

**NORTH WEST AEROSPACE ALLIANCE
MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 10th December 2025
At Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Accrington, Lancashire**

Present

Chairman, North West Aerospace Alliance

Dr. Ged O'Dwyer NWAA

CEO, North West Aerospace Alliance

Paula Gill NWAA

Directors, North West Aerospace Alliance

In attendance

Rick Prosser	BAE
Christine Fare	ESG Assessors & Fare Max Pro
Janet Albion	MBDA
Rory Fletcher	Rolls Royce
Annette Weekes	Senior Aerospace Weston

Apologies

Anthony Hammond	Hyde Group
Beth Owen	AIRBUS
Jon Bridges	Velocity Composites
Jeff Cheetham	Blue Sky Consulting
Dion Williams	Lancaster university
Nicola Bardsley	SAFRAN
Melissa Conlon	AMRC

1. Attendance from members

Members welcomed to the day events were:

Paul	Bullock	3D 360 Printer
Lee	Fogg	3D 360 Printer
Richard	Craddock	A&G Precision Engineering
Rachel	Craddock	A&G Precision Engineering
Alexander	Winter	Accenture
David	Bailey	Aerospace Consulting
Jerrod	Hartley	Airframe Designs
Andrew	King	Andrew King
Giles	Mason	Arrk Europe
Keith	Bestwick	Accenture
Richard	Prosser	BAE systems
Louise	Martin	BAE systems
Simon	Smith	Brookhouse Aerospace

Stuart	Best	CAD-IT UK
Andrew	Haworth	CAD-IT UK
Nicola	Doherty	Cal Delivery
Jodie	Finnegan	Cal Delivery
Charlie	Heaton	Cal Delivery
Nick	Thomas	Clear Business Outcome
Richard	Hipgrave	Clear Business Outcome
Damien	Sullivan	Clear Business Outcome
Ryan	Pearce	Clitheroe light engineering
David	Bell	CRC Evans
Steven	MacKay	CRC Evans
Graham	Hood	DES Energy
Richard	Mullings	EDM Ltd
Louis	Hyde	EMR Group
Wayne	Hill	EMR Group
Joanne	Campbell	Energygain
Neil	Calder	Engineered Capabilities
Scott	Horton	Erodex
Christine	Fare	ESG Assessors
Alan	Sumpter	Evolution measurement
Paul	Tustin	Freshfield
Jen	Whittaker	Graham Engineering
Simon	Hanson	HCM Engineering
Lyndon	Royall	H-D-L
James	Petherbridge	IBM
Charles	Goodier	Invest NI
Denise	Dunderdale	K&M Precision Engineering
Tom	Purvis-Hislop	Kingsbury-Uk
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Giles	Taylor	Lloyds Banking Group
Mark	Radcliffe	Mapal
Janet	Albion	MBDA Systems
Simon	Hansen	MAA
Samuel	Giles	Meissner Bolte
Chloe	Maine	MGS Plastics
Reece	Walker	Minigears
Oliver	Jobe	Minigears

Howard	Taylor	NCMT
Alan	Wright	NCMT
Mark	Heaton	Accountants
Stephen	Pollard	Neo Nickel
Paula	Gill	NWAA
Paul	Bell	NWAA
Ged	O'Dwyer	NWAA
Terrie	Christie	NWAA
Henry	Blackburn	NWAA
Kirsty	Seymour	NWAA
Nichola	Burton	NWAA
Emma	Makin	NWAA
Nigel	Goodrich	Oldham Engineering
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Will	Getty	PDS Engineering
Phil	Dickenson	Product Focus
Paul	White	Ridge & Partners
Elsbeth	Taylor	Ridge & Partners
Rory	Fletcher	Rolls Royce
Theo	Plant	Siemens
Daniel	Smalley	Siemens
Annette	Weekes	Senior Aerospace Weston
Simon	Dutton	Starrag UK
Robert	Lowther	Sylatech
Michael	Dugdale	Trident utilities
Christine	McIlveen	Trident utilities
Julian	Thomas	Tt electronics
Bev	Wood	ULan
Sarah	Gleeson	Value Chain
Jonny	Scriven	Wave Utilities
Erica	Hadley	Wave Utilities
Simon	Crane	Wave Utilities
Phill	Fothergill	Wave Utilities

2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2024

The minutes were approved by Richard Craddock of ASG and Alan Sumpter of Evolution Measurement Ltd

3. **CEOs Address**

PG opened the AGM welcoming everyone and stated we are here because of the members. Explaining that we would be presenting the yr end to March 2025 figures.

