

Royal British Legion
 Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes
 Friday 7th July 2023

Agenda Item:	Actions:
<p>Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, John and Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French, Tamsin Harris, Mark Brook.</p>	
<p>Apologies: Richard Hyslop, Becky Rees, Jenny Clarke, Tim Mean.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising: Chris has talked to Colin Summers as outlined in his report.</p> <p>Extra wreaths have arrived and been delivered so all now in order for this year.</p> <p>Pickle Night is going ahead, but the Poppy Ball is cancelled for this year.</p>	
<p>Chairman's Report: CL said he had a positive meeting with Colin Summers. He didn't want CL to explain what the solution is at the moment, but he's offered us a potential plan that would suit our needs. CL said he would share a further update on his return. He added that as far as FIG are concerned, there's still no money for the work to be done on Hillside Camp. This means we can continue to access the Poppy Inn for another year. CL added that if the potential solution works, we might move from the Poppy Inn sooner. We would be able to take things like our furniture, bar shutters, etc.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p>

<p>Vice-Chairman's report: MB said he was opening the Poppy Inn tonight with a few guests coming along.</p> <p>All wreaths have now arrived from the UK and have been delivered.</p> <p>The bar will not be open in September as Mark's away, but will open in August.</p> <p>Chris Locke thanked Mark Brook for opening the bar for Liberation Day and said it demonstrated the importance of the Poppy Inn and the RBL.</p>	<p>Mark Brook</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: No report. Figures will however, be similar to last month.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Welfare Report: No report.</p> <p>Nancy Locke said we'd been approached by FIG about a new booklet for the community, asking whether we wanted to put anything in it re: the support we can offer. She said she was only given a two day timeline to do it so didn't provide anything. It was agreed to wait for the next issue in case we had anything relevant to include.</p>	
<p>Membership: No report.</p>	
<p>AOB: Chris Locke thanked Mark Brook for opening the Poppy Inn on Liberation Day.</p> <p>Mark Brook said the recliner chair is in the store and no-one's been in touch to use it.</p> <p>A date needed to be set for the Pickle Night, either the last week of October or the first week of November. A dinner at The Malvina for remembrance was still being considered.</p>	

Date and time of the next meeting:	
Monday 4 th September – tbc – 9.30pm UK – 5.30pm Falklands – and Australia (where Chris will be).	All