THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Patron – His Majesty the King
Registered Charity No. 219279

Paphos Branch (BR3692)

Formed 05 March 2014, Noel Rogers Trophy 2nd Place 2022, Poppy Appeal Trophy Winner 2024, McCrae Shield Winner 2024 & 2025, Jellicoe Cup 3rd Place 2025

Minutes of the Branch Annual General Meeting – 09th Oct 2025

1.	Present:	-	Position Held:	Term:	Year:	Apologies:	Comments:
	Officers:						
	I. Barker	-	Chairman	1st	3rd		
	D. Perry	-	Honorary Secretary	4th	2nd		
	D. Rees	-	Honorary Treasurer	2nd	2nd		Appointed by Branch
	Committee Members:						
	C. Perry	-	BCS Rep	4th	2nd		
	M. Cuerden-Cowan	-	Asst. BCS	1st	3rd		
	G. Leggett	-	Asst. Secretary	1st	3rd		
	R. Neighbour	-	Poppy Appeal Organiser	1st	3rd		
	G. Rees	-	Bookings Rep	1st	3rd		
	Members:						
	Attending =	-	Ten			Apologies =	Eight
	Total Attendance:	-	**Eighteen**			**Total Apologies:**	**Fourteen**

2. Quorum: - *There being three Branch Officers and five Committee Members present; the meeting could go ahead.*

3. Opening: - *The Branch having just held a Sunset Memorial Service which included the Exhortation, the Secretary declared the meeting open at 18.41 Hrs.*

4. Apologies: - *The Secretary read out the eight apologies for absence as shown on the attendance sheet. - (See attached)*

5. Chairman's Welcome: - *The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 12th Annual General Meeting.*

6. Chairman's Review: - *The Chairman gave a speech reviewing the previous year since the last AGM. - (See attached)*

7. Adopting the previous *10 Oct 2024* **AGM Minutes:** - **P.** *K. Kearns* **S.** *J. Jeffrey* **Passed.** *Unanimously - (See attached)*

8. Matters arising from the previous AGM Minutes: - *Charity Status and Operating Boundary. - (See attached)*

9. Adoption of the End of Year Financial Report: - **P.** *D. Perry* **S.** *G. Leggett* **Passed.** *Unanimously - (See attached)*

