RISBOROUGH & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Trustee's Meeting Minutes held on Friday 2nd October 2026 (20:30 to 21:30) at St. Mary's Hall, Princes Risborough

Present: Paul Wright; James Aitken, Tim Peacock, Mick Moignard, Gary Day, and Richard Neil.

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	**Notice of Absence**	
1.1	Roy Norton.	**Note**
2.0	**Actions From Previous Meeting**	
2.1	See item 12.1.	**James**
3.0	**New Clubroom Progress**	
3.1	Steve Green of the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre (BRC) has convened a successful meeting with HS2, where compensation to BRC was agreed in principle. Once a sum has been agreed, Steve will meet with the Planners to discuss his plans for development of the Centre. Steve will also present our draft Design & Access Statement for a proposal to build our Clubhouse on the site of Romney 1 (opposite the Museum).	**Note**
4.0	**Exhibitions**	
4.1	Haddenham was considered a success with an overall increase in numbers attending. Feedback included a consideration of gluten free lunches and more tables for the Second-hand stall. It was suggested that layouts be put in the middle of the hall, but this was discounted based on power requirements and security to the rear of the layouts. The presence of scratches to the floor have been noted with a recommendation to check floor prior to set-up and advice to take more care during set-up and strip down.	**Note**
4.2	Risex is planned for 20th February 2027. Flyers have been produced and are available for the storeroom in the church hall. Entry prices have been confirmed as £7 for adults and £1 for children.	**Note**
4.3	Railex is planned for 22nd/23rd May 2027. Flyers have been produced and are available for the storeroom in the church hall. One layout (Kitedale) has cancelled and will not be replaced. The cost of putting on the exhibition has increased significantly from 2026 with a 25% increase in hall hire. Tim to review costs and confirm entry prices in two weeks' time	**Tim 16/10/26**
4.4	Our Open Day will take place in July 2027 coincident with the Risborough Festival (date to be confirmed).	**Note**

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5.0	**Workshops**	
5.1	A date for a Saturday CAD workshop is to be confirmed.	**Paul**
5.2	David Lane will be convening a talk on *"The Development of Princes Risborough Railway Station, a Complex History",* on Friday 27th November.	**Note**
6.0	**Laser Cutter**	
6.1	Mick has produced a paper on options for the replacement of the Club's laser cutter, which will be presented at our AGM on Friday 6th November. The main conclusion of the paper was to retain use of the existing cutter until such time as metal cutting lasers become more economical to purchase and an appropriate storage location is found (see item 3.10)	**Note**
7.0	**Christmas Dinner**	
7.1	Our Christmas Dinner is planned to take place on Friday 11th December at the Red Lion in Longwick. The proposed menu and prices are awaited.	**Note**
8.0	**President**	
8.1	The role of our President is currently vacant following the passing of Rob Thompson. We hope to make an announcement for Rob's replacement at the AGM.	**Note**
9.0	**Club Projects**	
9.1	Aylesbury LNWR is running well. John Compton and James Aitken are undertaking locomotive and wagon construction respectively. The new route selection is working well.	**Note**
9.2	Okement Quarry was exhibited at Haddenham and performed well. James has put an update on Facebook, with more posts to follow. The layout will also be exhibited at the O Gauge Guild Kettering exhibition in March 2027.	**Note**
9.3	Aylesbury Town: no progress.	**Note**
9.4	The N gauge joints on the Test Track require attention.	**Richard**
9.5	Mellin Parva: James to confirm whether the kit boat was paid for by the Club and arrange recovery from April Thompson.	**James**
10.0	**Officer's Reports**	
10.1	James reported that the HMRC recently requested a Tax Return. James submitted a paper version, but this was rejected by HMRC without notifying the Club. The HMRC subsequently issued a £200 fine for not submitting a Return, which James is appealing.	**James**
11.0	**New Members For Approval**	
11.1	No new members for approval.	**Note**

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12.0	**Any Other Business**	
12.1	Richard has circulated his review of the status of the Club's insurance, from which are several outstanding actions: 1. Verify R&DMRC's understanding of the Public Liability insurance cover relating to the display of Aylesbury LNWR in the coach with BRC. 2. Check with BRC the security of the Museum and Brixton Building. 3. Should access be available to the museum when Aylesbury LNWR is not being displayed (i.e. club members are not present), the security of the coach and Palvan. 4. Check security of St Mary's Church Hall and storeroom. (Noting that other parties have access to the hall and storeroom.) 5. Review whether £35,000 is a fair valuation of the club's assets, which include Aylesbury Town, Aylesbury LNWR and Okehampton layouts, Test Track, Laser Cutter, exhibition equipment, modelling tools and other equipment, second-hand stock. 6. Review the Policy documents, noting the definitions on Page 9 and security requirements on Page 14 of the Policy Wording. Gary suggested that it may be worthwhile to take out an annual public liability insurance to cover all activities rather than individually for our exhibitions; Richard to investigate.	**Richard**
12.2	James is outstanding to contact a potential guest speaker/judge for next year's Wheeltapper competition.	**James**
13.0	**Next Meeting**	
13.1	The next meeting will take place on Friday 4th December 2026 at 20:30 at St, Mary's Hall.	**Note**