



# Minutes of Meeting January 2026

## **1. Annual Membership and Nominations for Club Committee – James Cater**

James Cater reminded the members that it is time to renew their membership and thanked all those who had already done so. He requested that any members not having yet done so complete a membership form and pay their membership fees ASAP. Even if you think nothing has changed from last year, please fill in a form as there were a number of details changes required last year from people claiming nothing had changed.

As the AGM is coming up in March, the Committee will be standing for re-election. Should anyone wish to be considered for a post on the Committee, forms are available from James for nominations.

## **2. Photo Consent Forms – James Cater**

James Cater addressed the members that we have discovered that under data protection legislations we are required to have permission from persons in photographs to be able to post those online (such as on the Club Facebook page or website). These are also available from James, please can all members complete one to indicate that they are or aren't happy for the Club to use photographs with them in.

## **3. Hornby Wonderworks Model Show Report – James Cater**

James Cater spoke to members about our attendance at the Hornby Wonderworks Model Show the previous Saturday. This was a last-minute show for us, as we only received an invite on the Monday morning. As well as James, Mark Bellamy and Dave While attended the show with Christian Richards and Stephen Snares kindly providing models for the table. Ian and Callum Andrews were also in attendance at the show with their other clubs, but also provided models for the Southend table.

The show was a smaller show with approximately 6 clubs around the perimeter of the Wonderworks café, plus a couple of stands with RC vehicles (some of which were very large) in the foyer by the entrance to the Wonderworks. Airfix also (unsurprisingly) had a stand with some of their forthcoming new releases on display. The show was an enjoyable one with plenty of attention for the Club stand.



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## 4. 2026 Show Schedule – James Cater

James Cater thanked all the members who returned one of the show schedule questionnaires. From the results of this, the Club will be attending the following shows in 2026 (with the name of the member organising the attendance):

- East Midlands Model Show 12th April – James Cater
- Model World Live NEC 25/26 April – Steve Bailey
- Essex Modellers Show 26th July – James Cater
- Medway Model Show 5/6 September – Christian Richards
- St Ives Model Show Brampton 27th September – Christian Richards
- IPMS Scale Model World 7/8 November – Steve Bailey

There is also a possibility of there being a Club attendance at the London Plastic Model Show on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, though this is likely to be only Lloyd and Steve Ramsey attending.

## 5. Club Outings – Tony Cater

Tony Cater addressed the members regarding the upcoming visit to the Spitfire Factory and reminded all members attending that the final payment is required by the April meeting.

Tony went on to discuss a potential visit to Chatham Dockyard. He has made preliminary enquiries and there is an option for a guided tour. Entry to the Dockyard is £18 and the guide would cost £75, split between the party. There is also a possibility of seeing the model room, date depending. If there is sufficient interest, he will look into this further. A show of hands suggested that there was, so Tony will update at the next meeting.



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## 6. Themed Competition Nights – James Cater

James spoke to members about our upcoming themed competitions. The upcoming themes are:

- February – Beer Mat Challenge. As previously, models must fit entirely within the footprint of a “beer mat” (4 inches/100mm square) but can be any theme. As a challenge, this will run alongside the standard competition for the evening.
- April – Sand, Desert, Snow & Ice Theme. All models must be related in some way to sand, deserts, snow, or Ice.
- July – TV & Film Theme. All models must be related to TV or film to enter.

## 7. Presentations – James Cater

James Cater thanked Terry Regan (visiting from the Chelmsford club) for his excellent presentation this evening, and updated the members on forthcoming presentations:

- February – “On the Busses”, Lloyd Ramsey
- March – AGM, no presentation
- April – Hard Hat Diving, Tony Cater
- May – Finals night, no presentation
- June – Creating Rock Landscapes – Gary Daisley

## 8. Calendar Sales Update – James Cater

James Cater informed the members that sales of the club calendar are going well, with most of them now sold. Should anyone still wish to buy one, please speak to Tony Cater or one of the Committee quickly to ensure one is reserved for you.



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## **9. Club Merchandise – Tony Cater**

Tony Cater updated the members that there may be some small price rises in the cost of the merchandise, as the wholesaler our supplier uses are increasing their prices. As much as possible the Club will try and absorb these costs for this year since the increases are quite low, however full costs have not been notified to us yet so one or two items may have to be increased in price. Tony will update on this at the next meeting.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to purchase merchandise, please speak to Tony.

## **10. Hornchurch Finals – Phil Lloyd-Worth**

Phil Lloyd-Worth addressed the members about the recent visit to the Hornchurch club to judge their yearly finals night. Phil was joined by Ken O'Brien, Andy Wright, and Mark Bellamy to do the judging, with James Cater also going along in a social capacity. There were a good selection of models on the table and it took a while to choose the winners. Hornchurch will be returning the favour and judging our finals in May, as usual.

## **11. Club Finals – Mark Bellamy**

Mark Bellamy reminded the members that our finals night will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, and asked all of those who won an award last year to return them to him no later than the April meeting. Mark will circulate a list of previous month's class winners in advance of the finals night so that members know which of their models are in the finals.



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## **12. Data Protection/Personal Privacy and Club Night Photos – James Cater**

James Cater informed the members that it had been brought to the Club's attention that we are legally required to have written permission to use photographs of members on the Club website, Facebook page, and on any promotional materials. As such, we have now produced a form for members to give their consent to our usage of their photos. James thanked all those who had already filled out a form this evening and asked all those who hadn't yet done so to also kindly fill out a form.

James informed the members that it wasn't compulsory to give permission, and should anyone wish a photo of themselves to be removed from the website or Facebook page, they should speak to a Committee member and we will arrange for that to happen.

## **13. Any Other Business**

None.

**James Cater**  
**Club Secretary and Membership Secretary**  
**IPMS Southend Model Club**