

**Royal British Legion**  
Falkland Islands Branch  
Committee Meeting Minutes

6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Actions:</b>
<b>Present:</b> Chris Locke, Tamsin Harris, Keith Biles, Dave Lewis, Mark Brook, Richard Hyslop and Becky Rees.	
<b>Apologies:</b> Nancy Locke, Maeve Daly-Llamosa. John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French.	
<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
<b>Matters arising:</b> Chris Locke said he'd had a lot of communication with Bob Chambers the Membership Council Overseas Representative regarding CBF's involvement in a zoom call next year for the Annual Conference which will take place on Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2022, 1600 UK time.  With regard to 'Standing with Giants', Chris has been in contact with Dan Barton via email and they're planning to have a zoom call in the near future. 100 silhouettes are due to arrive in the Falklands in September by ship. Richard Hyslop added that there had been a few issues getting them to the Islands however lessons have been learnt for next year when the remaining silhouettes are being sent down.  Phyl Rendell has replied to Chris Locke's letter where he asked to be part of the 40th Committee however she turned down his request saying they've plenty of people already. She did however confirm they would get in touch about RBL related matters. Chris said he was extremely disappointed and hoped this would not impact on the Branch's involvement with Falkland 40 events. Richard	

<p>Hyslop agreed to speak to her as in the UK his team are working very closely with the RBL.</p> <p>Chris Locke said he was also disappointed with the way the RNA's 'Black Tot' night had been managed adding that after the arrangements had been made to comply with our Club Licence, in the end the RNA didn't want to use the Poppy Inn because they were keen to '<i>maintain their own identity</i>'. The event eventually happened at The Malvina.</p> <p>This year's Poppy Ball is well oversubscribed with at one stage up to 190 people wanting to attend. The event has become a 'victim of it's own success'. Unfortunately this has meant that tickets offered to BFSAI have been reduced which although easing the situation has still meant the Ball is well over its normal numbers. Catering numbers will have to be confirmed with the Malvina as we are ultimately constrained by their capacity. Dave Lewis said it was important to keep the emphasis on local people attending.</p>	<p><b>Richard Hyslop</b></p>
<p><b>Chairman's reports</b></p> <p>Chris read out a letter from Phil Middleton regarding Falklands Collectables and confirmed receipt of a £500 cheque, the proceeds from the sale of First Day Covers. There was a discussion about how we could use the money, taking in to account the wishes expressed in the letter. Becky Rees asked if we could perhaps use the line about supporting people in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. It was also suggested we could run some adverts in Penguin News reminding people that the RBL is here to help and maybe offering an interview with Chris Locke as a veteran himself and Chair of the RBL locally. Richard Hyslop also suggested writing about how money raised in the Falklands also helps Falkland Veterans in the UK.</p> <p>The Membership list for the bar has been updated and given to Mark Brook.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the drafting of a Social Programme and Chris Locke agreed to circulate the draft before the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke</b></p>

<p>Richard Hyslop spoke about a recent letter written in Penguin News about Armed Forces Day and the lack of Government involvement. It was agreed to illustrate the relevance of the day by hopefully organising a service in the Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It was also agreed to speak to the Governor about reintroducing a reception to mark the day, especially as it will be in the year of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke</b></p>
<p><b>Vice-Chairman's report:</b>  Mark Brook confirmed all wreaths have finally arrived and have been delivered to recipients. Invoices are now being sent out and he will keep Becky Rees updated.</p> <p>All items for FIG and Gilbert House should arrive in September, along with the items we ordered including Poppy Tins, pins, etc.</p>	<p><b>Mark Brook</b></p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b>  The £500 donation from Falkland Collectables will be paid in to the Branch Fund.</p> <p>Becky Rees will contact Alison Baker to ready the accounts for submitting in September.</p>	<p><b>Becky Rees</b></p>
<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b>  Tamsin Harris said she hadn't forgotten the need to interview John and Sarah Maskell-Bott.</p>	<p><b>Tamsin Harris and John &amp; Sarah Maskell-Bott</b></p>
<p><b>Welfare Report:</b>  Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>  Richard Hyslop explained that in the UK a group of Paras on motorbikes are travelling round the country visiting every memorial that references a Falkland veteran. He was due to meet them at Pangbourne later in the month and agreed to pass on the dates to Tamsin Harris for when they will be in Cornwall.</p> <p>Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance go on sale in the UK on 14 September.</p> <p>Chris Locke said he would start sending on to all</p>	<p><b>Richard Hyslop</b></p>

<p>committee members, information from the RBL as its interesting.</p> <p>Richard Hyslop said it would be a good idea to get a list of all other RBLs in the Overseas Territories so we can share ideas and thoughts.</p> <p>Keith Biles reported he still can't use the membership area of the RBL website and Chris Locke said he would report it to Fiona Hedges.</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke</b></p> <p><b>Chris Locke</b></p> <p><b>Chris Locke</b></p>
<p><b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b> Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Bingo night! 5pm in The Falklands and 9pm UK time.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>