

# Royal British Legion

## Falkland Islands Branch

### Committee Meeting Minutes 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)  
Mark Brook (Vice Chairman and Poppy Co-ordinator)  
Lee Martin (Treasurer designate)  
Lisa Martin (Social Secretary)  
Dave Lewis  
Keith Biles  
Nancy Locke (Secretary)

Apologies for Absence: Annie Bailey, John & Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French

1. The draft Minutes of the last committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved.
2. Matters arising:
  - Secretary - letters outstanding re Poppy Ball
3. Chairman's report:
  - Mr Ross Milner contacted the Chairman in January regarding a friend visiting from the UK who was given a wreath by the RBL Hale (Liverpool) Branch to be laid at the 1982 memorial. Pictures by Mr Milner were taken of the event which took place at 1845 on 26<sup>th</sup> January which were sent back to the Hale Branch in Liverpool.
  - The RAF100 Baton relay is to take place in the Falklands between 29<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June; the branch has been asked to help support the event. Chair said provisional yes to assist and this may form part of an evening event in the Poppy Inn provisionally set for May Day.
  - GP90: John Underhill, event trustee, has been in touch regarding funding. Chair will liaise with a view to developing a way forward for getting our Branch Standard and a Wreath Layer to the event in August.
  - The Chairman was concerned that although minutes from the Committee meetings were posted on the Branch website not all members had sight of them. It was agreed that minutes will in the future be e-mailed to all members.
  - The RBL FI Branch website needs updating. Bob French will be asked to review current information and update as required.
4. Vice Chairman's Report
  - Charlie Corly MBE from the Welsh Guards Operation Corporate 1982 (2018 visit) has requested a wreath, Mark Brook will arrange. In addition, three wreaths have been requested by BFSAI for a VIP visit at the end of March. Tri-service inserts have also been printed for CBF.
  - Chairman thanked for tidying up the storeroom.

5. Secretary's report:
  - Nothing to report.
  
6. Treasurer's report:
  - The balances on the Branch's bank accounts were reported. It was noted that Membership Fees have been sent to the UK.
  - A sum of funds, including the FIC Green Token funds, are being held in the Poppy Appeal account having been received after the Poppy Appeal funds were sent to the UK in December.
  - Handover to Lee Martin, the newly elected Treasurer, will take place after the EGM, probably around 19<sup>th</sup> February.
  
7. Social Secretary's Report:
  - Armed Forces Day(AFD): Nothing heard from the Civ Mil Liaison Officer regarding BFSAI plans for AFD, Lisa will contact CBFSAI's ADC. She will also ask about the RAF100 Baton Relay.
  
8. Welfare report.
  - Nothing to report.
  
9. AOB
  - Vote of thanks to outgoing Treasurer, Annie Bailey, who has done sterling work during her appointment.
  - Penguin News contact details will be changed on appointment of the new Treasurer.
  
- 10. The next meeting of the Committee to be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm at 6 Brisbane Road.**

Chris Locke  
Chairman