

# Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

## Committee Meeting Minutes.

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)  
Mark Brook (Vice-Chairman)  
Keith Biles (Secretary)  
Annie Bailey (Treasurer)  
Bob French (Web Site Administrator)  
Pam Budd  
John Maskell-Bott (Welfare)  
Sarah Maskell-Bott (Welfare)

Apologies for Absence: Wendy Shelbourne.

1. The draft minutes of the last committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved.
2. Matters arising:
  - There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
3. Chairman's Report:
  - A picture of a contingent of Welsh Guards who had stayed with Mike Butcher in Stanley after the Conflict, together with a plaque presented to him at that time were in turn presented to the RBL for our safe keeping, have now been mounted and are ready for installation in the Poppy Inn.
  - Joe Falzon, a Trustee of the Legion in UK who had visited on a cruise ship was keen for the Branch Standard to be paraded at the Legion's Ceremony of Remembrance at the Albert Hall to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conflict this year. Logistically this has always been problematical in the past as there is insufficient time to get the Standard back to Stanley for our local service of Remembrance. It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously supported by the committee that every effort should be made to facilitate this action and investigation will be made as to the costs involved to enable this to be done. The topic will be referred to the Branch once costs are known.
4. Vice- Chairman's Report:
  - The bulk wreath order has been submitted and it is expected to be delivered by end of April.
  - A supply of the wooden crosses has been made available to Liberty Lodge, as requested.
5. Secretary's Report:
  - Many of the Membership Application forms submitted for access to the Rugby T.V fixtures cannot be processed due to incomplete or erroneous completion. Secretary is to write to applicants giving them the option of completing another form or for us to treat the payment as a donation.

6. Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.
7. Social Secretary's Report: No report submitted.
8. Any Other Business:
  - The Poppy Inn will be open on 21<sup>st</sup> April from 12 noon until 16.00 to mark H.M the Queen's birthday (times to be confirmed).
  - The Chairman will attend and lay a wreath at the Landing Day commemorations at San Carlos on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
  - A letter is to be sent to the outgoing CBF to thank him for his support during his tenure as the Branch president. **ACTION: Chairman**
  - The new CBF is to be approached to ascertain if he would be willing to act as Branch President, and if so, the matter will be put to the Branch. **ACTION: Chairman**
  - The "Encroachment Order" runs out at the end of June. A renewal and an extension to the available opening hours is to be negotiated. **ACTION: Chairman**
  - The commissioning and supply of Branch plaques is to be investigated by the Branch reps. at the Annual Conference. **ACTION: John & Sarah Maskell-Bott.**
9. Next Meeting:

The next committee meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 18.30 in the Poppy Inn pre the Branch meeting .

Keith Biles.  
Secretary.