

Royal British Legion
Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes

3rd September 2021

Agenda Item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Tamsin Harris, Keith Biles, Mark Brook (by phone), Richard Hyslop, Bob French.	
Apologies: Dave Lewis, Becky Rees, John and Sarah Maskell-Bott.	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
Matters arising: <p>Before addressing this section, the Committee enjoyed an update from Richard Hyslop who had to leave the meeting early.</p> <p>Richard confirmed he had contacted Phyl Rendell about the Branch being represented on the Falklands 40th Committee. She said she would contact us when relevant, but there was no seat on the 40th Committee for a representative from the RBL FI Branch.</p> <p>Richard said the 'Standing with Giants' statuettes were due to arrive in the Falklands on 18th September. It's not decided yet where they are going to be put, ideas would be welcomed. He confirmed the next job was finding storage for them until November. A bigger batch of statuettes will arrive in time for the 40th Anniversary next year.</p> <p>Richard said he was due to meet with Bob Gamble (RBL Ceremonial Representative) regarding events in the UK next year. He added that having seemed uninterested in the</p>	

Anniversary he has now had contact from Lt. Colonel David Luck who is the MOD organiser of ceremonies and who is now keen to do a lot more. Apparently, he's written a paper outlining what the MOD engagement should be and that paper went to Baroness Goldie who is the MOD representative in the House of Lords and is now with Ben Wallace, Secretary of State, for final approval. The primary focus is on the Arboretum event with the Royal British Legion and the Falkland Island Government.

Richard confirmed that any Committee member would be welcome to attend the event but they need to let him know if they want to go along.

Richard said he was concerned about the Falklands 40 programme in the UK as everything is very exclusive. The public can't necessarily attend events as they are by invitation only. He said he just hasn't got the resources to organise an event in every part of the country so he's contacted Bishop Tim who has put him in touch with the person who draws up the Orders of Services. He's going to compile one for the 40th Anniversary that will be sent to every Church of England Church so they can host an event. Richard wondered if the RBL could do something similar with a pack of information that could be mailed to all branches encouraging them to do something in their community.

Chris Locke added that he had received a message from Bob Chambers who was trying to organise a Falkland appearance at the Annual Conference on 14th May to tie in with the national meeting. However, because of other events, it's been decided not to hold the live link up with the Islands.

Richard also reported on meeting the Para bikers at Pangbourne. They're visiting every memorial that references the Falklands conflict. He said it was a lovely day and

UK based members of the Committee

<p>confirmed that the bikers will finish by visiting the Islands next year.</p> <p>Chris Locke then referred to Matters Arising and said the social programme had been drafted and shared with the Committee. He would now forward to all FI Branch Members. Mark reminded everyone that the AGM date is now the 8th of October (not 1st) as it clashed with the long Bank Holiday weekend and Peat Cutting Monday.</p>	
<p>Chairman's reports</p> <p>Chris Locke said plans were well underway for this year's Poppy Ball and that he and Nancy would be talking to Carl from the Malvina to discuss numbers and the menu when he returned to the Islands later this month.</p> <p>With regard to next year's Armed Forces Day, Chris said he needed to talk to Rev. Ian to see if he'd be happy to hold a service in the Cathedral to commemorate AFD. He also said he hadn't forgotten that he needed to talk to the Governor about the possibilities of holding a reception at GH to mark the occasion.</p> <p>Chris reported that Dave Lewis doesn't want to stand for committee at the AGM this year but is happy to take part in activities and to carry on organising the Poppy Tins. Chris said this was a shame but understood Dave's reasons however it was great news that Dave would be happy to continue helping with the Poppy Appeal in organising the Poppy Tins.</p> <p>Mark Brook reminded Chris that a draft agreement had been received with regard to the Poppy Inn lease with FIG. It seems fine, but Chris is going to request an addendum with a list of defects that have been noted.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p> <p>Chris Locke</p> <p>Chris Locke and Mark Brook</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman's report:</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>There was no report from Becky Rees, but Chris Locke said that we had received an</p>	

email from Fiona (RBL UK) asking for our Branch returns. He said Becky was still working on them and getting them finalised. We have until the 30 th September.	Becky Rees
Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.	
Welfare Report: Nothing to report.	
Any Other Business: The Committee talked about trying to find a way for the UK based Committee members to join the AGM if internet could be secured. Bob French said he needed the accounts that will be presented at the AGM. Chris Locke said he would ask Becky Rees to organise this. Chris Locke said he had received a request from Bernie Eccles who wanted 12 crosses, which he will deliver to him. Chris has already taken them out of the store. Keith Biles said he couldn't stand for Committee as he is still unable get on to the system to renew his membership. Chris Locke said he would chase Fiona to see what's happening as he had already contacted here regarding this matter. Others had experienced the same issue. <i>Post meeting note: Fiona has contacted the membership team and the issue has been resolved. Keith has managed to renew his membership and in a position to be re-elected on to the Committee.</i>	Chris Locke Becky Rees Chris Locke Chris Locke
Date and time of the next meeting: It was agreed to hold a meeting before the AGM, on Friday 1 st October to make sure all was ready for the AGM. 5pm Falklands and 9pm UK. <i>Post meeting note: This meeting has been cancelled as the date coincided with the long</i>	All

weekend Peat Cutting Bank holiday where some members in the FI will be unable to access the internet and Richard, John and Sarah would also be unable to attend.

Next meeting Friday 5th November 1700 FI
2000 UK time (UK back to GMT). TBC

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