ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Branch No: 1453

**Minutes** of a Committee Meeting of the Windermere Branch held on **10th September 2026** at the Elleray Hotel, Cross Street. Windermere commencing at 7:30pm.

## Members Present

Adrian G Faulkner (AF) – Chair
Ian Perry (IP) - Secretary
Penny Aubrey (PA)

The meeting was not quorate, therefore no decisions could be made.

## Welcome

The Chair welcomed those assemble, gave the 'Exhortation' and asked for a minutes silence for our fallen heroes. AF pointed out that as the meeting was not quorate, any decisions would have to be carried over to the next Committee meeting.

## Apologies

Phil Watson (Vice-Chair – PW); David Howarth (DH); Ged Mcguire (Treasurer)

## Correspondence

IP Reported nothing to deal with.

## Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2026 were agreed by those present.

## Matters Arising

Use of Windermere Train Station to be discussed under the Poppy Appeal heading..

## Sue Lever's Funeral.

PA read out a very moving eulogy for the passing of long standing member, Sue Lever who had recently passed away. The Branch were represented at the funeral by Adrian Faulkner(Chair), Ged Mcguire (Treasurer) and Penny Aubrey (Membership Secretary).

AF suggested that it might be appropriate to 'open up' a new page on the Branch's website to remember those members who had passed away? See 'Welcome' above.

## Treasurer's Report

GM was absent from the meeting, therefore there was no report. However AF reported that the Branch still did not have access to it's bank account, nearly a year after the Branch had applied for access!
AF to follow up whether or not the Legacy donation to the 3 nominated recipients had received the donations as agreed earlier in the year.

## Standard Bearer Training

Standard Bearer (SB) training is still ongoing. AF reported that Rod Elgin (Cumbria Parade Marshall) had spoken to DH and had 'promised' the Standard Bearer's would be fully trained in time for the Rememberance Parade in November.

## Poppy Appeal

AF confirmed that permission had been granted by Northern Rail for the Branch to have a collection at the Windermere Railway Station on the 1st, November, 2026 from 10am to 3pm.

AF to contact Flt Lt S Barker RAFAC, Officer Commanding, 1127 (Kendal) & 1264 (Windermere) Squadrons to ascertain whether the Air Cadets could help on that day. A possible 6 persons required. AF also to contact the new station manger to keep her informed of the plans.

IP confirmed the dates for the 2026 Poppy Appeal as being from the 28th October to the 11th November. Permission is being sought to have a table in Booths Supermarket and Lakeland Ltd between those dates.

PA to contact Lakeland and IP to contact Booths. IP also to investigate acquiring a 'contactless card machine.'

### Memorial Bench – Update

IP to contact the Windermere Social Club and the Marchesi Centre regarding the possibility of siting a bench at either of these sites. PW had earlier reported that the Windermere Community Care Trust had approached him asking for financial assistance in providing 2 plaques to go on the two new benches they had provided. See 'Welcome' above.

### Christmas Market – Update

AF to get in touch with Ben Berry to ascertain how he managed to get a 'road closure' on Cross Street and report back to the next Committee meeting.

### Christmas Lunch

AF suggested that there should be a Christmas Lunch for the Branch members. This would be held at The Elleray Hotel, Cross Street, Windermere on the 7th December from 1:30pm. He also reported that he had been in conversation with 'mine host' of said hotel who had said she could put on a 3 course 'festive' meal for £28 per person with all the trimmings.

AF to notify the membership via a 'Newsletter' sent out either by post or email.

### Items for next Committee Meeting

Nothing as yet!

### A.O.B

Nothing to report.

### Closing Remarks

The Chair closed the meeting by 'thanking' those present for their attendance.

He concluded the meeting with the 'Kohima'.

### NOTE

The Branch AGM and next Committee Meeting would follow each other on the 10th November 2026 in the Windermere Social Club, New Road, Windermere (7:30pm).

The meeting closed at 20:55.

**Least We Forget**

**Ian Perry – Secretary, Royal British Legion, Windermere Branch**