THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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Paphos Branch (BR3692)

(Formed 05 March 2014)

Boundary of Operations is Paphos District and the Western Sovereign Base Area for BCS and Welfare.
Fundraising is only to be carried out in the Western Sovereign Base Area.
2022 - Noel Rogers Trophy 2nd Place, 2024 - Poppy Appeal Trophy Winner & McCrae Shield Winner,
2025 - McCrae Shield Winner & Jellicoe Cup 3rd Place, 2026 - Jellicoe Cup Winner & McCrae Shield 2nd Place

Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting – 10 October 2026

Present:	-	Position Held:	3 Year Term:	Year:	Apologies:
Branch Officers:					
I. Barker	-	Chairman	2nd	2nd	
D. Perry	-	Secretary	3 **Terms completed**	4th **Additional Year**	
D. Rees	-	Treasurer & BCC	3rd	1st	
Branch Committee Members:					
C. Perry	-	Welfare & BCS	3 **Terms completed**	4th **Additional Year**	
M. Cuerden-Cowan	-		2nd	2nd	**Apologies**
G. Leggett	-		2nd	2nd	**Apologies**
R. Neighbour	-	Poppy Appeal Organiser	2nd	1st	
G. Rees	-	Bookings Rep	2nd	2nd	

Total Branch Members in Attendance:
I. Barker, C. Jeffrey, J. Jeffrey, K. Kearns, R. Neighbour, E. Nicholls, C. Perry, D. Perry, C. Phillips, T. Phillips, D. Rees, G. Rees, S. Walkley. = **13**
Total Branch Members who sent Apologies:
G. Bailey, J. Baker, H. Biggs, P. Biggs, K. Buckey, Venerable P. Carr, B. Chambers, P. Clare, M. Cuerden-Cowan, J. Felton, G. Leggett, M. O'Daly, D. Rees (Jr), J. Wilkins, B. Wright. = **15**
Total Branch Membership = 49
Total Branch Members who did not respond = 21

1. Quorum: - The Chairman struck the gavel for order. The Secretary confirmed six committee members were present. This exceeded the minimum quorum requirement of four committee members, the meeting was declared duly convened.

2. Remembrance: - Prior to the reading of the Exhortation, the Chairman invited those present to remember during the period of Silence those Branch members who had sadly passed away since the previous Annual General Meeting: ***Erica Melling, Harry Fenwick and Andros Karasavvas***.

3. Opening: - The Chairman struck the gavel and invited all those able to stand for the Exhortation which was read by K. Kearns. The members responded in the customary manner. A minute's silence was observed after which the Chairman struck the gavel, thanked K. Kearns and the members for their participation, and invited those present to be seated. The Secretary declared the meeting opened at 12.00 midday.

4. Apologies - The Secretary informed the meeting that apologies for absence had been received from K. Buckey, B. Chambers, P. Clare, M. Cuerden-Cowan, G. Leggett, D. Rees (Jr), J. Wilkins and B. Wright**,** who were all out of the country and conveyed their best wishes for a successful meeting.
Apologies were also received from G. Bailey, H. and P. Biggs, J. Felton and M. O'Daly**,** who were unable to attend due to other commitments and likewise sent their best wishes.
J. Baker**,** who was participating in an event in Ayia Napa, and the Venerable P. Carr**,** who had a prior engagement, also sent their apologies and best wishes for the meeting.

5. Welcome & Review: - The Chairman welcomed those present and delivered his annual review of the Branch's activities and achievements during the preceding year. **SEE - ANNEX A** Following his address, the Chairman presented three Branch Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of members' commitment to training and personal development:
• **Dave Rees** for successfully completing the updated Treasurer's Course and the Independent Examiner's Course.
• **Chris Perry** for successfully completing a Welfare Course in Spain and an Enhanced Safeguarding Course.
• **Janet Baker** for successfully completing a Standard Bearer's Course in the United Kingdom.
The Chairman congratulated the recipients on their achievements and thanked them for their continued service and commitment to the Branch.

6. Adopt the 09 Oct 2025 AGM Minutes: - The Secretary reported that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 09 Oct 2025 had been distributed electronically to all members with registered email addresses. No corrections or matters arising from the minutes had been received. The Secretary proposed that the minutes be taken as read and adopted as a true record of the proceedings. This was seconded by K. Kearns and carried unanimously.
The Chairman signed and dated the 09 oct 2025 AGM Minutes. **SEE - ANNEX B**

7. Matters arising from the previous AGM: - The Secretary confirmed there were no matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

8. **Adopt the 2025 / 26 Annual Branch Return:** - The Treasurer reported that the 2025/26 Annual Branch Return was approved by the Branch Committee on 21 Aug 2026, it was then independently examined by Mr P. R. Perrett on 28 Aug 2026 and submitted to the Royal British Legion, Overseas Membership Engagement Officer for onward transmission to the auditors, Deloitte LLP. The return has since been distributed electronically to all members with registered email addresses. No corrections or matters arising from the report had been received. The Treasurer proposed that the 2025/26 Annual Branch Return be taken as read and adopted as a true record of the Branch finances. This was seconded by T. Phillips and carried unanimously.
The Secretary signed and dated the 2025/26 Annual Branch Return at the bottom of Section 6. **SEE - ANNEX C**

9. **Committee Member Reports:** The Chairman asked the following Committee Members to deliver their reports:

Branch Welfare: - C. Perry stated that since the 2025 AGM, the Branch had received **four** welfare cases of which **three** have been completed and **one** presently remains in hand, though it is in the process of being handed to the UK.

