

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

8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Actions:</b>
<b>Present:</b> Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, John Maskell-Bott, Richard Hyslop, Bob French, Becky Rees and Tamsin Harris.	
<b>Apologies:</b> Mark Brook, Jenny Clarke, Tim Mean, Sarah Maskell-Bott.	
<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	<b>All</b>
<b>Matters Arising:</b> The paperwork has been done for the Bank but they've warned it may take a while to get sorted.  Standing with Giants: the weather put a spanner in the works, it snowed heavily and the team couldn't take them down. Sadly, some of them have now been bent. Fortunately, Nigel Bishop managed to eventually take them down. They're now back in the store and being cleaned up in preparation for going out again in November. The ones at the Cathedral and Tabernacle have come down but not at the Catholic Church. Nancy Locke said she would sort this the following day.  The Linda Kitson display is still in the Town Hall. It was decided to leave it there until we're told to move it, hopefully after the Poppy Ball. It will then be moved to the Poppy Inn.	<b>Becky Rees</b>
<b>Chairman's Report:</b> Chris Locke said he's like to thank everyone who helped with Standing with Giants. He said the website has a very nice film about how it was originally set up and displayed at Hampton Court.	

CL confirmed he was fixing a date for going to London to receive the RBL Trophy and added it would be nice if anyone else in the UK wanted to be with him and NL to receive the award. This is likely to be in August.	
<p><b>Vice-Chairman's report:</b> Mark Brook wasn't available as he was on his way back from MPA.</p> <p>Nancy Locke reported that the plan in our last minutes showed that there would be an ordinary social last month and then a bingo night in August. These are now being run the other way. Everyone enjoyed the last gathering with new faces and lots of laughter.</p> <p>There was a suggestion the next social would be a karaoke night but this needed a discussion with the committee as the event must be for the RBL. There was mention of the Aquila Group. All ex-military personnel – it was suggested that if they wanted to use the Poppy Inn, they needed to join the RBL.</p>	<b>Committee</b>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Becky Rees confirmed she's started the end of year process.</p>	<b>Becky Rees</b>
<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>Welfare Report:</b> John Maskell-Bott confirmed they've started to look at the special chairs and will be organising one in the next month or so. They're working out how to ship it down and how much it will be.</p>	<b>J and S Maskell-Bott</b>
<p><b>Membership:</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>AOB:</b> Richard Hyslop said he had been very busy. The furthest north he's been is Edinburgh, furthest south is Gibraltar. He's also visited Wales, Norfolk and everywhere in between. He said it had been an honour and a privilege to attend 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities and to meet families who lost loved ones in 1982. He talked of the support from the Royal Family, the excellent media coverage and the cross-party support from politicians. He confirmed he'll be visiting The Falklands from 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	

<p>Chris Locke said he had heard that the government were likely to ask for more tickets for the Poppy Ball and Becky Rees suggested we could ask for expressions of interest for tickets and then manage the list so no one group got too many at the cost of others. Nancy Locke said tickets must go to active members first, including committee members, people who help on the night, who take part and who clear up afterwards. She said they are the military must be the priority. Tickets go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The meal is all sorted and the Hall booked and Chris Locke has asked Nigel Bishop to run the bar. The Act of Remembrance will include one person from each service in uniform taking part in a form of the Drum Head Ceremony. John Maskell-Bott suggesting speaking to Pete King about drums and though the FIDF may also have something tucked away. Nancy Locke said there would probably be a different Poppy drop made from a cargo net with poppies on it that will tumble from a window. She said it means lots of poppies need to be made but it would look amazing and be a significant move in respect for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. NL to email Becky Rees with some potential people to ask for big raffle prizes.</p> <p>John Maskell-Bott said that for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary they borrowed the Cross of Nails from Coventry Cathedral and wondered if it could come down again.</p> <p>Chris Locke said he couldn't find the minutes on the branch website and asked Bob French if something had happened as he knew Bob had uploaded them. Bob looked and the website back end has changed and some minutes have disappeared. He said he would look in to this.</p> <p>Becky Rees agreed to put a message on the Branch Facebook page reminding people that joining the Facebook group doesn't mean they become RBL members and that they still needed to sign up to be a member of the Branch.</p>	<p><b>Bob French</b></p> <p><b>Becky Rees</b></p>
<p><b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b> Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. 5.30pm Falkland time - 9.30pm UK time.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>