

# Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at 8:00pm

## Present:

John Wilson	Chairman
Andy Joel	Secretary
Carl Bowden	Bill Taylor
Roger Hardacre	Mike Duffy-Price (seconded)

## Apologies

John Farnden

## Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- The magazines are still awaiting disposal. **On-going**
- Still looking for a new venue for when the lease expires. See later.
- Les has been removed as a signatory for cheques, but JW still needs to be added.  
**Action: JW.**
- The member who had not paid despite coming regularly since November has now started paying.
- It was decided that we would decline the request from Ecclestone library for a visiting layout as we have nothing small enough to offer.

## Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 meeting were accepted as a true record.

## Exhibition, etc.:

- The exhibition made a profit of ca, £2800, rather than £1000, as previously thought.
- JW had spoken to Les and Nev about reducing costs. We already get the cheapest hotels, tables, etc. we can find, and Les was not prepared to reduce what we offer to exhibitors. Given how much we rely on Les, and given the financial situation was not as bad as first thought, the committee agreed with Les.
- With regards to publicity, Les said members should be doing this, as was the case in the past. Schools, libraries and supermarkets can all be targeted (though Les was delighted with how many members helped out Friday and Sunday for setting up and taking down).
- In view of the better finances, the go-ahead was given for the new N gauge layout, up to a budget of £1000 for the present (out of an estimate of £2500).
- Upgrading the DCC on Euxton Junc will be delayed.

## New Lease

- It was noted that industrial/commercial units of a suitable size would be too expensive (we would only get around 500 sq ft).

- RH is pursuing the possibility of Ribble Steam, who may have some space. This would be a good fit with us.
- St Walburge's church is also a possibility; they have an area that was formerly a library, but have no use for it now and it is not suitable as a commercial site.
- The disused school on Avendale Drive in Lostock Hall was also suggested. A concern voiced was that we may have to move if they later want to do anything with the site, but this is a risk anywhere.

**Other matters:**

- The possibility of new DC controllers for Euxton Junc was raised. Dave Pallent may have spares.
- A member is asking to "re-join". It was unclear if this was to avoid the last six months subs.

Meeting finished at 8:55 pm.

**Next committee meeting date:** Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8:00 pm