10. Agree Activities from now until the next AGM: - **As follows:**

a.	13 Oct 2025 – 10.00pm	-	Episkopi Station, W.S.B.A.	-	Poppy Boxes distributed.	
b.	14 Oct 2025 – 10.00pm	-	RAF Akrotiri, W.S.B.A.	-	Poppy Boxes distributed.	
c.	16 Oct 2025 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	- MS1's to be signed.
d.	18 Oct 2025 – 1.00pm	-	Pas-to-Kima	-	Social - Trafalgar Day.	- Book through M. Cuerden Cowan (Cutoff 12 Oct).
e.	T.B.C.	-	Episkopi Station, W.S.B.A.	-	Bonfire Night.	
f.	T.B.C.	-	RAF Akrotiri, W.S.B.A.	-	Bonfire Night.	
g.	09 Nov 2025 – 10.00am	-	Episkopi Station, W.S.B.A.	-	Remembrance Service.	
h.	09 Nov 2025 – 10.00am	-	RAF Akrotiri, W.S.B.A.	-	Remembrance Service.	
i.	09 Nov 2025 – 10.45am	-	St Stephen's Church, Tala	-	Remembrance Service.	
j.	09 Nov 2025 – 10.45am	-	Wayne's Keep, Nicosia	-	Remembrance Service.	
k.	11 Nov 2025 – 10.00am	-	TLC Junior School	-	Remembrance/Armistice Day Service.	
l.	11 Nov 2025 – 10.30am	-	Perisma Tavern	-	Armistice Day Breakfast.	
m.	12 Nov 2025 – 10.00am	-	Episkopi Station, W.S.B.A.	-	Poppy Boxes collected.	
n.	13 Nov 2025 – 10.00am	-	RAF Akrotiri, W.S.B.A.	-	Poppy Boxes collected.	
o.	20 Nov 2025 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
p.	21 Nov 2025 – 7.00pm	-	Neo's Sports Bar	-	Falkland Islands Presentation.	
q.	22 Nov 2025 – 7.00pm	-	Neo's Sports Bar	-	Social - Poppy Dinner.	- Book through R. Neighbour (Cutoff 19 Nov)
r.	14 Dec 2025 – 1.00pm	-	Neo's Sports Bar	-	Social - Christmas Dinner.	- Secret Santa.
s.	18 Dec 2025 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
t.	10 Jan 2026 – 1.00pm	-	Yiannis & Thanos Paramali Tavern, W.S.B.A.		Quarterly General Meeting.	- More details to follow.
u.	15 Jan 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
v.	19 Feb 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
w.	19 Mar 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
x.	11 Apr 2026 - 1.00pm	-	T.B.C., W.S.B.A.	-	Quarterly General Meeting.	- More details to follow.
y.	16 Apr 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
z.	21 May 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
aa.	18 Jun 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
bb.	11 Jul 2026 – 1.00pm	-	T.B.C., W.S.B.A.	-	Quarterly General Meeting.	- More details to follow.
cc.	16 Jul 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
dd.	20 Aug 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
ee.	17 Sep 2026 – 7.00pm	-		-	Committee Meeting.	
ff.	10 Oct 2026 – 1.00pm	-	T.B.C., W.S.B.A.	-	Annual General Meeting.	- More details to follow.
gg.	Social events will be organised for Feb, Mar, May, Jun, Aug and Sep.	-				- More details to follow.
hh.	Stalls will be held at various events within W.S.B.A. throughout the year.					- More details to follow.
ii.	BCS and Welfare activities will remain unchanged.					

11. Election of Committee: - *The Chairman and four Committee members stood down having completed their first three-year terms on the Committee, the Treasurer took the Chair and announced that two members remained on the committee as they had*

one more year left of their fourth term on the Committee. The Treasurer asked the members to show their appreciation for all the Committee members that have worked on the Committee over the last year. The Members erupted into loud applause.
The Treasurer asked the Secretary if there had been any nominations to stand on the Committee for 2025/26, the Secretary replied there had been none but I. Barker was willing to stand for a second three-year term as Chairman and M. Cuerden-Cowan, G. Leggett, R. Neighbour and G. Rees were all willing to stand for a second three-year term on the Committee.
The Treasurer proposed that I. Baker be Chairman for a second three-year term.
The Secretary seconded that proposition
The members voted unanimously in favour.
The Treasurer vacated the Chair and asked I. Barker to re-take the Chair. The Treasurer then said to I. Barker "You have been elected to a post of great honour and responsibility in this Branch. The performance of your duty will call for tact, dignity, integrity and competence; your fellow Members have demonstrated by this election their complete faith in your possession of these qualities. Your duties must not be undertaken lightly; you are accountable to your fellow members in justification of their trust in you; and the Royal British Legion formally calls upon you to fulfil your obligations loyally, conscientiously and faithfully, strictly in accordance with the Royal Charter. Do I have your assurance that, during your three-year term of office, you will do all in your power to foster the interests of this Branch and the Royal British legion in general, and that you will carry out your duties with diligence at all times"?
The Chairman answered, "I Will".
The Treasurer said "I now declare you duly installed as Chairman of this Paphos Branch BR3692.
The Chairman proposed that M. Cuerden-Cowan, G. Leggett, R. Neighbour and G. Rees be on the Committee for a second three-year term.
The Secretary seconded that proposition.
The members voted unanimously in favour.
The Chairman asked the four elected Committee members to approach the table and said to them all "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 four elected Committee Members said "We Will"
The Chairman then said, "I now declare you all duly installed on to the Committee of this Paphos Branch BR3692".
The four newly elected Committee Members returned to their seats. That concluded the Election of the Committee.

