

Hartlepool Model Flying Club
Minutes for the Annual General Meeting
Held on
WEDNESDAY 19th November 2025
at South Durham Social Club
Hartlepool

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received

There were 8/23 members present for the AGM

2. Matters arising from the November 2024 AGM minutes

The 2024 AGM minutes were emailed to all members in the last week as a reminder of what took place last year.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's report

It's been a good year for flying otherwise nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

We currently have 23 members of which 21 are Full BMFA members and 2 Social members. I'm sure all of our thanks go again to Chairman Paul, Kevin and Mike for working to keep the flying strip in a usable condition all through the year.

5. Treasurer's report

The Club's finances are as follows,
Money in the bank = £1081.94
Cash in hand = £242.01
Giving a total of £1323.96

A full breakdown of the Club's finances sheets was circulated around members present.

Club finances are currently quite healthy with the year's total up around £25. We are expecting to replace the club mower at some point before the growing season starts at the club field which will make a dent in our savings. On balance we currently stand around the same as last year so I would recommend the £25 club fee remains the same for 2026.

Fees for 2026

Club Fees 2026 - £25

CAA Operator ID Fee 2026 - £11.79 (Expected to rise from April 26)

BMFA Fees 2026 - £51

Club members will be emailed the fees.

6. Welfare officers report

No welfare issues have been brought to my attention and I'm not aware of any changes in legislation that would affect us.

7. BMFA delegate's report

Nothing to report

8. Proposed Motions

No proposed motions were brought to the AGM.

9. Changes to the Club Constitution

No changes were proposed for the club constitution.

10.Election of Club officers

The club officials for 2025 consists of the following,

Chairman – Paul Hewson
Secretary – Bob Waugh
Treasurer – Bob Waugh
BMFA Delegate – Paul Breckon
Welfare Officer – Mike Bell

All of the officials were prepared to re-stand for 2026 if the membership agree.
The proposal that the club officials be re-elected for 2026 came from

Proposed – Colin Kitching

Seconded – Kevin Hunton-Young

The re-election of club officials for 2026 was carried unanimously.

11.AOB

There was no other business brought before the AGM.

AGM Closed at 8.22pm

Club business for 19th November 2025 following the AGM.

- **Remote ID Information**

Having looked at the Remote ID information from the BMFA and their links to the CAA site as far as we can see these are the proposed changes so far.

From January 2026

From January 2026 the only change is the 250g limit for needing a Flyer ID is being dropped to 100g. Everything else remains the same.

From January 2028

From January 2028 there are a number of changes, yet to be finalised, with models requiring Remote ID among other changes. However the BMFA is hopeful that as we currently fly under Article 16 authorisation from CAA that we would be exempt from these changes when flying at club sites but we wait to find out the details.

- **Northern Area CPR training**

The Northern area BMFA is organising a free CPR course at Brighouse, West Yorkshire for up to 2 club members from each club in the area. If anyone is interested in taking part in this and want more details please contact Bob.

- **BMFA Safety Review Summary of Incidents**

The BMFA have sent out a summary of incidents and accidents for the year or so that have made it to the CAA Mandatory Occurrence Reporting Document. It is being passed around during the AGM but mostly boils down to either pilot error or stupidity. Please have a read of it. I'll send a copy of it out with these minutes as well. Please try not to crash badly enough so we need to report it :o)

- **December meeting Christmas Party**

We will be holding the Christmas Party again next month on Wednesday 17th December. We had the food quantities about right for last year, so again I'd like firm numbers of those who will attend and want food. Please come along and bring family etc. The club will foot the food bill and hopefully we can have a raffle again to recover some of the costs. If we get accurate numbers we can keep the cost down.

I will email everyone around the start of December for firm numbers for those wanting food.

- **Activities for January meeting**

Nothing was planned as yet but we might come back to this at the Christmas party night.

- **AOB**

- Mike had set up a Facebook page for the club a few years ago but there has been hardly any activity on it. He was wanting opinions as to whether it was worth keeping it. The general consensus was to scrap it so this is what he is going to do.
- Having done a lot of car restoration work Chairman Paul is going to examine the club mower and see if it can be restored. The motor seems fine, it's just the bodywork that is suffering (I think we all suffer from that :o)) If it isn't a viable proposition to repair it and it be safe to use we will scrap it and get a new one for the start of the growing season next year.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm