

Group name:	North Wales Regional Athletics Council
Date/Time:	7.00pm on 16.4.2026 by Microsoft Teams
Attendees:	Kay Hatton (K.H.), Paul Brooks (P.B.), John Hatton (J.H.), Kevin Clark (K.C.), Christine Wyn-Jones (C.W.J.), Crispin Backshall (C.B.), Arwel Lewis (A.L.), Amy Edwards (A.E.) and Celfyn Williams (C.W.)
Apologies:	Nicki Triggs and Nigel Parr.
Secretariat:	Paul Brooks

1. Apologies for absence: Nicki Triggs and Nigel Parr.
2. Declarations of interest: None.
3. Update on Actions from the previous meeting: (a) 3(a) The Clubs Forum that was due to be held in Llandudno on 20th March was cancelled (b) 4.1 With regard to the t&f subcommittee, K.H. had had a further meeting with C.B. and she felt that progress had been made (c) 4.2 the post of t&f officials secretary is still vacant (d) 4.3 All Clubs have now paid their share of the cost of transport to the Inter Region championships (e) 4.4 Contributions of £419 for YDL transport, entry fees and affiliation fees have now been paid by Colwyn Bay and Wrexham. Menai and Deeside have been paid refunds of £241 and £76 respectively for overpaying for the transport. (f) 4.5 K.H. confirmed that the date for this year's Llanrug 5km road race is 3rd June and a link for entries has now been added to our Facebook page. (g) An order for new vests costing £2,273 has been made and paid. The cost of each unit is now shown on our website as £22. (h) Our medal order has been paid, and delivery is imminent (i) James Williams C.E.O. of Welsh Athletics has confirmed that our annual allocation of funds for 2026/7 will be the same as for the year 2025/6 (j) A report on the Regional 10 miles championships and the Inter County (I.C.) match with Staffs and Cheshire, both held with the Llandudno 10 miles race, is now on our website. The championships were won by Steffan Sayer (Menai) and Jennifer Rambaldi (Buckley). Both the men's and women's I.C. matches were won by Staffs. (k) A.E. reported on the Lottery funding application for photo finish equipment. (l) A grant of £800 has been received from W.A. for the purchase of electronic tablets; The actual cost was £645, and the excess will be allocated for use on other related items. (m) K.H. reported on the internet link for finding coaches' details is difficult to use as it requires knowledge of urn numbers or dates of birth. The link has now been added to our website. (n) A.E. has a document giving details of the now current age-group details, which will be added to our website.
4. Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed with no amendments.
5. Chair's Report: K.H. reported on (i) The C.A.U. Inter Counties championships were held on 7th March with a coach for transport to the event; a contribution of £300 for such was made by NWRAC from the annual grant. Photos of the event are on the NWCCL Facebook page. (ii) the S.I.A.B. and the BMAF championships were held in Vaynol Park on 21st March, and were a great success. (iii) The Pipedream fell race in Dolgarrog was the Welsh fell short championships and the Welsh short trail championships in Aberystwyth were won by Eden O'Dea (Deeside) and Josh Griffiths (Swansea/Deeside).

- 5 ctd. (v) A t&f development day was held in Colwyn Bay on 10th April. (iv) the Regional t&f championships will be held at Treborth on 9th May; this was decided as Deeside are already hosting both a development day and the Welsh junior championships later this year. (vi) C.B. reported that the Regional race walking championships are to be included in an event in Manchester; Regional medals will be given. (vii) Forthcoming events: Regional 5km championships in Llanrug on 3rd June; U.K. Inter Counties fell running championships on 3rd May; Welsh 5km road championships at Caerphilly on 9th August.
6. Treasurer's Report: J.H. gave a report on the income and expenditure as at the 31st March last. The balance sheet and other relevant material will now be sent to the auditor and after approval be presented to the A.G.M. in June. J.H. was thanked for his work. Approval was given to website expenses of £180 from September last to the current date; K.H. will be reimbursed for this expenditure.
7. Discussion: (A) K.H. had received budget applications from the various disciplines and had drawn up a Regional budget application, which the meeting voted to accept. She will send to this W.A. (B) Regional track and field championships: long jump and throws. A.E. reported that there is a shortage of officials for this meeting. As she is currently acting as Regional t&f officials secretary, she was disappointed at the lack of response from the Clubs and will be emailing them asking for volunteers this week. P.B. suggested that from 2027, each Club should be asked to provide at least 2 track and 2 field officials for the event. This was agreed in principle; C.W. asked if Clubs had this many officials to comply. P.B. reported that in various Leagues, each competing Club had to provide a set number of officials for each meeting or be deducted points. The meeting agreed that the format for this year should be 2 warm-up and 4 scoring trials in both the long jump and throws. A.E. stated that she looking at the possibility of holding the track events on one day and the field events on another, for 2027. (C) The Inter Region track and field championship this year will have no events for under-20 and senior athletes. (i) It was agree that as the programme was now complete, it would not be possible for any changes to be made at this late stage. (ii) A.E. reported that W.A. policy is for any meeting to be limited to a maximum length of 8 hours, which included an hour to set up and an hour to take down, thus restricting competition to a maximum of 6 hours. This would impact also on multi-discipline athletes. It was agreed that K.H. would contact Joyce Tomala requesting that this should be looked at again for the 2027 meeting. C.B. felt that the Region should show our support by sending at least 4 officials to the event.
8. Competition Officer's Report: A.E. (i) reported on the successful S.I.A.B. and BMAF cross country championships held at Vaynol Park; there were lots of volunteers and there is the possibility that the 2027 European championships could be held there (ii) The Endurance development evening on 1st May is close to being full for entrants and the Regional t&f championships are close to the closing date. (iii) there will be a Run With The Wind development meeting for sprints at Treborth on 27th May, all ages up to and including masters (iv) The Welsh junior championships are being held at Deeside on June 6th and 7th (v) There will be 2 further development meetings, one each in July and August, and an endurance meeting in August at Deeside.

