PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD IN PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON 23rd MARCH 2026 AT 4.30PM

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Charles Greenlees and Bruce Foster.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 26th January 2026

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 28th February. Total Income was £3,948. Total Expenditure was £4,848 with depreciation of £291. There is a deficit of £1,192 to 28th February.

4.2 Allan advised that table money was twice as much in 2026 because the last day of the month fell on a Friday in 2025 and was not processed until the Saturday and so the February income appears in March in 2025.

4.3 The first set of accounts for the CIO shows a £1,893 surplus of income over expenditure. The accounts have been independently examined at a cost of £250.

4.4 Santander have now introduced service charges of £4.99 per month – charities are exempt where each trustee has a product with Santander. There will need to be a change of banking arrangements after the Annual General Meeting with the new Chair, Allan will also remove a former committee member from the bank account. Ailie will check the position with Nationwide.

4.5 The 2026 Budget will be amended to include repairs and maintenance at 1% of the value of the building £3,250.

4.6 It was proposed and agreed that Clare's hourly rate be increased to £18.00.

4.7 There is a box of 120 packs of new cards not suitable for the new duplimator. It was agreed that we should sell the box of cards for £150 advertised on an EBU forum.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 There are now 120 members. Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st April. Previously Allan reported 83 regular players. This has now increased to 90. It was agreed that there will be no increase in the cost of annual membership subscriptions.

5.2 It was agreed that proposals would go to the Annual General Meeting for 3 new life members for their services to the club namely Steve Lacey, Allan Simpson and Bruce Foster.

6. Property sub-committee report

6.1 Mel reported that he is writing the findings and proposals from the property sub-committee to go to the new committee. There is not a good solution that would suggest we should move.

6.2 We will review rents in September when the 3 year contract on gas and electricity comes up for renewal. Gill will write up a document for renters.

7. Building Maintenance

7.1 None

8. Correspondence

8.1 None

9. Any Other Business

9.1 The Committee agreed that the U3A backgammon group could have a set of keys to the premises and the Chair signed the agreement.

9.2 The Trustees Annual Report (TAR) will be available in final draft for the Annual General Meeting and circulated to the members in due course. The reports of the Chair and the Treasurer cover all the non-administrative items included in the TAR.

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 4th or 11th May 2026 at 4.30pm depending on the availability of the new Chair.
Note: Subsequent to the meeting the date has been agreed as 11th May.