



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

A Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 on Zoom.

The President, Gerald Chamberlin, opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Present: - Gerald Chamberlin, Phillip Dove, Jim Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Jill Chamberlin, Richard Speirs, John Fare, Glen Lawson, John Smith, Jo Knight, Alan Forster

25/10/01 Apologies for Absence: - Alan Wilson, Dave Coates, David Brown

Incommunicado: -

25/10/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2025 were approved and signed on behalf of the President.

Proposed by Alan Forster – Seconded by Jill Chamberlin

25/10/03 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

25/10/04 Correspondence

Margaret said she had received another email from Mike Allport regarding the sale of Joe Cornish's books at the Presentation Event. Unfortunately, they won't have them ready in time therefore they will not be on sale at the event.

25/10/05 Treasurer – Jill Chamberlin

Appendix 1a/b

Jill had nothing further to report from the last meeting. A written report will be sent later for inclusion in these minutes. Report attached.

25/10/06 Reports

25/10/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Fare

Appendix 2

John read through his report. He said since the last meeting Saltburn had withdrawn from the Print Championships and Gosforth were asked to replace them. This was agreed by the PAGB and Gosforth were put forward as representatives. He said that the final total for entries to the Beamish Competition was 44. Report accepted and attached.

25/10/06-2 Representative to PAGB – Richard Speirs

Appendix 3

Richard outlined his report. He was unable to attend the last PAGB meeting. The PAGB are still discussing financial savings. He went on to say that there had been a couple of new appointments to the PAGB Judges List. He informed Gerald Chamberlin that he was now an appointed PAGB Judge. Everyone congratulated Gerald, who was very surprised to hear of his appointment. Well done. This was accepted and attached.

25/10/06-3 Merit Awards Officer – Gerald Chamberlin

Appendix 4

Gerald said a written report would be sent in due course. He said he had received 15 applications so far for the April Awards. He reminded everyone that there will be an APM advice day to be held before the Presentation Event on the 23rd November. Report attached.

25/10/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

No Report.

25/10/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Richard Speirs

Appendix 5

Richard read his short report. The JSC haven't met since 4th May. The next meeting will be organised for November. Report accepted and attached.

25/10/06-6 Data Manager – Richard Speirs

Appendix 6

Richard outlined his report. Report accepted and attached.

25/10/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Phillip Dove

Phillip said that all of the DVD's had been sent out thanks to John Fare. He said he was working on the Presentation for the Awards. Margaret said that Blyth PS had viewed the Awards and everyone enjoyed the show. John F. said he would send all of the entries from the Beamish Competition to Phillip for showing as a rolling show before the Presentation Event.

25/10/06-8 Club Support & Development – John Smith

No Report.

25/10/06-9 Webmaster – Jo Knight

Appendix 7

Jo outlined her report. She said that the email subscription we have was coming to an end in November. She said she was looking into replacing it with a more appropriate system. She will inform Jill before going ahead and purchasing it. Report accepted and attached.

At this point Gerald referred to our conversation at the last meeting regarding moving the Northern Focus onto the website. He said that he had spoken to Jo about the possibility of articles going directly onto the website rather than waiting for the Northern Focus. Unfortunately, due to the time delay with the publication some of the articles are out of date. Jo said that she would be able to do it without any problems. There is information on the website giving instructions of the various formats for

sending any articles to Jo. She said that if we go down this route we need to do a block post saying that the Northern Focus will no longer be in its current format because we can't get a volunteer to do it. Articles will now be posted independently through the website. Jo said that the Northern Focus is the most visited publication on the website with people referring to back issues. As Alan Wilson was not at this meeting Margaret suggested that the discussion was carried over to the next meeting. This was seconded by John Smith. After further discussion this was agreed.

25/10/07 Area Reports

25/10/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh

No Report.

25/10/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

David's report was read in his absence.

Approved and attached.

25/10/07-3 South Tyne – Glen Lawson

No Report.

25/10/07-4 Southern – Phillip Dove

No Report.

25/10/07-5 Wear Area – Vacant

25/10/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

Gerald said an area meeting had been held which included Dumfries on the 13th September. Keswick are happy that the fee has been increased for the clubs representing the NCPF in the PAGB Competitions. The next area meeting will be held on 06th December at Victory Hall, Dalston, The host club will be Penrith & Dist. CC.

