

Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

7th May 2021 via Zoom

Agenda Item	Actions
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, John Maskell-Bott, Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French	
Apologies: Richard Hyslop, Tamsin Harris, Becky Rees, Mark Brook, Dave Lewis, Maeve Daly-Llamosa	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate account.	
Matters arising: Club Bar. The licence application has been handed to Courts as the Handover of Hillside from MoD to FIG took place on 1 st May 2021. It is due to be presented to the Summary Court on 28 th May, a week later than expected and will be valid for one year. A Notice is to be affixed to Hillside Main Gate declaring the application (wording provided by Courts) and must be visible for 7 days. Memorials. CL has spoken with other organisations including RMA and it is generally accepted practise that wreaths stay in place until decomposed and are then removed. RBL 100 Tea Dance. The Tea Dance Committee are well placed for next Saturday 15 th May at the Town Hall, update follows in AOB.	C LOCKE
Chairman's Report: CL reported that he and NL attended the Hillside Handover on 1 st May. KB was also invited and it was a well attended event. CL took the opportunity to talk to the new FIG CE, Andy Keeling, about the Poppy Inn and to show him the RBL area. CL also spoke to Colin Summers, Director Public Works Department who will be changing the locks and will have the keys ready for RBL's collection next week. The AG's Office will be working on a Letter of Agreement rather than a lease, which will be valid for the next 6 months.	

<p>CL has written to RBL HQ regarding any available funding for a building or space but is awaiting a reply. He has yet to talk to Pete King about the potential of using the Trough.</p> <p>RH was due to have a meeting with the organisers of 'Walking with Giants' and will report back.</p>	<p>C LOCKE</p> <p>R HYSLOP</p>
<p>Vice Chairman's Report: No report as Vice Chair has sent his apologies however CL had spoken with MB and reports that he has removed the cups/saucers and the standard ready for RBL100 events.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: NL standing in for TH as Secretary for minute taking, nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Membership Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Apologies sent from treasurer, NL requested bank balances be emailed for reference.</p>	
<p>Welfare Report: Nothing to report. However it was discussed that the RBL100 event is an opportunity to push the Welfare aspect of the Legion and the availability of support. CL noted in respect of press coverage.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business: NL reported that the arrangements for the Tea Dance were in place, tickets were almost sold out and cut off for sales was 10th May so that Shorty's had numbers. Members had volunteered cakes, sandwiches and teapots as requested and the POD had been very helpful in selling the tickets. It was noted that there were two Dementia Walks happening on the same day. The 'oldies' were being bought by bus driven by Nick Edwards and Della and her team would ensure they were all looked after. J MB reported that flags would be coming from HMS Forth for decorating the Hall and he would bring a White Ensign too.</p> <p>NL raised that a member had been disappointed to note that the next social evening was a quiz rather than a normal social without arranged event. NL noted that unfortunately the two non-event socials had not been able to take place due to difficulty in accessing the Poppy Inn. J MB also</p>	

<p>mentioned a previous member who misses evenings just chatting at the Bar 'swinging the lead', he said we need to find a way to fill the need and suggested a Veterans Evening. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the committee members who are veterans think of suggested ways to support this need.</p> <p>BF noted that 27th June is Armed Forces Day.</p> <p>CL noted that NL & he were due to be in the UK from 8th June to 5th July 2021 so would not be in Stanley for Liberation Day. MB/KB to coordinate locally the arrangements for wreath laying and Standard Bearer.</p>	<p>M BROOK/K BILES</p>
<p>Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be the Friday 4th June at 5pm Falkland Islands time/9pm UK time and take place via Zoom.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 17.54</p>	