



## **Minutes of the Downton Motor Club Annual General Meeting**

**Sat 18th Nov 2023 @ Woodfalls Inn, Downton (17:30 kick off)**

### **Welcome and Introduction**

- The meeting started with the Chairman's Statement provided by Steve Harris (image of the statement available on the website).
- As of Sat 18th November Steve steps down as Chairman of the DMC.
- The members presented Steve with a token 'thank you' gift - in recognition of his hard work and endeavours for DMC over many, many years.
- Steve will have the honorary role of Club President in 2024.

### **Club Structure for 2024**

- The role of Treasurer for 2024 will be adopted by Andrew Mathis.
- Two committee vacancies still exist (Club Chairman and Club Secretary).
- The Club is still able to temporarily function without these two key roles being filled (the Club Constitution states that a minimum of 4 committee members is sufficient to make a controlling quorum for the Club).
- An application to Motorsport UK has been made to renew the DMC verification as an 'approved Club' for 2024.
- The Club Constitution, Safeguarding and Privacy policies have all been reviewed and updated for 2024 (as required by Motorsport UK).

### **Speed Championship Review**

- Andrew Mathis talked us through the success of the 2023 Speed Championship season.
- Another year of close competition with many records and PBs broken!
- However, some events did not have any entries in the Downton class. This obviously caused some concern with the event organisers.
- Therefore, due to the lack of entries at some events, the overall number of events for 2024 will be reduced. Once confirmed the event list will be published.
- In Summary, 2023 was another successful season and the future looks good for 2024.

### **Social, Domestic and Pleasure**

- Steve outlined the show activities held in 2023
- It was noted that the Atwell-Wilson have set aside a display area for the heritage of Downton Engineering.

## **Club Plans for 2024**

- A short discussion on the finances of Downton Motor Club followed. The salient points were -
  - The club has a strong bank balance.
  - However, the club has made a hefty financial loss over the last 3 consecutive years.
  - Steps need to be taken in 2024 to bring more balance *to 'Club income vs Club overheads'*.
  - The largest overhead is the cost of the Downton Sports Centre facilities. Steve Harris has offered to take over the Sports Centre contract from 1st April 2024. This will reduce our overheads by circa £2,200 per annum.
  - The Committee will review expenditure in 2024 with a view to balancing the books.
- Each event proposal will be reviewed by the committee to consider whether it is financially viable (break even or better).
- In the interests of transparency, the minutes of 2024 Committee Meetings will be published on the DMC website.
- One key objective for 2024 is to try to grow the Club Membership numbers - 11% down in 2023.

## **Any other Business**

- There was no other business recorded.

*The 2023 Speed Championship Awards were then presented to the lucky winners and the meeting closed at 19.20pm.*