PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON 20th OCTOBER 2025 AT 5PM

Attendees:	Steve Lacey	Chair
`	Mel Melville-Brown	Vice Chair
	Allan Simpson	Treasurer
	Andy Carpenter	Secretary
	Ailie Henry	Committee
	Diane McGregor	Committee
	Rachael Walters	Committee
	Gill Seymour	Committee
	Bruce Foster	Committee

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Charles Greenlees.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 28th July 2025

2.1 The minutes of the Committee meeting were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 None

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Allan presented the Financial Summary up to 30th September. Total Income was £17,883. Total Expenditure was £15,914 with depreciation of £1,283. There is a surplus of £686 to 30th September. Miscellaneous expenses include solicitors' costs relating to the CIO and Director training courses. Business rates are payable by the CIO with 80% relief.

4.2 Allan presented the updated Budget sheet for 2025.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 Allan advised that there were now 111 members. The learners from the October 2024 course should all now be members of the club. Steve will check the position with Jeremy.

5.2 Hosting on Monday and Thursday afternoons – we will keep the current system for the time being and then move to no hosting from January 2026. There will be an explanation on how to use Pianola partner finder. Allan will send out an email accordingly.

6. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) progress report

6.1 There is no further progress to report.

6.2 Property – A sub-committee was formed of Mel, Ailie and Andy to consider the purchase or rent of new premises.

7. Building Maintenance

7.1 Ailie advised that the new fire alarms had been installed.

7.2 Ailie will obtain quotes for the rubbing down and varnishing of the front door. Mel and Andy to ask Jeremy on Wednesday whether he is able to do the work.

8. Correspondence

8.1 None

9. Any Other Business

9.1 It was agreed that the Monday and Thursday afternoon sessions would be moved forward to 12.45pm from 3rd November 2025 on a trial basis to the end of the year. This will help to alleviate the problems with people catching buses at the end of the session. Andy to put a message and change the times on the website.

9.2 Mel (once trained) and Andy will help to cover the Thursday afternoon sessions as director when Steve is away for 3 months and Allan (1st and 3rd Thursdays) is unavailable.

9.3 The 9 high event held on Sunday 5th October was successful with 6 tables. It will be run again next year on a Saturday when Plymouth Argyle are not playing at home. The 2026 event will be discussed at the next meeting.

9.4 It was agreed that the Christmas party would be held on Thursday 11th December at 5pm. There will not be an afternoon bridge session on that day. The buffet menu will be discussed by Allan and the other Committee members on Thursday 23rd October.

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 24th November 2025 at 5pm.