East Wales Regional Athletic Council

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East Wales Regional Athletics Council AGM
Tuesday 9 June 2026 via Teams

Present:
Joyce Tomala, (JT) Christine Vorrés (CV), Peter Hitchings (PH) Nikki Haines (NH) Robert Eales (RE) Deb Howells (DH) Dimitri Vorrés (DV), Elinor Cole (EC), Andy Millard (AM),

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Points
Apologies:	Sandra Chipper, Bethan Logan, James Blore, Keith Matthews, Keiron Hearne, Marc Cross, Martyn Jenkins, Liz Richards, Lynette Harries.	
1. Minutes of 2025 meeting.	Approved.	
2. Matters Arising.	None	
3. Reports	i. Chair's report from JT sent out with Agenda, once again JT thanked all the volunteers who help to keep the region pro-active and relevant. ii. Treasurer's Report – Details of income and expenditure provided by Keith Matthews, who is now retiring due to health issues. JT and CV have incurred expenses that will need to be reimbursed.	
4. Notices of Motions	None	
5. Election of Officers.	DV nominated by CV as Treasurer – seconded by AM and approved. All other committee members re-elected. Vice-Chair remains vacant.	
6. Election of Committee Representatives.	No new expressions of interest were received, therefore the 2025 representatives will continue their roles. Currently no rep. for Sportshall. JT suggested contacting Andrew Jenkins to ask if he is able to help identify someone for this position.	**JT – contact Andrew Jenkins re Sportshall.**
	THE AGM CONCLUDED	
	Minutes written by C Vorrés 9 June 2026 Minutes signed as a true record _____	

Chair's report 2026 AGM **Joyce Tomala, Chair EWRAC**

Our key volunteers along with the officers of the region have continued to support the East Region, thanks to everyone who gives their time to continue to develop the region.

Keith has continued to produce easy to access reports; including bi-monthly and detailed end of year accounts; ensuring the region is in a healthy financial position, as part of his crucial role as Regional Finance Officer.

Keith has decided to stand down as our Finance Officer, we offer our sincere thanks for his many years of service to the region, we wish Keith well.

Christine continues to maintain the website, ensuring up to date information is available to our members. She does an outstanding job as secretary of the region, producing minutes for each meeting. Christine also drafts our Welsh Athletics 'Regional Development Plan'; in conjunction with the Chair. Christine organised the vote to identify the chosen design of our new regional vest. The new kit has received several positive responses.

Kieron is our Regional Welfare and Safeguarding Officer. He provides reports regularly, doing a splendid job as our regional welfare officer.

Tom Meredith and Bethan Logan support our athletes in Mountain, Fell and Trail Running, they continue to work tirelessly to ensure that members of the region are kept fully up to date with Mountain, Fell and Trail running across the region, regularly providing reports and updates to members of the Region.

Darryn McAtee has proved to have been a great help and supporter for the YDL and Regional track and field events. I know how many hours of work our regional team managers; all of whom are volunteers; put in to ensure that they engage with athletes to ensure we have quality teams across all disciplines.

Elinor Cole has joined our team management group and will work alongside Darryn and Myself at the Track & Field Inter-Regional Championships on 13th June 2026 at Aberdare.

Marc Cross has taken on the organisation of the East Wales Road Race Championships, which included a series of races across the region. Our thanks go to Marc for his hard work this year.

Sandra Chipper is organising an Endurance Development Day, later in the season, our thanks to Sandra for taking this role.

Nikki Haines has represented East Wales on the Cross Country and Road Committee and produced reports, our thanks to Nikki for her continued support of the region.

Lynette, one of the East representatives on Welsh Athletics General Council produces comprehensive reports relating to items discussed.

The officials in our region work tirelessly throughout the year. I would like to express my gratitude to all of them who have supported our Endurance/off track regional events across all disciplines this year, Christine Vorres, Tom Meredith, Bethan Logan, James Blore, Sandra Chipper, Nikki Morgan and Marc Cross. Officials who have supported track and field; both indoor and outdoor; include Chris Boswell, Mark Boswell, Bev Hurley, Chris Price, Amy Price, Becky Bell, Kieron Hearne, Deb Howells, Geraint Howells, Charlie Northey, Marie Hawker, Jane Goode, Tara Worthing, Hilary Goodger, Ken Goodger, Andrew Hodge, Richie Jenkins, Sue Hooper, Rob Hooper and Steve Leach. Without the support of these volunteers, we would not be able to provide licenced competitions for our athletes.

My thanks also go to regional representatives who sit on Welsh Athletics committees. They continue to embrace virtual meetings and ensure we're kept up to date with activities, competition, and information from Welsh Athletics.

Many East Wales athletes who attend the Youth Development League (YDL) Upper Age Group matches, representing East Wales have gained Pbs during the season and either lead or are featured in Power of 10 rankings.

The continued support of East Wales athletes who have attended regional events and represented the region in inter-regional events this year; including, Cross Country, Mountain and Fell, Road, Track and Field and Trail, and that of their coaches and other volunteers is vital to the futured development of our region and is valued by the region.

My thanks go to our members who have joined our virtual regional committee meetings. We are always looking for new people to join us at our committee meetings in all disciplines, as well as volunteers to help with team management and officiating. We support officials' courses both Track & Field and Endurance.

If you're interested in volunteering or becoming an official, please let us know.

East Wales continues to be highly regarded in terms of our commitment to engaging with our clubs, trying new initiatives, and developing the region. With your help we will continue to flourish.