25/10/08 Any Other Business

Margaret said that she had been doing the Club Directory for 3 years in the digital format. She said that it was now set up and runs relatively smoothly. The majority of clubs report any changes to their details quickly and send updates by the deadline date for the new seasons committees. With all of the other work she does it is now becoming a chore. She suggested that it could be put on the website. After discussion with Jo this was thought to be too complicated for her to undertake. Data protection would also be an issue. A discussion regarding access through the CMS system and other forms of access were discussed. After a lengthy discussion Jill Chamberlin said that she would take over the Directory. Margaret said she would send her all of the files and information relating to the Directory she had.

The outstanding trophies will be collected from Gerald and Phillip in due course. Richard said he had a PAGB Medal and a Ribbon which will be presented at the Presentation Event.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Future Meeting Dates: Wednesday 03rd December 2025 - Zoom - 7.00pm

Monday 16th February 2026 - Clara Vale - 7.30pm (confirmed by Clara Vale)

Sunday 29th March 2026 - A.G.M. - Clara Vale - 2.00pm (confirmed by Clara Vale)

Appendix 8

Northern Counties Photographic Federation

Finance report

22 October 2025

Expenditure

- Two months monthly printer ink contract have been paid at a cost of £26.98
- Three Lloyds Bank monthly fees have been paid at a cost of £12.75
- Clara Vale has been booked for a PAGB awards assessment at a cost of £27.50 and the Presentation of Awards for £125.00
- Saltburn Photographic Society have been paid the £100 contribution for the PAGB PDI championships. Keswick Photographic Society have been paid the £100 contribution for the PAGB Print championships. Gosforth
- Paper and card have been purchased from Amazon for the secretary at a cost of £25.43
- Card for the Certificates has been purchased from Amazon for the Presentation day at a cost of £40.53
- I have transferred a £1,000.00 to the current account from the Savings account to cover ongoing costs
- The Fixed Savings account matures on 4 November. I have reinvested the capital and interest of £16,440.00 in another Fixed term for a year at 2.24%. Interest will be £368.26

Community Account

Balance at AGM	£2,849.73
Expenditure	<u>-£1,790.16</u>
Current balance	£1,905.36

Commercial Instant Access Account

Balance at AGM	£3,047.61
Transfer to Current a/c	-£1,000.00
Interest	<u>£10.31</u>
Current Balance	£3,057.92

Fixed Term Savings Account £16,000.00 matures 04.11.2025 2.75%
 estimated interest £440.00

Jill Chamberlin
 NCPF Treasurer

Appendix 1b

NCPF Accounts 2025-26

Bank	Date	Statement	Detail	Income	Expenditure	
Subscriptions 2025						
NCPF (42 clubs)				£2,940.00		£2,940.00
Commercial Instant Access A/C			Income from Savings A/C	£1,000.00		
				£1,000.00		£1,000.00
PAGB Subscriptions 2026						
BACS			PAGB subscriptions for 2026			
				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Executive Committee

DEB	15/04/24	01/05/24	HPI Instant Ink contract	£11.99
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(Tynemouth P S) 2025 (E S of Boxing - Blyth)	DEB	18/03/25	01/04/25	Microsoft 365 for 1 year	£69.99		
	DEB	21/03/25	01/04/25	Iceland Refreshments AGM	£12.05		
	SO	01/04/25	01/04/25	Annual Photographic Equipment storage	£20.00		
	DEB	02/04/25	01/05/25	Alan Wilson expenses	£7.00		
	SO	14/04/25	01/05/25	Annual Archive material storage	£20.00		
	DEB	16/05/25	30/05/25	HPI Instant Ink contract	£11.99		
	DEB	16/06/25	01/07/25	HPI Instant Ink contract	£13.49		
	BACS	16/06/25	01/07/25	R.E.V.Gomm Ltd 3 NCPF medals	£252.00		
	DEB	14/07/25	01/08/25	HPI Instant Ink contract	£13.49		
	BACS	12/08/25	31/08/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH727 Exec meet	£22.00		
	DEB	14/08/25	31/08/25	HPI Instant Ink contract	£13.49		
	DEB	18/08/25	31/08/25	Paper and Card for Secretary	£25.43		
	DEB	15/09/25	30/09/25	HPI Instant Ink contract	£13.49		
	DEB	14/10/25		HPI Instant Ink contract	£13.49		
						£0.00	£519.90

