TVR Car Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 August 2026
Time: 19:00
Location: MS Teams
Chair: Steve Thomsit

Present: Steve Thomsit, Matt Maneely, Chris Mitchell, Mark Mendoza, Mervyn Larner, Karen Thomsit, Nick Warner, Tyler Harrop.

Apologies: Mark Nickery, Bob Young, Steve Finnerty, Martin Blackwell, Graham Warner.

Previous Minutes – Adoption & Matters Arising

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 7 July were accepted.

1. **Committee Matters**

Discussion

- Promotional Vehicle has been disposed sold.
- Agreed to purchase an additional 3m x 3m gazebo to match existing units.
- Rebranding of gazebo to be arranged.
- Additional guttering to be sourced.

Actions

- Steve to contact Paul Calland regarding gazebo branding.
- Source suitable guttering for gazebo setup.

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2. Treasurer's Report

Discussion

- Financial position remains healthy.
- Net profit approximately £3,000 ahead of budget due to lower overheads.
- A £50,000 variance in June cash balances compared with the previous year identified and believed to be a timing or journal posting issue.
- No major concerns raised.

Actions

- Matt to investigate the £50,000 cash balance anomaly.

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3. Office Update

Discussion

- Jo will be absent for several weeks.
- Matt covering financial administration during her absence.
- Corinne managing day-to-day office activities.
- Blyton Track event considered manageable during this period.

Actions

- Matt to continue supporting office functions as required.
- Committee agreed to send a card to Jo with well wishes.

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4. Silverstone Festival Review

Discussion

- Event was well received.
- Better stand location than previous year.
- Sales totalled approximately £860.
- Positive feedback received from attendees and other car clubs.
- Committee agreed event should be considered again for 2027.

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5. Member Complaint

Discussion

- Long-standing member (26 years' membership) dissatisfied following Season Opener pricing issue and lack of response to correspondence.
- Committee agreed the matter warranted a personal response.

Actions

- Chris to respond directly to the member.

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6. Events Programme

Season Opener 2026 - Stanford Hall

Discussion

- Positive site visit completed.
- Proposed venue hire cost: £1,680 including VAT.
- Entry pricing and attendance projections discussed.
- Additional food, coffee and hospitality provision required.
- Committee agreed a detailed budget is needed before approval.

Actions

- Karen to obtain clarification on venue charges and prepare full budget proposal.

Beaulieu Tank Museum Weekend

Discussion

- Accommodation options continue to be investigated.
- Concern expressed over excessive hotel costs.
- Aim is to secure accommodation at a sensible price point.

Actions

- Nick and Karen to continue hotel investigations and provide recommendations.

Pre-80s Event

Discussion

- Midland Air Museum selected for proposed Pre-80's gathering.
- Parking free; museum admission approximately £11.
- Positive feedback received from Pre-80's members.

Actions

- Karen to proceed with event promotion.

80th Anniversary Planning

Discussion

- Potential venues discussed including RAF Cosford, Shuttleworth and other locations.

- Importance of one principal national anniversary event highlighted.
- Committee agreed location should be reasonably accessible for members nationwide.

Actions

- Karen to continue exploring options and costs.

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7. NEC Classic Motor Show

Stand Design

Discussion

- Proposed stand design reviewed.
- Additional display walls recommended.
- Committee supportive in principle.
- Additional display elements approved in principle, subject to final design review.

Sponsorship

Discussion

- Sponsorship opportunities remain limited.
- Potential cup sponsorship opportunity under discussion.
- Merchandise bags featuring sponsor logos proposed.

Actions

- Mark to pursue sponsorship discussions.
- Karen to develop merchandise bag proposal.

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8. Regional Flags

Discussion

- New regional flag designs reviewed.
- Committee strongly favoured the Union Flag-based centre design.
- Middle flag design approved as preferred option, subject to refinements.

Additional Discussion

- Alternative straplines considered.

- "Britain's Best Sports Cars" received strongest support.

Actions

- Steve to provide feedback to Paul Calland on preferred design and layout adjustments.

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9. Branding and Merchandise

Discussion

- Committee discussed creation of consistent branding across regions.
- Desire for simple brand guidelines and improved consistency of regional merchandise.
- Positive feedback received on new prototype clothing and merchandise.

Actions

- Continue work on branding guidelines and regional merchandise templates.

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10. Office Management

Discussion

- Concerns raised regarding office workload visibility and communication.
- Matt confirmed he will discuss matters further with Jo on her return.

Actions

- Matt to review office processes and workload arrangements with Jo.

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12. 17-30s Initiative / New Member Engagement

Discussion

- Proposal to develop content aimed at prospective younger TVR owners.
- Focus on affordable ownership, buying advice and club expertise.
- Potential inclusion at NEC stands and on digital platforms.

Actions

- Tyler and Steve to develop concepts and promotional material
- Tyler to discuss banner and display requirements with Paul Calland.

Next Meeting: Committee: Tuesday, 1 September 2026, via MS Teams

AGM: 12:00, 03 April 2027, BMM, Gaydon.

Meeting Closed: 20:37 (approximately)