

# Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on  
**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
at South Durham Social Club  
(Former Steelworks Club)

## 1. Apologies for absence

Rob Walker, Colin Kitching, Robert Kitching.

There were 7/23 members present

## 2. Matters arising from last months minutes

Nothing brought up.

## 3. Chairman's report

Nothing to report

## 4. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

## 5. Treasurer's report

Our finances stand as follows.

Cash at the bank = £1081.94

Cash in hand = £197.36

Total = £1279.30

## 6. Welfare officers report

Nothing to report

## 7. BMFA delegate's report

Delegate absent

A point to note was the sad death of Terry Bailey. Some of you may know or have heard of him. He was the BMFA Northern Area Chairman for many years and was a life long modeller. I remember seeing him in the late 70's when I started flying.

## 8. Club business

### • Flying Field Update

The good weather has firmed up the gate entrance, fingers crossed it continues. The entrance is bumpy but passable. A lot of the field is proving difficult to walk on as the animal hoof prints have dried hard and lumpy

The flying strip is a bit rough after the winter but now it's being cut hopefully it will improve quite quickly.

### • Membership 2025

Club membership currently stands at 23 members.

### • Flyer ID Information from BMFA

Our Club currently now has **16** members who are legal to fly so far this year.

If you have a Flyer ID and haven't yet sent the information to Bob please do so ASAP.

**If you haven't got a Flyer ID and the Operator ID on your model you can't fly at the club field.**

Under the new laws that are now in place a Flyer ID is now compulsory. (It's FREE)

**If you've got a Flyer ID then good, if you haven't please sit the BMFA RCC test and get one.**

- **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 member would be interested in please let me know. The winter Indoor flying season is still running but expected to end at the end of April / beginning of May. It takes place at Peterlee and Nissan at Washington. Ask for details if you're interested.
  - **Next Months Activities**  
For the May meeting at our new venue we will be holding the timed Drone obstacle race again. The new room being much bigger gives some scope for more obstacles
- 9. AOB**
- Congratulations to Mike Bell for getting his fun fly design published in the May 2025 RCME with the second part due in the June issue.

Meeting closed at 8.20

### **Build a Glider night**

Despite the turn out not being big we managed to have a lot of fun and with the bigger room spent a lot of time tweaking our designs and testing. We managed 7 gliders but I think maybe next time we will move a few chairs and table out of the way to give ourselves a better chance.