PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB CIO

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET AND IN PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB ON 26th JANUARY 2026 AT 4.45PM

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Charles Greenlees and Steve Lacey.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 24th November 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 31st December. Total Income was £23,861. Total Expenditure was £21,067 with depreciation of £1,757. There is a surplus of £1,037 to 31st December.

4.2 Repairs and maintenance were over budget due to the upgrade of smoke detectors (over £1,400), the cleaning of the outside of the building and the annual inspection of the fire alarm system. Ailie advised that repairs and maintenance should be about 1% of the value of the building around £3,250.

4.2 The 2026 budget is based on the previous year and the current membership in the main income areas. Premises costs are similarly based. Repairs and maintenance has been included at £1,000. This will be reviewed after the first quarter of 2026. On the painting of the outside of the building Jeremy is obtaining a quote on scaffolding and will then quote for the painting.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

5.1 Allan advised that 2 new members had been accepted. There are now 120 members.

6. Property sub-committee report

6.1 One of the options being considered is to convert the front garden of the property into four parking spaces and sell the stone from the walls. Mel is to approach the council on the planning side. We will relook at an application for a disabled bay outside the building.

6.2 Mel advised that he had looked at the rental option, particularly in pubs with function rooms and ample parking but there were none that would work for us with our playing requirements and the cost of renting.

6.3 On the purchase option Mel and Andy are looking at some offices on Wednesday 28th January to see if that is a possible solution. The offices have ample parking and enough space over two floors. There is a concern that we could lose members by moving further away from the centre with less convenient bus routes.

6.4 At the present time the best option appears to be to stay where we are. We will consider new curtains and painting the boarding in the playing room and converting the upstairs room for teaching so that the room on the middle floor can be rented out.

6.5 Gill will contact the Chess club on their use of the building. We will review rents in September when the 3 year contract on gas and electricity comes up for renewal.

7. Building Maintenance

7.1 The PAT testing of electrical equipment has been carried out.

8. Correspondence

8.1 None

9. Any Other Business

9.1 A further Sim Pairs event was suggested. One option is an EBU Stratified Sim Pairs which costs less than other Sim Pairs events. Rachael suggested another 9 high event. This was agreed for Saturday 18th April 2026 at 12.45pm. The pairing up of experienced players with beginner/improvers is to be recommended.

9.2 Andy will discuss the robot situation with Newton Abbot.

9.3 The Monday and Thursday afternoon start time was raised and it was agreed that we would stay with a 12.45pm start time.

10. Dates of Next Meetings

10.1 The date of the next meeting is Monday 23rd March 2026 at 4.30pm.

10.2 The Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 26th March at 5pm.