

	MID GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES #1	Tue. 5 th Aug. 2025, Pelican, Gloucester 19.30
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Background

The final Gloucestershire AGM was held on 26th July 2025. Those elected at that meeting would continue to form the new committee for Mid Gloucestershire. It was understood that there would be a name change between the AGM and the next branch meeting set for 5th August 2025. As Sub-Branch chairs they are automatically included as a member of the branch committee and do not get elected at the branch AGM.

Without advanced notification, the RD instructed CAMRA that Gloucestershire branch and the sub-branches of Gloucestershire branch no longer existed and instead there is a single Mid Gloucestershire branch on 4th August 2025.

The first communication received by those in active roles about the events of 4th August 2025 were received by an email stating they were no longer in that role. Furthermore, as of this meeting, the majority of branch members are not aware that they no longer have a Sub-Branch.

1. Attendees & Apologies

Committee Members

Peter Bennetts (PB), Chris Hall (CH), Rob Tough (RT), Tony Hill (TH), Geoff Sandles (GS), James Brown (JB), Patrick Mills (PM), Peter Corfield (PC)

All branch members were invited to attend.

2. Chairman's Update

As a new branch there was nothing to update on.

3. Treasurers Report

It was agreed that there would be no expectations from the Treasurer to attend branch meetings, provided anything important to be discussed is communicated to the chair prior to the meeting. The branch account has been transferred from Gloucestershire to Mid Gloucestershire. There were two outgoings in July. It was noted that the expenses of July 25th should have been made from the regional level account and not the branch account.

4. Membership Update

A report was not expected as the numbers were updated at the AGM on 26th August.

5. Ratify New Branch Name

It was agreed that the branch name is 'Mid Gloucestershire'.

6. Discussion – How are we going to operate the Branch

A lot of discussion was had on the events of Monday 4th August, whereby the RD had instructed: All Sub-Branhes in the Mid Gloucestershire Branch to be dissolved. This removed permissions from active members which the RD ensured at the meeting of 17th May 2025:_[The RD] gave assurances



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that nothing would change in terms of permissions for CAMRA systems such as, but not limited to, area PoTY awards, certificate ordering, pubZilla access etc.”¹

P.B. had already asked the RD to reinstate everybody’s access, which he believed to have been done as of the time of this meeting. It was actioned for C.H. to investigate this as he believed this not to be the case; after more discussion it was realised that due to the events of Monday it was not possible for all the previous permissions to be reinstated (e.g. certificates).

P.B. examined the options available for the branch. It was unanimously agreed that the branch did not accept that the current situation was acceptable. The meeting was reminded that the RD is currently only in the position for a year.

6.1. Areas (Sub Branches)

It was felt that clarification was required over the decisions of the AGM of 26th August. It was agreed all former Chairs of the sub-branches of Gloucestershire branch should have a core-role in the Mid Gloucestershire branch. A suggestion was made by R.T. that the name of ‘Area Co-ordinator’ could be used in lieu of ‘Sub-Branch Chair’ being unavailable. The ‘Area Co-ordinator’s will run their area as they see fit.

6.2. Meetings

It was agreed that, for now, that the schedule of business branch meetings would occur every other month. P.B. proposed that with the current branch situation we may require another meeting sooner than this.

A suggestion of social branch meetings in the intervening months was agreed to be tried out. C.H. proposed using the Ale House, Stroud as a hub in the first week of September. T.H. was actioned to make arrangements with the venue. P.B. envisaged the meeting to consist of a brief discussion about news and events, with nothing confidential discussed (a concern of some of the committee), followed by more of a social evening.

6.3. Committee

P.C. is standing down from area co-ordinator for Dursley in September. Dursley currently has no successor as of this meeting. Initial discussions occurred focussing on the responsibilities that P.C. will not be continuing with and what aspects will be required to be looked at.

6.4. Social

It was recognised that the branch is grateful for the former committee members who will be continuing their social events going forward.

7. GBG

The former secretary Richard Holt has agreed to take the delivery of licensee packs for the 2026 GBG. He will contact the secretary when these arrive.

¹ Meeting held at The Pelican on Saturday 17th May at 12 noon to discuss the future of the Gloucester branch. Page 2, Paragraph 5.



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Area-Coordinators have been asked to provide numbers of 2026 GBG they wish to be ordered. The order system has not gone live yet.

P.B. made the meeting aware that the allocation of GBG entries may change across the four branches of Gloucestershire, but nothing has been decided yet.

8. Tippler

P.B. has prepared an article for the Tippler. C.H. was actioned to update the contact details for the next edition.

9. AOB

Jerry Ward, festival organiser for Postlip, brought forward a proposal by Cotswold Lakes Brewery for CAMRA help in organising a festival at their site. BLO P.M. will attempt to make contact with them.

As part of the events of Monday 4th 2025, the festival treasurer for Postlip was removed from the role in branch. This was not in the wishes of the branch committee.

The subject of a branch beer festival was raised. It was the general agreed the branch would like to have one.

P.B. has designed and issued a new green card as attached.

Actions:

Ref		Responsibility	
25/Aug #1	Clarification on the status of a constitution	P.B.	
25/Aug #2	Investigate and help reinstate access and permissions	C.H. (and RD)	
25/Aug #3	Contact Cotswold Lakes Brewery regarding their request for help	P.M.	
25/Aug #4	Update the Tippler contacts	C.H.	
25/Aug #5	Determine suitability and date for a Branch Meeting on 2 nd September at Ale House, Stroud.	T.H.	
25/Aug #6	Update management of Facebook groups specifically "Gloucestershire CAMRA"	G.S. & C.H	

Next Business Branch Meeting: 7th October 2025, Pelican, Gloucester.

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Ale Quality & Ambience Make this pub a ...		
1. Non Starter, 2. Weak Candidate, 3. Moderate to Strong Candidate,		
4. Very Strong Candidate, 5. Superlative Candidate		
... for inclusion in the next Good Beer Guide <input type="checkbox"/>		
Assessment of Cask Ales Tasted		
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