



RETIRED MEMBERS GROUP Area 8 D316
Cheshire, Manchester, Merseyside, Deeside, North Wales and North Shropshire

D316 RMG AGM DRAFT MINUTES held on 16th OCTOBER-2025 at 1.10pm
A hybrid meeting was held in the Basuto Suite at the BOAT MUSEUM, Ellesmere Port.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were given from Derick Belton, Trevor Davies, Martin Goose, Philip Macey, Gwilym Morris, Daryl Nightingale, David Parker, Frank Pearson, Ioan Thomas, Les Turner, David White.

Caroline Pelham-Lane was later able to attend online.

The Secretary commented that within the apologies, unfortunately Martin Goose had recently had a bad fall in London but perhaps fortunately outside Unison HQ whose staff assisted him, e.g. calling an ambulance etc. He is also using Prospect (Union) Services in the matter of an appropriate compensation claim. *How we all need the strength of the Unions behind us?!*

Other apologies were inter alia, hospital appointments, celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, in distant lands or carrying out important civic duties in the not-too-distant land of Wales wherein dwells many of our branch members!

2 The Chairman welcomed members present at the Waterways Museum and those joining online.

3. Minutes of AGM held 17th October 2024

After due consideration, Ian Berry proposed and David Hindley seconded that they were a correct record of proceedings and a paper copy was then signed by our Chairman, John Augustis.

4. Matters Arising not covered in previous Reports.

The Secretary reminded members that our *second* Branch Motion submitted to this year's ADC had been ruled out for debate by the SOC as it was deemed to be 'existing policy' arising from ADC 2017 Resolutions. However, he and David Hindley as delegate and he (JKW) as Deputy had lobbied Bob Avery of the SOC just prior to the ADC start with the aim of getting it restored to the agenda. They were unable to do so but were given suggestions as to how a tweaked similar motion might be acceptable

for ADC 2026. A Motion would be proposed later in the Meeting.

The Chairman as our elected representative to the NC said that direct meetings with Mike Clancy, the General Secretary had taken place with a view to improving relationships with the RMG following the 2024 Birmingham BAC Conference. Apported. However, it seems that the re-issuing of Wise Eye is unlikely, but the RMG President (Dr. A.R.) and a small publishing team were publishing **RMBulletins** which were snail mailed and sent to Retired members without email facilities.

It was planned to have Neil Walsh, Prospect Pensions Officer, as the key speaker at the 2026 ADC.

Long Service awards were to be introduced within the Group: there had only been 4 claims under the **Asbestos Register** in 2025.

5. Election of Area Officers.

Chairman: Mike Tankard proposed and David Hindley seconded the nomination of John Augoustis and this was carried n.c

Secretary: Mike Tankard and David Hindley also proposed and seconded that John Wright continue as Secretary for the year and this too was approved n.c.

Area Committee: The Chairman and Secretary, Mike Tankard and Ian Berry.

6. Appointment of Area Representatives and Deputy to the National Committee.

John Augoustis was proposed as D316 Area Representative by Mike Tankard and seconded by Ian Berry and carried n.c.

John K. Wright was also proposed as D316 Deputy Area Representative by Mike Tankard and seconded by Ian Berry and carried n.c. by the meeting.

7. Appointment of two Delegates and their deputies to RMG ADC January 28th 2026.

David Hindley was proposed by John Wright and seconded by Ian Berry and carried n.c.

John K. Wright was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by David Hindley and carried n.c.

No deputies were forthcoming at this AGM .

The Chairman proposed that Dr. Andrew Ruffhead as President (our speaker at the Area AGM in 2024) and Tom James as Vice-President be nominated by the Branch and this was agreed.

8. Area Motions to RMG ADC 2026

A suitably worded Motion instructing the NEC what progress had been made in the mentoring of working members would be forwarded on behalf of the Branch.

Similarly, a Motion addressing the concerns of those members affected by the *McCloud Judgement* would be devised by David Hindley following research and run by the Area Committee on behalf of the Branch for submission. This was agreed.

Post Meeting: DH subsequently determined that there was adequate information on the Main Prospect website on the issue although less information on the RMG section. Nevertheless, he felt it unnecessary for the Branch to raise a relevant Motion to ADC 2026.

9. Any other Business.

I was proposed that the May 2026 Branch Meeting be held on 14th May again at the boat Museum. After DH had checked the Everton playing dates for that month, it was hoped that Mike Clancy, the General Secretary, be invited as our speaker.

10. Close of Meeting.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and wished them a Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness for 2026.

The AGM closed at 14.20

In attendance:

John Augoustis
John K. Wright
Mike Tankard
Ian Berry
Douglas Baker
Roland Farrington
John Kells
David Hindley

John K. Wright
D316 Secretary 2025/6
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