

**Draft Minutes of the D316 Prospect RMG Branch Hybrid* AGM held in the Tom Rolt
Centre of the Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port on Thursday 17th October 2024 at
13.15**

(Due to flooding on the Wirral, the Vice-President was delayed and our Chairman who had arranged to provide transport from nearby Hooton station was awaiting him there at the meeting start time of 1.00pm. The Chairman agreed by telephone that the Secretary should start the AGM)

1. Apologies for Absence

A total of 11 apologies had been received

2. Welcome

The Secretary as Acting Chair welcomed those members in person and online to the 2024 AGM, and explained the transport situation affecting our Speaker and Chairman. He advised members that the National Committee had revised our longstanding Branch Acronym from CMMDI to CMMDN and said that the N stood for both North Wales and North Shropshire. He expected our Vice President to mention this in his talk.

3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 16th October 2023 at the Campanile Hotel Runcorn.

Their acceptance was proposed by Mike Tankard and seconded by Ian Berry and approved nem con.

4. Matters Arising

Wise Eye had still not been published, neither had **Profile. Dr Andrew Ruffhead** RMG Vice-President had however produced **Bulletins** There was continuing concern as to the lack of contact with those members without recourse to the internet although they could have ready direct access to Prospect via the contact Centre.*

Item 6 ,7 and 8 were addressed earlier awaiting arrival of John Augoustis and Dr. Andrew Ruffhead

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| 6. Election of Area Officers: | Chairman; John Augoustis | Proposed by Mike Tankard) Seconded by John Wright) carried n.c. |
| | Secretary: John Wright | Proposed by Gerald Eaves Seconded by Mike Tankard |

7. Election of Area Representative and Deputy to the National Committee

6.1 Representative: John Augoustis. Prop: G. Eaves
Sec: Mike Tankard) *carried n.c.*

6.2 Deputy: John K. Wright Prop: Martin Goose
Sec; Mike Tankard) *carried n.c.*

7. Appointment of two Delegates and deputy to RMG ADC 2025

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| 7.1 Delegate: | David Hindley | Prop: John K. Wright Sec: Mike Tankard |
| 7.2 Delegate: | Dominic Ion | Prop: Dominic Ion Sec: Mike Tankard |

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| 7.3 Deputy | John K. Wright | Prop: | Gerald Eaves |
| | | Sec: | Dominic Ion |

8. Nominations for National Committee Officers

The Secretary advised that as David Harding was standing down, our speaker and current Vice-President, Dr. Andrew Ruffhead was willing to be nominated and the meeting heartily endorsed this. This was carried N.c.

5. Guest Speaket, Dr. Andrew Ruffhead, RMG Vice-President

(Dr. Ruffhead had been obliged to take a rail replacement service from Chester to Hooton due to flooding, and our Chairman was able to chauffeur him from there to the Waterways Museum)

John Augoustis then resumed the Chair and after apologies and introduction, Dr. Ruffhead gave an enlightening and detailed talk, answered questions and commented on members' views which followed. He has kindly prepared a **transcript of his talk** which is attached to these Minutes

A Vote of thanks was

9. Area Motions to ADC 2025

9.1 This Conference takes notice of the report by the RMG delegation to Prospect/BECTU Birmingham 2024 BDC reflecting a lack of awareness amongst working members of the benefits of the RMG. Conference instructs the NEC to set up a suitable stall at the 2026 BDC, illustrating the long-standing existence and benefits of the RMG.

9.2. Conference asks the NC to investigate the feasibility of setting up a mentoring group of RMG members who would be willing to offer services, advice and support to working members

10. Any other Business

The Chairman advised that the current **Asbestos Register** list was available from him and that he had recently assisted in a successful compensation claim.

It was noted that the **Date of Next Meeting** had not been separately listed as a separate Agenda item but 2025 diaries suggested that Thursday May 15th 2025 at the Waterways Museum might be suitable.

11. Closure of AGM 2024

The meeting was formally closed at 3.50pm with the chairman wishing in house members and Dr. Andrew a safe and dry return journey and to them and online attendees' good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

(After the meeting, Dr. Andrew's online cartoons were hugely appreciated by many members who stayed!)

John K. Wright

Secretary 2024/5