

# Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on  
**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
at South Durham Social Club  
(Former Steelworks Club)

## 1. Apologies for absence

Steven Blackwood

There were 8/22 members present

## 2. Matters arising from last months minutes

No matter arising.

## 3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

## 4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report

## 5. Treasurer's report

We have bought a new lawn mower this month so this has made a bit of a dent in the club finances. We got it at B&Q on one of their deals and saved around £40, it cost us £179.10. We have the £500 ready to pay the farmer for the field rent and £200 spare cash has been paid into the bank. All outstanding CAA fees are now paid  
The club finances now stand as follows.

Cash at the bank = £1055.42

Cash in hand = £625.67 (£125.67 after the £500 cash is paid out for the field rent)

Total = £1681.09 (£1181.09 after field rent paid)

## 6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

## 7. BMFA delegate's report

Paul was absent so nothing to report

## 8. Club business

### • Flying Field Update

No one has been to the field for a while due to poor weather. Hopefully we will get there soon.

### • The Club Mower Update

Chairman Paul has scrapped the old mower it was too far gone to repair. The new mower is ready to use once the grass starts growing and the rain stops.

### • Membership 2026

Paid up club membership currently stand at 22 members.

**Emails will be sent out to those not paid up asking if they want to remain club members.**

### • Flyer ID Information from BMFA

We have 18 members with a Flyer ID. If you have a Flyer ID and haven't yet sent the information to Bob please do so. If you haven't got it yet organise it ASAP.

**If you have a Flyer ID it lasts for 5 years so you should be ok if you got it last year. If you haven't got one please get it sorted.**

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- **Email Update**

If you have changed your email address or any other details can you please send details to Bob ASAP. Roger Jones hasn't renewed membership this year and his emails are bouncing back to me. I'll take Roger off the Club role but if anyone sees Roger please ask him to get in contact with updates if he wants to remain a member. All Club communication along with BMFA and CAA info is sent by email. If yours isn't up to date you wont get it.

- **BMFA Achievement Scheme**

Anyone wanting to take the BMFA A or B competency certificate please see Mike or Bob.

- **Club Merchandise**

We have club hats, caps & sun hats for sale after the meeting.

- **Events on the club website**

There are a number of events posted on the club website, if anyone knows of others that club members would be interested in please let me know.

The Indoor Flying season is continuing with both Peterlee Club and Washington Club at Nissan offering sports halls to fly in.

- **Next Months Activities.**

The next Club meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

No activities are planned for next meeting.

## 9. AOB

- Message from Jill, who did the Christmas food, thanking everyone for the bottle passed on after the last meeting.
- We had a discussion about how to keep the field in better condition, possibly putting an electric fence around it but this was shelved as apart from the cost and security on the field it would be left to the same few to maintain it. We will just have to manage with the state of the field as it is.

Meeting closed at 8.25

Following the meeting we held a build a glider competition. This seemed to go down very well with a wide variety of styles of models. The testing was very good and the timed runs proved there were some very good designs.