

Midlands IBM Retirees Club

Committee Meeting Minutes for 18 May 2026

Present : John, Terry, Michael, Gary, and Paul

Apologies: Ray

The previous meeting minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

End of April current account balance was £397.25

£250 has been transferred from savings during May to provide float for:

Glass Cone factory expenses to be paid to Paul

Renewal of Zoom licence to be paid to John

Membership Report

No changes. 148 members on distribution list.

Technology Group

Paul gave a well received talk and demo to 10 members on installing Linux on old PCs or laptops. Gary recorded this presentation which lasted about 1.5 hours.

John will package with Paul's supporting PDF and Gary will send this to members,

Charles Barnwell has an update about his heating system

Events for 2026

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| E2604FAC - Glass Cone factory tour - Thursday 16th April
This was a tour of the Red House Glass Cone, lunch
then a guided tour of the museum in the afternoon.
15 members enjoyed the event. | Paul |
| E2605PPL - May school holiday - Pete's Place - Thursday 28/5 | Gary |
| E2606CAN - Canal day boat. Locations being checked
Paul may change this to a July event. | Paul |
| E2608AGM - AGM plus mini golf and lunch in Gaydon on 10/8 | John & Ray |

Newsletter

Items for this month's newsletter are:

Reminder for Pete's Place or event review if NL after 28 May	- Gary
Details of canal day boat trip (if ready in time).	- Paul

Website

John inquired about accessing previous newsletters on the website, leading to a discussion about the current website setup and SSL certificate issues. Michael explained that old newsletters are still available but not directly linked from the main web page due to security concerns, and Paul mentioned working on a mechanism to strip out old pictures from the website. The committee also briefly discussed the tech club installation, with Michael offering to test it on his Windows 10 system.

AOB - None

Next Meeting - Monday 8th June 2026 at 10.30 am