



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

D316 RMG MEETING DRAFT MINUTES held on 15th MAY-2025

A hybrid meeting held at the BOAT MUSEUM, Ellesmere Port.
(Scheduled for 1pm start. Technical difficulties resulted in delay until 1.30 pm)

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were given from Peter Baker, Ian Berry, Huw Lloyd-Jones, Daryl Nightingale, Frank Pearson, Caroline Pelham-Lane.

2 - Minutes of Meeting Held 16th-May-2024

It was noted that Douglas Baker was shown as both present and under Apologies for Absence. There had been an interchange of emails in July 2024, the Secretary apologising in them. Martin Goose then proposed and Douglas Baker then seconded that after those minor corrections those Minutes were a correct record of the meeting and were signed by our Chairman, John Augustis.

3 -Matters Arising.

A footnote to Item 5 relating to postponement of the BT landline termination date and the discussion with BT members was further commented on by Martin Goose who updated members on communications prepared for dependent alarm systems.

4-Report on RMG ADC of 20th February 2025

(Our appointed delegate David Hindley and deputy John Wright attended the ADC following the unfortunate withdrawal of Dominic Ion through important Charity work pressures at the time)

David Hindley reported as follows;

This was the first time the new Prospect/Bectu HQ in Rochester Row with its improved Conference facilities had been used. Both he, John Wright and John Augustis (as NC delegate) were placed in the Wellington Hotel, convenient for the ADC venue.

It was noted that our Branch's second Motion on the NC's Mentoring Group feasibility, listed as Motion 33 was deemed 'Existing Policy' and not eligible in the SOC's eyes for Conference debate. Before the start of the ADC, John W. and David sought an explanation from SOC (Bob Avery) and it was agreed that a fresh motion for 2026 requesting progress of that policy would be acceptable.

The officer elections for the year were:

President: Dr. Andrew Ruffhead

Vice-President: Tom James

SOC Member (3years) Frances Butler (D313 neighboring Branch- North west)

Whilst RMG Bulletins and an Action Taken Report had been circulated since the February ADC giving further details, David described his approach to our Motion 11 which he had formally proposed there. David pointed out that of the total membership of almost 150,000, the retired membership was a significant percentage of that with a resulting financial contribution. The Group had a significant delegation at Prospect National Conferences and other local retired members helped those PNCs. Our Motion which was quite specific on detail as to how the RMG should market itself with a stall at the biennial PNCs was composited with SE England's less specific instruction on the issue, and was then overwhelmingly carried.

5. Report on the Activities of the National Committee

- The Chairman stated that the NC had updated and published its 'Policy 2016-2025' document of 58 pages
- Asbestos Register: Only 2 claims made this year. Claims totaling £17.775M had been paid.
- The next biennial PNC will be held in Brighton in June 2026 and in view of our successful Motion 11 at the ADC, the NC delegates will be working on the 'marketing' stall.
- 'e-Branches' were to be set up which could improve communications within the Branch

6. Any other business

- The Secretary reported that in an email exchange with our member Peter Baker, he had referred him firstly to the **Prospect Helpline 0300 600 1878** regarding Pension calculation issues with **MyCSP**. They had been very helpful, advising him to initially use the MyCSP complaints procedure, which failing the Pensions Ombudsman. Peter was also affected by the **McCloud Judgement** (see below), and strongly advised members that in dealing with MyCSP, they a) check everything and b) keep records of all transactions from CSP, c) use the Prospect Helpline for advice, d) don't be deterred from using their Complaints Process.

- John W. also reported that member Daryl Nightingale within an email exchange incorporating his apologies, hoped we would also air McCloud at this meeting. David **Hindley then confirmed that he was also affected by McCloud and offered to send a copy of the form less personal details for information. (This is attached).** The NC was now also keen to receive members' information on the matter. David also suggested we formulate a Motion on the matter to the 2026 RMG ADC.

7. Date(s) of future meetings. (AGM)

The date of Thursday 16th October 2025 at the Boat Museum was proposed.

8-Closure of meeting

At 2.33 pm the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and wished members at the Museum a safe return journey.

John K. Wright
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