Branch Community Support: - C. Perry stated that since the 2025 AGM, **twenty-five** home/hospital visits had taken place taking approx. **twenty-five** hours, the Branch also held **thirty-eight** telephone calls with a total duration of approx. **seventeen** hours.

Poppy Appeal Organiser: - R. Neighbour stated that since 01 Dec 2025 being the start of the 2026 Poppy Appeal, the Branch has held **seven** fundraising events and raised **€453.60**. The Branch has received **€1,233.70** in donations. The total raised so far for the 2026 poppy Appeal is **€1,687.30**.
There will be at least **sixty-three** Poppy Boxes distributed in the WSBA Area on 20 & 21 Oct 2026, which will be collected in again from the 12 Nov 2026. Please note - Poppies can be worn from the 22 Oct 2026.
During the Remembrance-tide Period, I can confirm the following events:
08 Nov 2026 - Remembrance Service - Happy Valley - *Members are to be seated by 10.15am.*
08 Nov 2026 - Remembrance Service - Waynes Keep, Nicosia. - *Awaiting details from British High commission.*
21 Nov 2026 - Poppy Dinner - Paramali Tavern - 4.00pm - *Details will be sent out to members.*

10. **Agree Branch Year Plan until next AGM:** - The Chairman informed the members that the following Branch Year Plan was currently in place:
Committee Meetings will be held every 3rd Friday of the month at 2.30pm.
Branch Quarterly Meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of January, April and July Times T.B.C.

22 Oct 2026	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	Veterans Event	*(Six members confirmed as attending).*
24 Oct 2026	1.00pm	Pas-To-Kima	Trafalgar Day 221	Social - No Fundraising
28 Oct 2026	1.00pm	Neo's Sports Bar	Suez Crisis 70	Social - No Fundraising
07 Nov 2026	T.B.C.	Royal Albert Hall	Festival of Remembrance	*J. Baker attending as Standard Bearer*
08 Nov 2026	10.15am	WSBA - Happy Valley	Remembrance Service	*(Six members confirmed as attending).*

08 Nov 2026	10.15am	Nicosia - Waynes Keep	Remembrance Service	
21 Nov 2026	4.00pm	WSBA - Paramali Tavern	Poppy Dinner	
20 Dec 2026	1.00pm	Neo's Sports Bar	Christmas Dinner	Social - No Fundraising
09 Jan 2027	1.00pm	WSBA - T.B.C.	Quarterly Branch Meeting	
10 Apr 2027	1.00pm	WSBA - T.B.C.	Quarterly Branch Meeting	
07/09 May 2027		Telford, Shropshire, UK	RBL National Conference	
26 Jun 2027	T.B.C.	WSBA - Tunnel Beach	Armed Forces Day	
10 Jul 2027	3.00pm	WSBA - Paramali Tavern	Quarterly Branch Meeting	
09 Oct 2027	1.00pm	WSBA - T.B.C.	Annual General Meeting	

11. Propose the following be added to the Year Plan: - The Chairman proposed the following to be added to the year plan:

14 Feb 2027	1.00pm	Poppadums	Valentines Buffet	Social - No Fundraising
?? Mar 2027	1.00pm	T.B.C.	Padre farewell dinner T.B.C.	Social - No Fundraising
12 May 2027	1.00pm	T.B.C.	Falkland Islands Liberation 45	Social - No Fundraising
18 Aug 2027	T.B.C.	Mandria Fish & Chip Shop	Dieppe Raid 85	Social - No Fundraising
15 Sep 2027	T.B.C.	T.B.C.	Battle of Britain 87	Social - No Fundraising

The proposal was seconded by D. Rees and carried unanimously.

12. Branch Committee To stand down: - The Chairman said he would like to thank individually the following committee members who will be continuing in their current roles and from today would be starting their second year of their elected second, three-year term:

M. Cuerden-Cowan - *The Secretary stated she was unfortunately not present.*
G. Leggett - *The Secretary stated he was unfortunately not present.*
G. Rees - The Chairman rose and went over to G. Rees and shook her hand saying thank you.

The Secretary said he would like to thank on behalf of all the Branch Members, the Chairman who has also agreed to continue in his current role and will from today start his second year of his elected second, three-year term: The Secretary shook the Chairman's hand and said thank you on behalf of the Branch Members.

