

# Risborough & District Model Railway Club

## Trustees' meeting 27 March 2026

**Trustees present** - Paul Wright (Chair), James Aitken, Roy Norton, Richard Neil and Gary Day

**Apologies** - Tim Peacock, Mick Moignard and Rob Thompson (President)

### **Update - Future Club premises at the Bucks Railway Centre (BRC)**

1. Work on refurbishing the 'Ivatt' shed, to enable the engineering section to move in, was ready to start and Kier PLC had been contracted to do the work. HS2 had now offered to fund all the work but had not yet released the funds. The private engineering company at BRC has also said it will fund the works if HS2 do not but they want a decision, one way or the other, from HS2 first. Quainton Railway Society are pressing HS2 for a decision.

2. The engineering section move will in turn allow the carriage workshop items to be moved out of their temporary storage in Romney building 2 which will then become available for new Club premises.

3. The dismantled mezzanine structure at BRC has now been measured-up and is being assessed (**James/Patrick Smith**) for use in Romney 2.

### **Layouts**

4. **BRC Museum layout** – Thanks to the efforts, particularly, of **Ken Harris, Ric Lee and Roger Noble** the layout was nearing completion for its first public operation over the Easter weekend. BRC management are very pleased with the layout.

5. **Aylesbury Town (P4)** – The layout was set-up in the BRC Museum area and BRC management has said it can be left in place indefinitely for the Club to work on. Work has, however, been hampered by the cold weather and ready access to prototype and modelling information. **Action – Gary to obtain access to relevant Dropbox files.**

6. **Aylesbury LNWR** – The layout was now running regularly on public days at BRC thanks, especially, to the support of **John Ashby and Tony Ellirman**. More volunteers, no experience required, were needed to help run the layout. A Railway Modeller magazine news article on the layout was going to be published on 9 April. Tim Dunn (Secrets of the London Underground programmes) will be visiting BRC on 29 May, with Lord Faulkner (QRS President) and has asked to see the layout.

It was suggested that it would timely to produce a new video on the layout for use by the Club and BRC. **Action – Gary to follow-up.**

### **Exhibitions and activities**

7. **Risex** – The exhibition went very well with around 500 visitors generating a surplus of £2,800. Paul had now stepped down as exhibition manager and a new manager (or joint managers) was needed if the 2027 exhibition is to be held. **Action – all members; who wants to volunteer?**

8. **Railex 2026** (23 -24 May) – on track. Floor plan needed to be finalised. **Action James to liaise with David Lane.** Costs were much higher this year and it will be important to encourage as many attendees as possible. Members will be asked to help promote the show locally. **Action – Tim to circulate Railex information email to members.**

9. **Open Day** (11 July) on track.

10. **Haddenham & Thame** (Saturday 26 September) – coming together, some layout slots to be filled. We want to give Club members priority. **Action – any members with a layout they would like to exhibit should contact Roy.**

11. **Wheel tapper competition** – went very well. The Club website needed to be updated with results and photos (also for 2025). **Action – James to liaise with Jennifer Chybalski.**

#### **Officers' reports**

12. **Treasurer** – James reported that the Club had a surplus of around £100,000 much of which would be available to refurbish Romney 2 at BRC when it becomes available. He noted that the rental rate for the Church Hall had increased from £40 per evening to £43.20. Also, the annual report to the Charity Commissioner had been submitted.

#### **Other business**

- a) **Club subscriptions** – 2026/27 annual subscriptions due from 1 April 2026. Annual payment of £132 (full members)/£66 (junior/associate) or £11/£5.50 monthly.
- b) **Test track** – next outing is 17 April.
- c) **Club website** – Documents in Dropbox need to be transferred to the members' section of the Club website. **Action James, Mick & David Lane.**
- d) **Workshops** – Dates for signalling workshops (semaphore and colour light) to be confirmed (**Action - Paul**).
- e) **New Members** – Welcome to new junior member **Alex Beckley** (accompanied by Gavin and/or Becky).

**Next meeting** – Friday 5 June 2026

**Roy Norton  
Club Secretary  
April 2026**