Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes.

10th June 2013.

Present: Liam Shelbourne (Chairman)
Neil Russell (Vice Chairman)
Keith Biles (Secretary)
Rev. Kathy Biles (Welfare Rep.)

Apologies for Absence: Dave Morris, Dave & Pam Lewis, John & Sarah Maskell-Bott.

1. The minutes of the committee meeting on 6th May 2013 were confirmed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

- Eva Jaffrey of FIC has been contacted by the Vice-Chairman re. The Green Token Scheme. She has requested an A5 laminated sheet outlining the work of the Legion to head up the collection box. The RBL will be included in the collection in October-November.

ACTION: **Vice-Chairman** to follow-up with FIC and will produce an A5 sheet as required, print and forward to the Secretary for lamination.

- Richard Cockwell has not been in touch further, but there needs to be a follow-up to ascertain progress in finalising the scene to be painted.

ACTION: **Secretary** to contact Richard Cockwell to progress.

- The Licence to occupy the Pinn Inn has been signed by us and was forward to UK by registered mail on 21st May. The licence will run for 2 years from the date of signing in UK.

ACTION: **Secretary** to contact the MOD Estates office to ensure that the Licence has been received and that all is well.

- The amendment to the Commander BFSAI Alcohol Directive covering the operation of the RBL bar is in process of being issued formally. A copy of the full current Directive will be issued to us in due course.

ACTION: **Chairman** to write to Chief of Staff thanking him for his assistance in finalising the establishment of the RBL at Hillside.

- The Vice-Chairman has contacted Morrisons who have confirmed that they are happy to pay for the bench, and will arrange shipping if we can go ahead with choosing what we want. The Secretary has contacted Planning Dept., and the

AG's chambers to progress the formal allocation of space for this use. The Crown Counsel who is handling matters for the Lands Committee requires a formal request for land allocation, plus a sketch map with approximate measurements.

ACTION: **Secretary** to contact PWD to see if they will assist in the production of a plan of the site.

Vice-Chairman to progress the sourcing of a suitable bench, and to liaise with Morrisons.

3. Chairman's Report:

A brief report was given of the Chairman's visit to UK for the annual Conference which included visits to the National Arboretum, (where a wreath was laid on behalf of the branch); an RBL "drop-in" centre in Crewe; and a "drop-in" centre in Crosby. As part of the commemorations of the Battle of the Atlantic: visited a Royal Marine charity stall, laid a wreath in Liverpool, and attended the memorial service in Liverpool Cathedral. The Chairman had the honour of being presented to the Princess Royal, who expressed her pleasure at seeing us represented there and that such an effort had been made to travel that distance.

The Branch Standard traveled to UK, but because the proposed Standard-bearer was not wearing a white shirt, and did not have cufflinks, he was refused permission to take part in the parade. The Chairman arranged for the Standard to be displayed in the front window of the hotel, and which generated visits by some 70 people to greet him, and some comment about its non-appearance in the parade.

The Chairman has sent an e-mail, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Branch, regarding sudden death of Ed. Hefferman, and to mark the memorial service to him.

The committee member responsible for PR and Media, Jason Lewis has tendered his resignation from the committee citing pressure of work. The Chairman will approach another member to take on the task of up-dating and administering the web-site, and in future, the Secretary will post the minutes on the web site.

Greetings to the Branch have been received from Ralph Jones, who is now in Bangladesh.

4. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Monday 1st July 2013 in the Pinn Inn, Hillside Camp.

Keith Biles.
Secretary.