

Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes. 3rd September 2012.

Present: Neil Russell (Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Liam Shelbourne (Treasurer)
Dave Lewis (Poppy Co-ordinator)
Pam Lewis (Welfare Rep.)

Apologies for Absence: Marvin Clark, Rev. Richard Hines, Rev. Kathy Biles, John & Sarah Maskell-Bott, Pam & Dennis Budd.

1. The minutes of the meeting on 6th August 2012 were confirmed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

The Chairman confirmed that Shirley Adams-Leach interested in organizing a choir for a concert on 9th November. We still await confirmation from the band.

The position re. the FIDF is still on-going and although there is not too much positive to report, the matter has still a little way to run before the final decision can be said to have been made.

The position for the proposed bench was discussed, and it was confirmed that a place fairly near to the Cross of Sacrifice was the preferred location.

Action: The Secretary to approach, initially, PWD, to ascertain the process for getting approval. Once this has been obtained, then approaches for potential sponsors will be made.

Membership cards have not yet been received, but the Secretary confirmed that they were due to be sent to his address.

A discussion was held regarding the financial position at the end of the financial year, and what exactly H.Q. reporting and remittance requirements were.

Action: The Treasurer is to revisit the regulations and clarify the position.

Various options regarding alternative locations for Branch meetings were discussed. Two potential sites had been rejected because the rent required was too high.

Action: The Chairman will explore a further possibility of using the “back-room” at the Narrows, but the economics of this would be critical.

The “green tokens” scheme at FIC has produced a payment of £104.04, and the sum of £300 is due from Phil Middleton on the sale of First Day Covers.

Action: The Chairman is to approach FIC to “book a slot” for the next appeal.

3. Chairman’s Report:

There were no items to be reported under this heading.

4. Secretary’s Report.

He reported that new directions had been received from H.Q. regarding any retentions from the Poppy Day Appeal funds, and these were passed to the Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator.

A letter from member Iain Shickle was read, and will be placed on the web site.

Action: Secretary to acknowledge, and supply copies to Chairman and Treasurer.

Chairman to source and dispatch the stone requested for the cairn at Pangbourne Chapel.

Treasurer to note and receipt the payment of £20 towards membership fees and a donation to the Poppy Appeal funds.

5. Treasurer’s Report.

The suggested design for the Branch shield was approved, and payment authorized for a supply to be sourced.

The new Charter is now available which establishes a new financial year-end (30th June), and associated deadlines for submissions. Copies will be sent to the branch in due course.

6. Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Branch will be on Monday, 1st October 2012. at 7.30 pm.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.