

Royal British Legion
 Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes
 Friday 14th April 2023

Agenda Item:	Actions:
<p>Present: Chris Locke, Nancy Locke, Keith Biles, John Maskell-Bott, Sarah Maskell-Bott, Bob French, Tamsin Harris, Richard Hyslop. Mark Brooke, Jenny Clarke.</p>	
<p>Apologies: Tim Mean, Becky Rees.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	All
<p>Matters Arising: Chris Locke said he hadn't spoken to Phyl Rendell; it would be obvious why from his Chairman's report which is recorded below.</p> <p>With regard to a recce to Polar Sea Fish, there's a further update in the Chairman's Report.</p> <p>It was confirmed that unfortunately the Branch has not arrange anything for CBFs leaving period. However CBF did forward a nice letter to the committee, which has been circulated.</p>	
<p>Chairman's Report: Chris Locke reported that he'd had a productive meeting with Colin Summers regarding the Poppy Inn. There may be a way forward but too early to say at the moment. However, Chris said it was clear the MLA's have washed their hands of the matter, which is a great shame. Dave Lewis had written to the MLA's and received a reply from Leona saying they couldn't help.</p> <p>CL said the UK National AGM for the RBL is in Torquay this year on the 17/18 of May and as he's</p>	Chris

<p>Nancy Locke updated the committee about the lady visiting to scatter the ashes of her brother. She and Jenny Clarke took the RBL Standard to the beach for the scattering of the ashes and Nancy reported that it was a very moving occasion. The lady sprinkled her brother's ashes on waterline and the waves gently took him out to sea. She said it was a good liaison between the RBL and Liberty Lodge. Chris Locke is going to email the Lodge whenever there's an event at the Poppy Inn to make sure any guests are aware.</p> <p>Sarah Maskell-Bott said she's met a man at RAF Brize Norton who she approached because he looked so anxious. He was an '82 veteran. She said they'd seen him since his visit and he's very grateful for the time he spent, including attending the Poppy Ball. The visit has apparently transformed him. He's now content and CL add that it's a good example of why we need a proper solution to the future for the Poppy Inn.</p> <p>Richard Hyslop said that the weekend before last he attended the South Atlantic Medal Association AGM in Swindon. Membership has increased by over 400 in 40th anniversary year. He said it was a great weekend and very positive. He's now very busy supporting people heading over to the UK for the Coronation.</p>	<p>Chris Locke</p>
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Friday 12th May – 17.30 Falkland time, 21.30 UK time.</p>	<p>All</p>