosted three successful road races – the Round the Walls, Spring 5 and Guilden Sutton 10k – all were well attended and provided quality competition for both local runners and those from further afield. On the Roads our Senior and Veteran men’s and women’s teams delivered strong performances in the Borders League, the North West and Cheshire Road Relay Championships. There were 11 WCAC athletes in the London Marathon and individual podium places were achieved at the Sandstone Trail Half Marathon, the Snowdonia Marathon, the Chester Half, Metric and full Marathons, the Wirral 10k, the Wilmslow Festive 10k and the Northern Masters 10 mile Road Championship amongst many others. Particular mention must be made of the ultra runners who continue to set records across distances up to 100 miles.</p> <p>We celebrated the successes and achievements of our members at the annual Celebration & Awards Evening. The awards were presented by Sabrina Fortune who inspired the audience with the story of her journey to achieve paralympic and world gold medals.</p> <p>During the year the club has launched several initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We produced a set of ICE tags which are available to all club members to provide contact and health information in case of emergency. • We ran a drop-in session for volunteers to learn more about ways to contribute to the club’s activities and following this a trio of volunteers embarked on the coaching pathway joining the much-valued group of coaches and officials who contribute to athletics in many ways not just locally but nationally and internationally. • WCAC officials were key members of a group which worked to replace the Cheshire Track and Field League with a more inclusive competition. This resulted in the setting up of the Cheshire Track and Field Grand Prix series, the first of which we hosted at Ellesmere Port. The event was a great success for both the competing athletes and the club itself and we look to build on this as we enter the second year of Grand Prix events. • We agreed with Active Leisure Events a further extension to our continued involvement in the Chester Half Marathon

Position	Appointee	Position	Appointee
President	Mike Lamb	Road Race Officer	Emma Nutt
Chairman	Brian Wright	Track & Field Off.	Victor Oyesola
Vice Chairman	Alan Morris	Facilities Officer	Eddie Gore
Treasurer	Sarah Hibbert	Welfare Officers	Anna Woolgar (lead) Leanne Wheeler
Secretary	Dennis Wall	Health & Safety Off	Adrian Gledhill
Membership Off.	Jane Pughe	Coaching Co-ordinator	Ian Ackroyd
Cross-country Off.	Dave Alexander	Minute Secretary	Jenny Palmer
Sponsorship and Liaison Officer	vacant		

Seconded: Jane Palmer

- Date of AGM 2026** – Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 8.15pm in the Trackside Room, EPSV
Proposed: Brian Wright **Seconded:** Dennis Wall

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