

Agenda Item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, Mark Brook, Richard Hyslop, Bob French, John & Sarah Maskell Bott, Jenny Reece, Tamsin Harris, Tim Mean.	
Apologies: Becky Rees.	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
Matters Arising: Chris Locke has spoken to the Deputy Governor and confirmed Government House will be able to host a reception to mark Armed Forces Day. Chris spoke to Dan Barton and confirmed he had sent a resume to the Committee of what was discussed. Jenny Reece is going to pass Lara's email address to Sarah Maskell-Bott to see if things can be sorted re: the chair. Chris Locke said he hadn't written the letter of thanks to John Whitby yet, but would be doing so. Chris confirmed all the financial papers have been sent off to the RBL in the UK. The Branch has remitted just over £8,000 to the Poppy Appeal. Mark Brook confirmed he has put a request in for an RBL lapel pin featuring the 40 th Anniversary Logo, but said they have already got a pin featuring the Paras in the online Poppy Shop.	<p>Jenny Reese</p> <p>Chris Locke</p> <p>Mark Brook</p>

<p>Chris Locke confirmed that BFSAI will be allocated 30 tickets for this year's Poppy Ball.</p>	
<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>Chris Locke reported he had been to the Chamber of Commerce to listen to discussions about proposals for the future use of Hillside Camp by Chamber Members. As things stand proposals don't involve the main building. One member suggested that it was hoped the port-a-cabins could be used for pop-up businesses. In the immediate future they could be used as isolation units for people coming into the Islands. All proposals will be presented to FIG by the Chamber. Chris said he felt the Poppy Inn was unlikely to be redeveloped in the immediate future although it depended very much on FIG's requirements for the site.</p> <p>John and Sarah Maskell-Bott confirmed Phil Middleton is happy that we have his cheque and if possible, use the money locally. He doesn't want to know how or where it's used and it was agreed it could go in the Welfare Fund to help pay for the chair. They said he also expressed concern for some locals who were here in 1982 who may now be experiencing the effects of PTSD.</p> <p>The Branch has been nominated for a Poppy Appeal Trophy for the amount of money raised per capita. It's £2.57 per person.</p> <p>Quiz night was due for tonight, but Chris Locke ran out of time to organise and Nancy Locke said she was unable to make the pasties as there was no swede available! It was reported Malcolm Hamilton has offered to be a Quiz Master so the plan is to ask him to be our quizmaster for March's Social.</p> <p>Chris has had a second call with Dan Barton and says he's quite down as he's not being greatly supported by the Armed Forces. His aim is to make the Silhouettes we need and we'll send them back after the 40th events are over. He does want them to all be in one display. However he will allow us to retain 20. Chris said he's considering Victory Green for the Installation and confirmed he will</p>	

<p>investigate whether they can be returned via the MoD FIRS.</p> <p>Former Chairman Neil ‘Russ’ Russell passed away very suddenly. Chris has been approached by Steve Dent informally asking if we are doing anything. Chris said he replied by saying yes if relatives and friends felt they would like something. The Poppy Inn could be used as a venue. Keith Biles said there were no funeral plans mentioned as yet. There may be a memorial service, but that wouldn’t be immediately.</p> <p>Chris said he had been approached by the police for three wreaths.</p>	
<p>Vice-Chairman’s report:</p> <p>Mark Brook confirmed all the wreaths ordered in December have arrived. He also said there are spare wreaths for those visiting the Islands who wanted to lay a wreath. He said if, by June, we need more for November, he’ll put in another order.</p> <p>He has two more boxes of crosses. Crosses are £3 each.</p>	
<p>Treasurer’s Report:</p> <p>Becky Rees has asked if she can have the AGM notes and Chris confirmed he’ll provide them. The RBL in the UK have confirmed we can pay for wreaths with Poppy Appeal money. She also said that if we want to do a display for the Poppy Ball as Nancy Locke has suggested with a fall of handmade poppies, we need to start asking people to make them now.</p>	
<p>Secretary’s Report:</p> <p>Tamsin Harris asked if members could please photograph any memorial mentions of a Cpl Love of 846 Squadron. It follows a request from a person who was his fiancé at the time he was killed.</p> <p>She also asked Richard Hyslop if she could pass on his contact details to BBC Radio Cornwall.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Welfare Report:</p> <p>The Maskell-Botts confirmed they had nothing to report but reminded the committee that they’re not</p>	

<p>Becky's report and said what she had in mind was a similar display to ones in the UK, where you have a fall of poppies from an upper window. She wondered about the Church Tower or from the Town Hall. She said it might be worth asking for help from the Beavers, Cubs, schools, craft groups, etc.</p> <p>The Memorial Wood event made it on to UK TV and Jenny was spotted by family!</p> <p>Chris Locke said there'd been some negative publicity about a Silhouette which found its way to Sappers Hill without a head. He's retrieved it and it's in the back room of the Poppy Inn. We do have spare heads and 'Rocky' can weld one back on.</p> <p>The RBL have put out a notice asking any veterans from '82 if they want to tell their story and to contact media office. Chris has sent a brief note.</p>	<p>Nancy Locke</p>
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Friday 4th March – 5.30pm Falklands, 20.30 UK time.</p>	