-£519.90

Bank Charges

18/03/25	01/04/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 4501544008	£7.35
22/04/25	01/05/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 452565988	£4.25
19/05/25	30/05/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 455022820	£5.17
17/06/25	01/07/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 457433582	£4.25
21/07/25	01/08/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915249	£4.25
19/08/25	31/08/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915250	£4.25
19/09/25	30/09/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915251	£4.25
20/10/25		SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915252	£4.25

£0.00 £38.02 **-£38.02**

NCPF Website

04/05/25 - 03/05/26	DEB	06/05/25	30/05/25	Annual fee for Domain name (Easily Ltd)	£12.40		
06/07/25 - 05/07/26	DEB	06/06/25	01/07/25	Annual fee to WordPress	£43.20		
					£55.60		-£55.60

Annals Competition

12-13/04/25	DEB	02/03/25		Accomodation for Judge John McVie	£203.98	(in 2024-25 acnts)	
	BACS	02/04/25	01/05/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH667	£518.00		
	DEB	11/04/25	01/05/25	Farmfoods Refreshments Judges	£6.57		
	DEB	11/04/25	01/05/25	b&m refreshemnts/lunch Judges	£15.46		
	DEB	11/04/25	01/05/25	Iceland lunch Judges	£48.29		
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	John McVie Judge	£90.00		
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	John Tillitson Judge	£60.00		
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	Jane Abson Judge	£47.00		
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	Bill Broadley Judge	£20.00		

£0.00 £1,009.30 **-£1,009.30**

Club Championships

Presentation Day						
2025	DEB	17/09/25	30/09/25	Amazon - Card for Awards Certificates	£40.53	
	FPO	26/08/25	31/08/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH736	£125.00	
					£0.00	£165.53
						-£165.53
Club Championships						
Feb 26						
	CHQ		01/05/25	David Phillips	£20.00	
					£0.00	£20.00
						-£20.00
PAGB Championships						
PDI's						
	BACS	06/08/25	31/08/25	Keswick Photographic Society	£100.00	(£100 each club)
	FPO	14/10/25		Saltburn Photographic Society	£100.00	
Prints				Keswick Photographic Society		
				Saltburn Photographic Society		
					£0.00	£200.00
						-£200.00
NCPF Judges Training Day						
30/03/2025	BACS	06/08/25	31/08/25	Dalston Victory Hall Judges Training	£62.50	
					£0.00	£62.50
						-£62.50
PAGB Awards Assessment Day						
11/05/2025	BACS	11/04/25	01/05/25	Dalston Victory Hall Awards workshop	£50.00	
				Clara Vale Village Hall		
	FPO	26/08/25	31/08/25	CVVH735	£27.50	
					£0.00	£77.50
						-£77.50
Equipment						
NCPF Area AGM Meetings					£0.00	£0.00
(Groups max £30)						£0.00
North Tyne Area AGM					£0.00	£0.00
						£0.00
Direct Debit	DD					
Debit Card	DEB					
Bank Payments	BACS					
Standing Orders	SO					

Lloyds Bank						
Community Account	2024-25	AGM				£2,849.73
	2025-26	Expenditure				-£2,148.35
	2025-26	Transfer				£1,000.00
	2026-27	Subscriptions				£0.00
	2025-26	Bank Balance	20/10/25			£1,905.36

Commercial Instant Access A/C			£3,047.61
22-Oct	Current a/c		-£1,000.00
Interest	20/10/25		£13.51
	03/01/00		£2,061.12
Fixed Term Savings Account	04/11/24	Matures 04/11/25 2.75% interest	£16,000.00
		Interest on maturity	£440.00
	04/11/25	To be reinvested to 04/11/26 2.24% interest	£16,440.00

Max 20/10/25

Competition Sub Committee Report October 2025

Appendix 2

The last meeting of the Competition sub-committee was held on 25 April with the next meeting due to be held on 20 October.

At the Club Championships Keswick PS won the Print Championship and Saltburn PS were the runners up so these clubs were selected to represent the NCPF at the PAGB Inter Club Championships. However, following the PDI Championships Saltburn decided to withdraw their nomination for the Print Championships due to the costs involved. Gosforth Camera Club finished 3rd in the NCPF Print Club Championships and the PAGB have allowed Gosforth to replace Saltburn. The PAGB Inter Club Print Championship will be held at Blackburn on 18th October.

