

**Royal British Legion**  
 Falkland Islands Branch  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Actions:</b>
<p><b>Present:</b>            Chris Locke (CL), Bob French (BF), Jenny Clarke (JC), Lesley Moorey (LM), Dennis Cheatham (DM)</p>	
<p><b>Apologies:</b>            Mark Brook (MB), John Maskell-Bott (JMB), Sarah Maskell-Bott (SMB), Richard Hyslop (RH), Hogs Hegarty (HH),</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b>            The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>Matters Arising:</b>            Minutes from the 2026 AGM are now on the RBL website.</p>	
<p><b>Chairman's Report:</b>            CL thanked JC for organising everything for the Open Day at MPA, as well as those who helped on the day. CL would also like to thank those who ran the refreshment stand at the FIODA production which raised £513.10 for the Poppy Appeal.            Raft race – CL has spoken to Marcus (MM) about what is involved in running the raft race. No licence or insurance is required, but it will take some organising. It was suggested that a small committee be formed. It was also suggested that it was advertised early to gauge interest in running it. This would take place at Yorke Bay, to check with food vendors, and maritime to see what support there would be from them.            If it were to go ahead, to discuss plaques/prizes with Sharkey.            Also, to check the cruise schedule.</p>	<p><b>MC, LM</b></p>
<p><b>Vice-Chairman's report:</b>            MB not present</p>	

**Secretary's Report:**

MPA Open Day - £151 raised for the Poppy Appeal. RBL was well received by all, and we have now been added to a mailing list for future events.

The advert for the Penguin News has been updated, but the Treasurer's details will be replaced with the Secretary's, as well as DCs for those at MPA.

JC received an email from the committee that visited in February informing us that they have received permission from the families of the servicemen who lost their lives in the conflict to lay a wreath on their behalf on Liberation Day. They have also requested pictures of the wreath-laying, and MC suggested placing crosses in Memorial Wood for them as well. MC has also agreed to lay the wreath. They also stated that they are happy to reimburse the branch for any costs incurred. An email was also sent to CL, but this was not received. JC will forward emails to CL

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**Treasurer's Report:**

HH not present.

LM and JC have both paid monies into the Poppy Appeal from the FIODA and MPA open day. JC has the stubs to be passed to HH.

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**AOB:**

CL asked the committee for its opinion on meeting in the Narrows post-parade on Liberation Day. MC mentioned that the Royal Engineers use the back room of the Narrows.

Tea Dance – JC said she would not be able to organise or assist with the Tea Dance due to other commitments. CL, MB, MC, and LM would also not be available on the day. The decision was made to cancel the Tea Dance.

Poppy Ball – CL has found out that the Town Hall has been booked for the Craft Fair, and he will approach them to see if they would be willing to change their date/venue. Email to be sent to PWD to book the hall for next year's Ball.

Discussions were also held about possibly holding the Ball at MPA and providing transport. JC mentioned that when this was

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<p>suggested previously, some people were resistant because they were tied to set return times to Stanley.</p> <p>It was also discussed that there was a better way to distribute tickets for the Ball. The idea of holding a ballot was discussed, and JC will look into ways to do so and discuss it at a future time.</p> <p>Committee Communication – CL raised the matter as MB is not using the WhatsApp committee group. To discuss further when MB returns.</p> <p>July's social will be a bingo evening, JC will apply for a licence and check with MB that he has everything required for this.</p> <p>LM has agreed to make posters which can be placed in areas around Stanley and MPA.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>LM</p>
<p><b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2026 at 6.15 pm</p>	