



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting **30 September 2025** **Venue: Everards Brewery, Leicester**

Welcome by Chair Tim Barbary welcomed guests Kayleigh McEwan and Sarah Matthews who join us for the first time
Attendees Tim Barbary, Keith Barnes, Nikki Clarke, Allan Hayles Emily Hilditch, Sarah Matthews, Kayleigh McEwan, Ian Morris, Jeremy Plimmer, Bob Smith, Victoria Whyley.
Apologies for absence Liam Barbary, Suzanne Lim, Andy Nudds-Hunter, Patrick Poitevin.
As there are 11 members attending, three of whom were officers, the meeting was agreed to be quorate
Minutes of the last meeting dated 1st November 2024 Matters arising from the minutes – None - Tim Barbary approved the minutes.
Midlands Packaging Society AGM 2025 Chair's Report (See Chairs Report dated 30 September 2025) Tim Barbary report had been previously shared, and as we were meeting in a brewery, he started by telling a tale about a London tradition of giving a final drink to condemned prisoners before their execution at Tyburn, hence the phrase of 'one for the road'. He thanked all the committee for the past years' Society's achievements, involvement and progress. Looking forward to 2026, priorities to be around how industry can retain specialist resource and therefore a focus on learning, training & development.
Secretary, Activities and Membership Report Reported by Ian Morris. (See Activities and Membership Report dated 30 September 2025) Numbers/Attendees are often limited due to the venue/space PTTF 2025 was our most successful since 2003 with over 100 attendees Highlights: • Keith won the Lifetime Achievement award at Easyfairs • Victoria was Highly Commended at the Women in Packaging awards • Christian won a Lifetime Achievement award via the IOM3 As of 30 September 2025, membership of The Packaging Group stands at 800 (was 822 in October 2024). From the IOM3 database 211 people are assigned to MPkgS (was 189 in 2024), however, only 105 are IOM3 members, assuming they have indicated they want to receive information from MPkgS. The balance of 106 are those people who have registered on the IOM3 site to receive information from MPkgS but are not members. Note – although names are visible to us, we do not know who in this list are members or not.

Financial Report

Reported by Ian Morris. (See Financial Report dated 30 September 2025)

The society had a balance of £14,819.75 to the end of March 2025 (end of our financial year). From April to the end of September 2025 the balance had increased to £19,505.42 (addition of a grant, supporter income and ticket sales from PTF). All attendees acknowledged receipt of the bank statements/position.

Elections

Chairperson – Tim Barbary is re-elected

Vice Chairperson – Jeremy Plimmer steps down

Victoria Whyley is nominated & elected as Vice Chair

Secretary & Treasurer – Ian Morris re-elected

Additional specific roles/tasks, but all committee members support:

Emily Hilditch is Comms lead managing the website and supporting Ian on Mailchimp

Victoria Whyley to manage LinkedIn and continue to support Ian on admin

Jeremy Plimmer – writer/creator of articles and LinkedIn support

Committee

Kayleigh McEwan and Sarah Matthews invited to join the committee.

The committee that had stood down was re-elected and now consists of Liam Barbary, Keith Barnes, Nikki Clark, Allan Hayles, Sarah Matthews, Kayleigh McEwan Andy Nudds-Hunter, Patrick Poitevin, Bob Smith,

AOB (relevant to AGM)

2026 Project Focus

Tim kicked off the focus for 2026 – Training & Education. Committee to commence research in the following, not exhaustive, areas:

- What is available currently?
- How is the training / learning being carried out?
- What is deemed best in class?

Key lead support to drive the project: Nikki Clarke, Victoria Whyley, Keith Barnes & Ian Morris (all members to contribute e.g. Allan Hayles to share his support/insights from Aston Uni, Sarah Matthews to share insight into recent experience in finding suitable unbiased training)

Recommendations following research to be made throughout 2026 at the monthly meetings.

AOB

Future Materials, Minerals & Mining is a 1 day event for people starting their careers. To be held on 10 November at the Millenium Point in Birmingham, MPkgS to sponsor £250 was agreed. accepted by the committee

Next committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th October at the Ferrers Arms, Lount, starting at 6.30pm

Ian Morris,

Secretary

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