

Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Trustees' meeting 7 October 2022

Trustees present - Paul Wright, Roy Norton, Mick Moignard, Richard Neil, Gary Day, James Aitken, David Lane and Tim Peacock. **Apologies:** Rob Thompson (President)

1. Future Club premises update

Quinton Railway Society (QRS) are still discussing the lease documentation with their solicitors. We are pressing to see a draft by the end of October.

2. Exhibitions

Haddenham (15 October 2022) is on track. **James** will ensure insurance is in place.

3. Aylesbury wagon project

Some more wagons have been completed and a number of uncompleted kits have been returned to Paul. The deadline for completion remains the AGM on 4 November when there will be a competition for the best wagon.

4. Annual General Meeting – Friday 4 November 2022

David Lane will be standing down as a trustee at the meeting when his term of office is completed. We have more than the minimum number of trustees required but if any member would like to become a trustee they would be welcome to have a chat to find out more and put themselves forward at the AGM.

Gary is going to review the Club's vulnerable person's policy, particularly the junior membership requirements (under 18s to be accompanied by their parent or guardian) to see how this compares with the policies of similar organisations. Gary will update members at the AGM and all members should acquaint themselves with the existing policy beforehand (attached).

4. Other business

a) **Wades (Community) Centre** – Some small storage rooms are available. **Paul** is going to investigate cost and size to see if we could store the test track and maybe some Aylesbury Town boards to make them more easily available for Friday and Saturday modelling sessions.

b) **Scaleforum** – The Scale4 Society is reviewing the future of Scaleforum exhibition. **Tim** will make contact to see if they would like to consider the alternative of a Scale4 Society presence (e.g. stand, stores) at Railex.

c) **Christmas dinner** – Now confirmed as Friday 16 December at The Peacock Inn, Henton. **Tim** will obtain menu and prices.

d) **Club talks** – David Moore will give a talk on Wuppertal, LBSCR & Listowel on 18 November. A talk on HST125 is planned for January

Next meeting

2 December 2022

Roy Norton
Club Secretary

R&DMRC Vulnerable Person Policy

This policy applies to all club members.

The Risborough & District Model Railway Club is open to all above the age of 12 years. Club membership is based on a hobby interest and membership is not restricted except that the applicant has professed an interest in joining the club and agrees to meet a requirement to comply with the rules and constitution of the club. The application and confirmation of membership process does not lend itself to any vetting process.

The club recognises that there is a need to ensure that no individual, adult or child is treated any less favourably than others. The club recognises that people, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or beliefs.

Therefore, the club has adopted rules and procedures for the safeguarding of vulnerable people and where appropriate has included these in the club rules.

The club membership is not static, people join and leave as they wish and unlike a business or workplace there is no expectation that a person will remain a member for a long period of time, although this is encouraged; nor can there be any expectation of notice to leave. It is therefore not practical for the club to appoint particular members to positions where that individual has a responsibility for protection issues. The Trustees and Club Committee have an overall responsibility for monitoring membership applications, protection issues, maintaining an overview of safeguarding issues and reviewing those as may be necessary.

Children or young people may join the club at the age of 12. There is a requirement that when they attend the club they are accompanied at all times by a parent/guardian or responsible adult appointed by the parent/guardian. That person has a responsibility for that young person whilst on the club premises or partaking in club activities. The child and parent/guardian are informed of the policy and procedures as part of the application process and have to agree to these rules.

Where a club member makes the club aware they have particular qualifications for the safeguarding of children the club will seek to utilise those qualifications if the member is willing to put their expertise at the disposal of the club, for example by being responsible for the young person's section of the club, although it is recognised that although qualified the member may not wish to undertake these duties.

On access to Club premises, the club recognises that it is impossible to meet the needs of everyone, however we will continue to review access and make reasonable and practicable adjustments where we can. The club also recognises that this policy cannot take account of all vulnerable people and where not otherwise provided for, the club will consider the individual and how we can assist that person to become a member of the club.

All concerns and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously by trustees and members and will be responded to appropriately. A response may include referral to the appropriate body or the Police. The club will adopt a whistle blowing policy.

This policy is reviewed annually on or near the anniversary of its last review or when relevant legislation changes.