The Chairman presented the following committee members with Term Awards:

D. Perry - *for completion of three, three-year terms plus three additional years.*
C. Perry - *for completion of three, three-year terms plus three additional years.*
D. Rees - *for completion of two, three-year terms.*
R. Neighbour - *for completion of one, three-year term.*

The Chairman asked D. Perry, D. Rees, C. Perry and R. Neighbour to stand down from the committee and for D. Perry and D. Rees to take their places with the members.

13. Election of Branch Committee: - The Chairman informed the members; there were now only four members on the Branch Committee and that there had been no nominations received from any members to stand on the committee, the Chairman stated the Branch requires a minimum of five members on the committee, and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be on the committee?

D. Perry and C. Perry informed the meeting they would like to volunteer to be re-elected for an additional year, whilst R. Neighbour also informed the meeting of her willingness to stand for a second, three-year term.

The Chairman proposed that both D. Perry and C. Perry be elected on to the 2026 / 2027 committee for a further additional year. The proposal was seconded in favour of D. Perry by G. Rees and seconded in favour of C. Perry by C. Jeffrey with both proposals being carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed that R. Neighbour be elected on to the 2026 / 2027 committee to start the first year, of a second, three-year term. The proposal was seconded by G. Rees and carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked all the newly elected 2026 / 27 committee members to please listen carefully to the following words:
"You have all been elected to posts of honour and responsibility in this Branch. Your fellow members have demonstrated their faith in you by election; the Royal British Legion now calls on you to fulfil your obligations loyally and conscientiously in accordance with the Royal Charter."
"Do I as your Chairman have your assurance that you will carry out your duties with diligence at all times?"
All the newly elected 2026 / 27 committee members responded, **"WE WILL."**

The Chairman declared all the newly elected members as duly installed on to the 2026 / 27 committee of the Royal British Legion - Paphos Branch BR3692.

The Chairman invited D. Perry to resume his position on the committee as the Branch Secretary which he accepted and resumed his seat at the top table.

14. Appointment of Branch Treasurer - The Secretary informed the members that the appointment of Treasurer is now vacant, and asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the position of Branch Treasurer?

D. Rees informed the meeting that he would be happy to be re-appointed to start his third, three-year term as the Branch Treasurer. The Chairman therefore proposed that D. Rees be appointed as Branch Treasurer to start a third, three-year term. The proposal was seconded by D. Perry and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then asked D. Rees to please listen carefully to the following words:

"You have been appointed as Treasurer, a post of honour and responsibility in this Branch. Your fellow members have demonstrated their faith in you by electing you to that appointment; the Royal British Legion now calls on you to fulfil your obligations loyally and conscientiously in accordance with the Royal Charter."
"Do I as your Chairman have your assurance that you will carry out your duties with diligence at all times?"
D. Rees responded, **"I WILL".**

The Chairman then declared D. Rees as duly appointed as the Treasurer for the Royal British Legion - Paphos Branch BR3692 and invited him to take his place back on the top table.

15. Appointment of Standard Bearer: - The Secretary stated although J. Baker is not present at the meeting, she has confirmed her willingness to continue in the role of Branch Standard Bearer. She will therefore be entering the third year of her second three-year term.

16. Appointment of Branch Padre: - The Secretary stated although the Venerable P. Carr is not present at the meeting, he has indicated his willingness to continue in the role of Branch Padre. He will therefore be entering his third year of a three-year term.

17. Appointment of Branch Community Coordinators: - The Secretary stated that D. Rees is happy to continue into his second year of a three-year term.

18. Appointment of Delegates for Annual Conference: - The Chairman proposed that D. Perry & C. Perry be appointed as the delegates to represent the Branch at the next Annual Conference to be held on the 07 to 09 May 2027 in Telford, Shropshire, UK. The proposal was seconded by R. Neighbour and carried unanimously.

19. Appointment of Reps for Waynes Keep: - The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any volunteers to represent the Branch at the 2026 Waynes Keep Remembrance Service on 08 Nov 2026?

Both D. Perry and C. Perry said they would be happy to represent the branch.

The Chairman proposed that D. Perry and C. Perry be appointed to represent the Paphos Branch at the 2026 Waynes Keep Remembrance Service on 08 Nov 2026. The proposal was seconded by J. Jeffrey and carried unanimously.

20. Location of Branch Standard and Flags: - The Chairman asked for confirmation of the location of the Branch Standard, Union Flag and the Cyprus, Greece and EU Flags?
The Chairman was informed by D. Rees that the Branch Standard was on display at this meeting and afterwards would be delivered into S. Walkley's care until he delivers it to J. Baker who will need it when travelling to the UK for the Festival of Remembrance.
R. Neighbour asked S. Walkley to ask J. Baker to check and ensure she has everything she needs for the Festival of Remembrance and that J. Baker is more than welcome to visit R. Neighbour if there is anything more she needs.
R. Neighbour confirmed she had in safe keeping all the other flags.

21. Closing: - The Secretary stated the meeting closed at 12.41pm

The Chairman asked the members to rise if able for the Kohima Epitaph which was delivered by D. Rees.

The Chairman informed the members there will now be a pause for refreshment, after which Branch comradeship will be conducted by K. Kearns.