



**Monmouthshire Reels Committee  
Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Attendees:**

Katie Cripwell - KC  
Hal Cripwell - HC  
David Myrddin-Evans – DM-E  
Frances May - FM  
Antonia Lloyd - AL  
Camilla Bond - CB

Kevin Karney - KK  
Elizabeth Karney - EK  
Sam Ashton - SA  
Sarah Ashton – Mrs SA  
Gervase Oakeley - GO

**Apologies:**

Jemima Myrddin-Evans  
Elizabeth Buchannan  
Paddy and Genevieve Matthews  
Gill Drayton  
Peter & Pamela Tribe  
Janey Lyons  
Harriet Gittens  
Anna and Julian Carlisle

Anthony & Gilly Armitage  
Frank and Anthea Myers  
Carole Lawrence  
Andrew & Pippa Walker  
Lorna Jarman  
Anne Helme  
Judy and Andy Hallett  
Richard Jones

**Meeting Agenda**

KC outlined the purpose of the meeting: To elect a committee for the MRC to ensure it can continue in its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

KC explained that an email had been sent to the mailing list of 194 people, of which 45 were members and the rest came from dances and previous events. There were 24 responses – the majority were positive and happy with the proposed direction of the club.

The questions asked were:

1. *Should there be a paid membership?*

The conclusion was that the dances should be self-funding, with no membership fee.

2. *Was the calendar of dances suitable?*

The conclusion was yes, The Green Dragon in the Spring, The Rolls at Christmas and two to three village hall 'practices' in between, in addition to the two Upton Bishop Village Hall practices for the new/learners/young.

3. *Would you be happy to offer your house as a venue?*

The conclusion was no. Hilary Rayner did kindly offer, though it was agreed by the committee that this would be by personal invitation only.

4. *Would you be happy to be on the committee or assist with any of the dances?*

The majority said they were not available to assist.

## **Committee Recruitment**

GO thanked KC for stepping in as Acting Chair at the end of 2024 and for her hard work and dedication. This resulted in no disruption to the dance calendar.

### Chairperson

GO proposed KC take on the role of Chair formally. KC was elected unanimously.

### Treasurer

CB confirmed that she ran the finances for the Junior dance at Upton Bishop. KC proposed, the committee elected. KC thanked KK for his work as Acting Secretary.

### Secretary

Several others have privately offered to support KC on the new committee, including Julian Carlisle, Jemima Myrddin-Evans (who had kindly offered to be school liaison), and it was agreed that the role of Secretary, events coordinator and other supporting roles would be agreed in due course.

### Safeguarding

Peter and Pamela Tribe have kindly offered to be the safeguarding representative for the Committee; it is a role they hold for other organisations.

## **Events**

### Anniversary Drinks 5<sup>th</sup> October

To be held at Llanvihangel Court by kind permission of Julia Johnson, Patron of the Club. The anniversary drinks to celebrate 70 years of dancing, believed to be one of the oldest reeling clubs south of the border.

GO offered to support the event and pull together an ad hoc committee of helpers.

### The Rolls, 29<sup>th</sup> December

KC confirmed that a separate committee will be recruited from some of the families who regularly attend.

It was also mooted that a youth representative could be recruited too.

### The Green Dragon (Spring)

It was discussed that this event should be held in April 2026 but not coincide with the Thistle Ball or Easter Weekend.

EK kindly offered to form a group with Pamela Tribe to run the next event, co-opting GO to help.

EK & PT to establish the availability of George Buchanan and book a date with the Green Dragon asap.

### Upton Bishop Reels

CB confirmed that the next Upton Bishop reels will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Village Hall 'Practice'

Mrs SA, FM, and GO agreed to form an ad hoc committee for the next village hall dance, scheduled for mid-November. It was agreed that Kilpeck Village Hall was a good venue. Mrs SA has provisionally booked Kilpeck Hall for the 15<sup>th</sup> November – date to be confirmed.

It was agreed that there should be another village hall dance around the end of February 2026 as a practice for the Green Dragon.

### **AOB**

There were various discussions about other interested parties who might be prepared to give time to arrange either dances or sit on the committee in either formal or informal capacities. KC to pick this up with the individuals accordingly and update the committee as necessary.

Finally, KC thanked Gervase Oakeley, Kevin and Elizabeth Karney, Peter and Pamela Tribe and Sophie Bratli for their kind and invaluable help and support in keeping the MRC going over the past year.

Minutes by Camilla Bond

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