

**Downton Motor Club**  
**Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



Members Present – James Edmonds  
Andrew Mathis  
Richard Hussey  
Adam Holland  
Graham Vingoe  
Rob Still

Apologies -

Billy Glendinning  
Stu Luggar  
Warren Salter

**Notes / updates from the Zoom committee meeting (5th March) ....**

1. Branded Chairs. 2 samples printed (with Neil Nation). A further 22 scheduled for printing this week. Billy has agreed to pick them up (thx Billy). Delivery to club members at speed championship events. Invoice for printing paid.
2. 2025 Membership - going very, very well. Total of 56 Club members to date with *45 entrants for the Speed Championship*. Just over £1,600 gross revenue. There were 23 SC entrants in 2024 - so we've very nearly doubled last year figures.
3. Clay Pigeon Test Day. This is probably the last one where Matt takes the financial risk. He has asked if Downton MC want to be involved / take it over. There are pros and cons ..... I'll talk to Matt on March 13th to get a feel for the financial position. Key points from the Committee - 1) we would have to get the price down to make it viable (per car not driver). 2) It would be good for the club to run some events in 2026 - e.g. a '**Downton Motor Club Test Day**' works well for us. As we grow we need to pull our weight and invite other clubs to OUR events.
4. Downton Cuckoo Fair Club Display. All agreed to cancel our involvement for 2025. Only 2 Club members interested in attending - and no race cars to display. I'll write to Gary / Kay this week to say we won't be there. Also need to chat to Paul Tanner who has reserved us a place at the Fair. (Note - I've messaged Gary and Kay this morning).
5. Windscreen sun strip ... Rob has found a good supplier. Options and costs be discussed with our membership on social media.
6. Flyers .... Ours and Wiscombe Park ....I'll leave some at Clay Pigeon on March 13th Test Day. We will need some more DMC ones printing ..... Rob has agreed to take a bundle for Gurston Down.
7. Spring Newsletter .... Contributions welcome. Perhaps approach a couple of the newcomers for introductions / articles? Timing .... After first event.

8. Facebook ..... I think we need to improve our ability to post to / communicate with members on social media. Suggest our Facebook / Instagram groups should be listed in the newsletter? The speed championship one (messenger group) is private so can't be searched for? Can we make it 'visible'? I think admin can do it?
9. Speed Championship .... Do we need to think about 3rd place prizes for some of the categories? Extra cost but should be well covered by the increase in numbers. Yes if appropriate numbers per category.
10. Can we agree the name of the clubman's cup replacement? E.g. Steve Harris Clubman's Cup, Steve Harris Trophy, Steve Harris memorial shield? Decision - 'Steve Harris Clubman's Cup' as the clubman cup term reflects Steve's vision for getting new members on board with limited budget, etc

**11. Overall ... it's all going pretty damn well :-)**

AOB.

1. James suggested a secure 'Members area' on the website - it is possible - the WiX membership app for the website gives a secure area for members to find out about each other, chat, upload photos, advertise, etc ... it is £1.98 a month which works out at just 3p per member per month. I'll try it out ... there is a free plan for 7 days.
2. Social / pub event in May - to be arranged.
3. Storage ... Stu Samson has some Downton stuff in storage. Don't want Stu to think we're ignoring him :-). Messaged Stu this morning..... he has two gazebos and some tables. Stu says they are not in the way.

**Next Meeting** – tbd (Perhaps at the Pub in May?)

Venue – online meeting