

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 13th January 2025 at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson	<i>Chairman</i>
Andy Joel	<i>Secretary</i>
John Farnden	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carl Bowden	Tom Springett
Dave Pallant	Andy Postlethwaite

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- It was noted that there is a single electricity meter for the building; we think other units have their own, and this is deducted from the total to leave what we have used.
- The clothing order has arrived and people are in the process of collecting and paying.

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- John will prepare a list of members who have paid, and send to AKJ. [*Secretary's note:* This has been done] Also needs to chase up members still on the old rate.

6. Correspondence

- None.

7. Membership

- Two members have joined, though one has since left! He said he was made welcome, but felt it was not for him.

8. Future programme

- The Christmas party was a success. Thanks to Bill for the quiz, and to Dave W for the mince pies.

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely. On-going.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing. Members will be invited to run stock so it can be tested. It was noted that Les still needs a revised budget. **Action:** AKJ. [*Secretary's note:* Budget has now been sent to Les]
- AP has mentioned to Morecambe group that Telling Summit is available, and they are interested in having a look.

- Work continues on Coniston. On-going.

10. Exhibition

- No updates.

11. Any other business

- JW suggested resurrecting the modelling competition. After some suggestions, it was thought there would be just two categories: scenics and rolling stock (no sub-categories for specific scales/gauges). Winners (and others?) could be displayed at the exhibition; this would require a cabinet to ensure models were secure. The competition could be held in March, and the winners announced in October at the AGM. Selection could be with a guest judge, as before, or club members voting.

12. Date of the next meeting

14/Mar/25 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:40 pm