Explaining the changes to the board this year with 3 resignations, the board members up for re-election this year will roll into 2026 to avoid further changes.

PG welcomed the board members that were present at the AGM and made apologies for those unable to attend.

PG covered the achievements and the NWAA Team changes and welcoming Ged ODwyer in taking up his position as new chairman of the Alliance.

Following the response to the previous year's feedback 'to hear more success stories from members, 4 businesses were invited to speak on this subject.

Simon Smith from Brookhouse spoke about how the NWAA is an excellent resource for networking and gave an example of how the NWAA helped them build a relationship with a new contact at an existing supplier leading to their winning additional work.

Lee Fogg from 3D360 talked about the friendship environment that NWAA cultivate, he had recently recommended Forepoint to join NWAA as he thinks so highly of the support the NWAA has given in helping their business to expand across the whole of the North West

Richard Mullings of EDM spoke about how being a member of the NWAA gave them conferred credibility with the MOD, and our meet the buyer event helped them to piece together a picture with a Prime business. He encourages new and old members to engage and attend events to get the maximum benefit from membership.

Ryan Pearce of Clitheroe Light Engineering talked about whilst they were a long-term member at first it was very much a tick box exercise, and they were not utilising the membership. Following new management on Feb 25 and a pending name change Jan 26 to Brydon Precision Engineering they are now very present with their membership. He is a big believer that you must put in to get out and credit the NWAA for growing his network, collaborations, friendship as well as offering a sounding board and peer feedback.

Other sectors that the alliance partner with were discussed, Nuclear and Electech were mentioned

A plea was made for each member to ensure the capability guide has been completed to support the sharing of opportunities via consortiums and clusters as well as Primes & Tier ones.

A reference was made to Dennis Mendorez who was the first chair of what was then the 'Lancashire aerospace consortium' and an explanation of the future partner and consortium creation activities for 2026 that will align with the original business objective from this time.

PG covered partners of NWAA and the 25 core events plus the additional webinars and roundtables – all of which are listed on our website

The key achievements detailed significant growth in the last 3 years with over 250 members. With Watchtower delivery across Lancashire being expanded into Cumbria, Manchester & Teeside soon.

Presentation was made of partnerships and MOUs with all UK and international alliances supporting the industry via NWAA.

UK road maps for the future of manufacturing and underpinning this an SC21 support programme will be rolled out in 2026 in partnership with Cumbria Uni, will support and promote business growth for recognition from UK and international primes.

The NWAA is the only regional alliance at present, delivering this independently and is supported by ADS.

4. Accounts to 31 March 2025

Mark Heaton from KM Accounting and Auditors, presented the company's annual accounts 2024/25, and showed a positive uptake in turnover through increased membership numbers and fees. With the company finishing in a positive position with monies to reinvest into the business and membership at the end of March 2025.

5. Election of Board Members & Nominations of New Directors

GO introduced his journey with the NWAA board and covered the retirements from the board in the last financial year, leading to the positions due for re-election in 2025 being rolled to 2026 to prevent further disruption.

6. Chairmans Address

GO covered the key areas for 26 including the achievements, future plans and acknowledged the strength of the region, as 25% of aerospace is in the North and this equates to over £7bn GVA.

NWAA delivered 25 core events during 2024/25, collectively delivering and attending over 100 events in total.

Focusing on the strategic priorities, the Chairman discussed Supply Chain Development, Skills development, Workforce development, Technology adoption, Innovation and sustainability, giving thanks to members, partners and the team stating 2026 will be a year of transformation with a focus on industry growth and funding.

7. AoB

Members were invited to comment on the key question using the QR code

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 13:15.



Signed: Dr Ged O'Dwyer
Chairman NWAA
December 2025