

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

4<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Agenda Item:	Actions:
<p><b>Present:</b> Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Tamsin Harris, Dave Lewis, John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Abby Poynter, Keith Biles, Richard Hyslop, Mark Brook, Bob French.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Maeve Daly-Llamosa.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> Were signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>Matters arising:</b> Chris Locke is in contact with the Military Wives Choir and is arranging the payment due to them.</p> <p>John and Sarah Maskell-Bott are not now available on 19 September, but the Conference is now a digital one so everyone can attend if they so wish. Chris Locke said he would be happy to attend.</p> <p>Abby Poynter reminded people she is using her personal email address as she is struggling with the RBL email system.</p> <p>Dave Lewis asked about Frank Leyland. John and Sarah Maskell-Bott said they sent message asking about Frank but had had no response. *Update, Lynn is now back in the Islands and isolating. Frank has improved a little bit and is receiving some help that is connected to the RBL. Nancy Locke said it would be good to send a card from the committee and agreed to do this* Update Nancy sent a card. Chris received a call from Lynn to say it had been received and offered sincere thanks.</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke</b></p> <p><b>Chris Locke</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Chris and Nancy Locke</b></p>

<p><b>Chairman's report:</b>  VJ Day is coming up on 15<sup>th</sup> August) and Chris Locke reported that his understanding is that the day will be celebrated in the UK at the National Memorial Arboretum. He said Town Criers would be crying for peace around the world and churches will ring out their bells. Keith Biles said he would run the idea of the Cathedral bells past Rev Ian. Regarding the two-minute silence that was planned, Chris Locke said he would contact the MLAs in case they wanted to do that. Chris and Nancy Locke said they would be away on the day.</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke</b></p>
<p><b>Vice Chairman's report:</b>  Mark Brook confirmed he had delivered all the outstanding wreaths and just had to drop some off to SAMA. He said invoices would be going out for payment. Keith Biles asked for one for the Red Cross for Remembrance Day. He also reported that there are no fundraising items available from RBL UK at present and he is still waiting on when and if those items will be available, including pin badges. Mark said he wasn't sure about poppies, but we still have a fair number in boxes already.</p>	<p><b>Mark Brook</b></p>
<p><b>Secretary's report:</b>  Tamsin Harris said she would sadly have to bow out at the AGM as she's not likely to be returning to the Falklands. She offered to continue remotely if a replacement couldn't be found, but understood it would be good to find a local person to take on the role. There then following a conversation about the use of Zoom and it was agreed to continue with it at present. Chris Locke said he had been back in to the Poppy Inn where the 'Backroom' is being used by the MoD and looking well cared for.</p>	

<p><b>Membership Secretary:</b> Chris Locke reported that he has seen Maeve Daly-Llamosa who is happy to continue in the role, but to date has not used Zoom.</p>	
<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b> Mark Brook had confirmed the £90 deposit was for wreaths.</p> <p>The End-of-Year accounts are going to Alison Baker who's agreed to do them again this year.</p> <p>Abby reported the membership fees had been collected and though she didn't need to meet with Maeve, she would appreciate some direction to make sure this money goes back to the UK. Richard Hyslop said he would speak to Abby outside of the meeting to sort this.</p> <p>Abby said she would e-mail everything to the committee members so we all had sight of the details.</p> <p>Chris Locke and Abby to sign off the End-of-Year accounts by the end of the week.</p> <p>Chris thanked Abby for her work on preparing the End-of-Year accounts.</p>	<p><b>Richard Hyslop and Abby Poynter</b></p> <p><b>Abby Poynter</b></p> <p><b>Chris Locke and Abby Poynter</b></p>
<p><b>Welfare Report:</b> There was nothing to report, but John and Sarah Maskell-Bott said it was important to get information out to the local population about the RBL and what it's here for. They also reported that they need to update their case worker training.</p>	
<p><b>Any other business:</b> Chris Locke said now the Winter Ball is on, he saw no reason not to hold the Poppy Ball on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. He's asked the Military Wives choir if they'd like to take part. He also said the HMS</p>	<p><b>Chris Locke with support from the committee</b></p>

<p>FORTH team are keen to be involved. He advised it being wise to keep the event low key and not stressful. Tickets will be £50 a head and catering will stay at £35 and from the Malvina. A band will be sorted out as normal. Abby Poynter asked if some of us need to get together to get everything sorted? Chris Locke agreed that would be a good idea. Tickets and money to be handled by someone from the Committee, not outside it. There also needs to be a wash up meeting at the end, which didn't happen last year.</p> <p>It was agreed to open the Poppy Inn next month on 7<sup>th</sup> September (after the meeting). Mark Brook confirmed this would be fine.</p> <p>Chris Locke thanked Keith Biles and the Church for the retiring collection from the last Sunday service, which was for the RBL.</p> <p>Bob French advised that a group of Veterans are doing a motorbike ride round the UK visiting Falkland war graves.</p>	<p><b>Mark Brook</b></p>
<p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Zoom meeting and then up to the Poppy Inn.</b></p> <p><b>5.30pm Falkland time – 9.30pm UK time.</b></p>	<p><b>All</b></p>