9. Track and Field report: (a) C.W. reported that he had acted as substitute for C.B. at the recent committee meeting. James Williams had given a presentation on developing new officials, 100 more would be the target; staff will be more active in development; mentoring. Sue Hooper is very involved in this project. (b) C.B. reported that transport for the 3 buses to the YDL meetings this year will cost £2,000. This sum will be paid by NWRAC and then recovered by our t&f Clubs.

10. Road running report: P.B. reported that the remaining Inter County matches this year will be the Huxley 5 miles race on 19th July (Cheshire) and the Trentham 10km on 2nd August (Staffs).

11. Fell and Mountain and trail running report: A.L. reported on (i) the Pipe Dream held in Dolgarrog on 7th March, which included the Welsh Short Mountain championships and was organised by W.F.R.A., was contested by a record 180 runners The men's race and championship was won by Keiran Wynne-Cattanach (Eryri) and the women's race and championship was won by Bronwen Jenkinson (Eryri), ahead of teammate Suzie Richards in second. (ii) The Welsh short trail championships were held within the Nant yr Arian Silver trail race in Aberystwyth on 14th March, and were won by Josh Griffiths (Swansea) and Eden O'Dea (Deeside), the latter finishing seventh overall. As this was the Welsh team trial for the Trail de Guerledan race Josh and Eden were selected to represent Wales. (iii) Details of the Senior Home Nations Trail international held at Keswick on 11th April; this event was also the trial race for the G.B. team for the trail race in the European off-road trail championships (iv) The W.A. International under-18 Mountain Running Cup Trial race was held in Caernarfon on 11th April, which was a one-off trial race for selection to the event which is to be held in southern Italy on June 21st. The men's race was won by Zac Campbell (Deeside), with teammate Lewis Davies in second and Ryan Delaney (Menai) in third. The women's race was won by Heather Watson (Deeside) with Tamsin Seguin (Menai) in third. (v) He is in the process of finalising the Welsh teams for the G.B. Mountain running championships in Sedbergh on 3rd May, which also includes G.B. up and down trial race. The Up only Trial race will be held in Keswick on Friday evening of 1st May. (vi) the Joe Brown series of races is under way with two events already completed at Moel Tryfan on 4th April and Dwygyfllchi on 14th April. There are a total of 12 events including junior races as well as those for seniors.

12. Cross Country report: Nothing further.

13. Track and Field report: (i) C.B. reported that Barry Edwards will be our substitute on the A.W. committee, and Rocco and Tania Williams (both Deeside) will be the team managers for both the Inter Region championships and YDL matches. (ii) C.B. issued an open invitation to all interested in attending the Regional sub-committee. He also reported on the Junior development day held in Colwyn Bay last weekend.

14. Endurance Secretary's Report: P.B. reported that the April meeting was postponed; a new date has not yet been set.

15. A.O.B.: K.H. reported that (i) nominations for A.W. , including the Meritorious Service award, the Award of Honour and the Award for Athlete Achievement are now open; these will close on 13th May at midday. P.B. will send the link to our Clubs. (ii) There have been several changes in the staff at W.A., including the appointments of Eleanor Cartlidge as Business Lead and Project Coordinator, Chris Anthony as Head of Development and Marcus Mayrick as Endurance Competition Coordinator. Rob Champion is now the t&f competition lead. (iii) Online workshops via Y Gam are to be held regarding young people and gaming etc using the internet. (iv) Ysgol Bryn Morfa are hosting sports sessions, including athletics; after discussion, it was decided that we are not in a position to offer any assistance. This information will be forwarded to the school.

15 ctd: (v) A.E. reported that new parts have been added to the online welfare officers' course. (vi) K.C. reported that entries for the Regional 5 miles championships within the Breakwater race will open soon; A.L. will be race adjudicator. He also spoke on problems when making payments to W.A., which were taking 8 days to clear; after discussion with other members of the meeting, it appeared that this was not a widespread issue. CWJ reported that Deeside are still using the previous system for transactions.

Date and Venue of the next meeting: the next meeting will be the A.G.M. held online only on Thursday 11th June, from 19.00 p.m.

New Actions arising	Owner	Due Date
1. Budget revisions	KH & JH	Next Meeting