The Alliance prints which represented the NCPF at the PAGB Inter Federation Championships will be collected at the PAGB Inter Club Print Championship and returned to the clubs at the presentation day on 23 November.

The number of entries received for the Beamish competition is 38 entries.

The next subcommittee meeting on 20 October will concentrate on the arrangements for the Presentations at Clara Vale on 23 November 2025.

John Fare

PAGB Representative's Report 13th October 2025

Appendix 3

1. The most recent PAGB Executive Meeting was held on Saturday 4th October at Warwick University. Due to a clash with the 60th Anniversary of Dalston Photographic Society I was unable to attend. John Smith had initially indicated his interest in representing the NCPF, however, due to telephone messages going astray it was not possible for him to do so at the last minute.
2. Until the minutes become available I have only received a verbal update on some of the key issues.
3. The principal concern for the meeting remained regarding the PAGB finances. Gordon Jenkins as the new Treasurer has already identified several potential savings which will be applied during the coming months which could represent sufficient savings to balance the reduced level of income.
4. The Awards for Photographic Merit scheduled to be held on the 22nd and 23rd of November in the Surrey Photographic Federation have been cancelled due to insufficient applicants coming forward to justify the costs of the event. It is anticipated that the April 2026 event being hosted by the NCPF at Dalston will be fully subscribed not only because of the rescheduled Surrey entrants and a healthy interest from NCPF applicants but also due to interest from the Scottish Federation and the L&CPU.
5. There were a couple of new appointments to the PAGB judges list. Once the minutes of the meeting become available I will be able to produce a further report

Richard Speirs

Awards Officers Report – 19th October 2025

Appendix 4

To date 15 people have submitted applications and been accepted for next April PAGB adjudication.
4 applicants have yet to return the forms to me.

All 19 applicants have been informed about the APM advice workshop on the morning of the 23rd November, which will be a drop in event from 10-00am to 12-00 noon.

A flyer will be prepared, ready to circulate at the end of this month to inform people about the workshop.

Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP
NCPF President / Award Officer

Judges Subcommittee Report 13th October 2025

Appendix 5

Since the meeting of the subcommittee on 4th May 2025 where judges and selectors for the 2025/26 NCPF Competitions were agreed no further meetings have been held. It is my intention to call a meeting this autumn.

Richard Speirs
NCPF Judges Subcommittee Chairman

Data Managers Report 13th October 2025

Appendix 6

Since our last meeting I have received no new approaches regarding the CMS.

The previous concern was from a club secretary who had changed their email address and could no longer access CMS as they no longer had their original email details. I advised on how to get back into their personal details with either their old password or by registering a new one. At the time of writing this report I have not heard if the proposed solution worked or not.

Richard Speirs

Website Report 9th October 2025

Appendix 7

Little to report at this Executive meeting.

Website traffic consists:

August 2025: 293 visitors and 1018 page views

September 2025: 403 visitors and 1100 page views

During these two months visits have taken place from 18 countries around the world and the most downloaded document was the Entry Form for the Beamish Trophy competition.

Our documents are downloaded frequently. During August 72 different documents were downloaded from our website, with 67 documents downloaded in September. Past editions of Northern Focus are still downloaded regularly as are the Minutes of Executive meetings. Popular downloads are always the rules and results of competitions such as the Annuals and Club Championships, along with information for judges.

Jo Knight
Webmaster

Appendix 8

North Tyne Area Report 13th October 2025

Upcoming NTA Events:

- A General Meeting on Zoom, 7:00pm on Friday 31st October 2025
- The North Tyne Area annual prints competition. Hosted by Cramlington CC on 27th November 2025 commencing 7:30pm.
- The North Tyne Area annual PDI competition. Hosted by North Shields PS on 31st March 2026 commencing 7:30pm.

PAGB InterClub Championships (Prints) at Blackburn, 18th October 2025

At the NCPF Club Championships on 23rd February the Prints Competition was won by Keswick PS, 2nd was Saltburn PS and 3rd was North Tyne Area club Gosforth CC. Keswick and Saltburn were duly nominated by NCPF to represent the Federation at the PAGB event at Blackburn. In mid-September, Saltburn PS announced that they were withdrawing from the PAGB event, and so Gosforth CC were asked at relatively short notice if they would be able and willing to substitute. Gosforth were delighted to accept.

David Brown