12. **Appointment of Treasurer:** - *Appointment of a Treasurer was not required as D. Rees will start his third year of a second term. The Members applauded showing their appreciation.*

NON-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

13. **Appointment of Branch Standard Bearer:-** *Appointment of a Branch Standard Bearer was not required as J. Baker will start her second year of a second term. The Members applauded showing their appreciation.*

14. **Appointment of Union Flag Bearer:** - *The appointment of a Union Flag Bearer is currently vacant, and the Chairman asked if there were any volunteers, M. Cuerden-Cowan volunteered. As she was the only volunteer, the Chairman proposed that M. Cuerden-Cowan be the Branch Union Flag Bearer, the Secretary seconded that proposition and the members voted unanimously in favour.*

15. **Appointment of the Cyprus, Greece & EU Flag Bearers:** - *The appointment of the Cyprus, Greece & EU Flag Bearers was not required as J. Jeffrey, C. Jeffrey & M. Cuerden-Cowan will be starting their second year of a first term. The Chairman said that over the past year J. Baker had carried out some very basic Flag Bearer Training with all three Flag Bearers, as such the Chairman asked all three Flag Bearers to approach the Table in order for him to present them with their well-earned "Sling Badges". C. Jeffrey was not present and will be presented his "Sling Badge" at a Quarterly General Meeting in the New Year. The Members applauded showing their appreciation.*

16. **Appointment of Community Coordinators:** - *The appointment of Community Coordinators is a new appointment and the Branch is allowed to have up to four members carrying out this role. The Chairman asked if there were any volunteers, D. Rees, K. Kearns and J. Bruty all volunteered. As these were the only three to volunteer, the Chairman proposed that D. Rees, K. Kearns and J. Bruty be the Branch Community Coordinators, the Secretary seconded that proposition and the members voted unanimously in favour.*

17. **Appointment of Branch Padre:** - *The appointment of Branch Padre was not required as the Venerable P. Carr will start his second year of a first term. The Members applauded showing their appreciation.*

18. **Delegates for National Conference:** - *The Royal British Legion National Conference will be held in May 2026 in Brighton, the Branch is allowed to send two delegates, as there have been no volunteers, the Chairman proposed that both D. & C. Perry represent the Branch, the Treasurer seconded that proposal and the members voted unanimously in favour.*

19. **Representatives for Wayne's Keep in Nicosia:** - *The Paphos Branch normally receives an invite from the British High Commission for*

between two and four Members to represent the Branch at the Wayne's Keep Remembrance Service, as there have been no volunteers, the Chairman proposed that both D. & C. Perry represent the Branch, the Treasurer seconded that proposal and the members voted unanimously in favour. That concluded the Non-Committee Appointments.

20. **Location of Branch Standard & Flags:** -

B/Std. *J. Baker* **U/Flag.** *M. Cuerden-Cowan* **C/Flag.** *J. Jeffrey* **EU/Flag.** *M. Cuerden-Cowan* **G/Flag.** *C. Jeffrey*

21. **Closing:** - *The Secretary informed the Branch that the meeting closed at 19.52 hrs. The Standard Bearer collected the Branch Standard. The Chairman stood and said "The business of the meeting being concluded, let us, before we leave, remember our duty to our King and Country, to our comrades, and to our Branch. Let us always be ready to foster the spirit of comradeship and mutual helpfulness to which we are dedicated, never forgetting our solemn obligations as members of the Royal British Legion". The Chairman then said, "Please rise if you are able to sing the first verse of the National Anthem". The Branch Members responded and sang the first verse of the National Anthem in a very credible manner, during which the Standard was dipped, at the conclusion of the singing the Standard Bearer brought the Standard to the carry and the Chairman recited the Kohima Epitaph after which he asked the Branch members to sit, informing them there would be a short break for refreshment after which Branch Comradeship would be conducted, this month by K. Kearns which would be Play Your Cards Right.*

Branch Chairman: - "Is it your wish that these minutes be recorded as correct"?
***Approved / Not approved** *Delete as appropriate

Name: IAN M. BAKER **Signature:**  **Date:** 10/10/2026