



Branch No: 1453

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Windermere Branch held on **16th July 2026** at the Elleray Hotel, Cross Street. Windermere commencing at 7pm.

Members Present

Adrian G Faulkner (AF) – Chair
Penny Aubrey (PA)
David Howarth (DH)

Ged McGuire (GM) - Treasurer
Ian Perry (IP) - Secretary

Welcome

The Chair welcomed those assemble, gave the 'Exhortation' and asked for a minutes silence for our fallen heroes.

Apologies

Phil Watson (Vice-Chair) (PW)

Correspondence

IP Reported nothing to deal with.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st May 2026 were agreed by those present.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

GM reported that Joanne McNamara was coming over to help him with the year end accounts as it was his first year.

Armed Forces Day

It was reported that the day started off quietly but picked up later on and was overall an amazing success raising £228. This was split between £99 on the Toucan app as a card reader was not available and £199 on the tombola and the football scratch card. Thanks go to IP, GM, AF and volunteer Barney. Thanks are also extended to the stewardess of the Windermere Social Club for the gift of the football scratch card. Last but not least, very grateful thanks go to 'mine hosts' at The Elleray Hotel without whom the event would not have taken place.

Standard Bearer Training

Standard Bearer (SB) training is still ongoing. Edgar Holme was asked to act as SB at Sue Lever's funeral (should it be held in church) as he has had the relevant training.

Poppy Appeal

PA offered to compile the rota for Booths and Lakeland Ltd. IP handed out information on the prices of this years' wreath and explained the new system for ordering badges.

There followed a discussion to ascertain further outlets for the poppy boxes – Windermere Railway Station, Windermere Lake Cruises. AF to investigate and IP to confirm the dates for the Poppy appeal.

Memorial Bench – Update



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AF reported that the bench on the top tier at the War Memorial could be possibly replaced. The Branch is very limited as to what it can spend the legacy money on. AF to contact the Windermere and Bowness Town Council.

Christmas Market

This is ongoing with IP sharing an email he had received from the Westmorland and Furness Council regarding road closures and awaits their reply.

The fall back scenario would be for it to be held in the Beer Garden of The Elleray Hotel.

Items for next Committee Meeting

Nothing as yet!

A.O.B

IP reported that the RBL had set up a 'members only page' on Facebook and any member can join it.

Closing Remarks

The Chair closed the meeting by 'thanking' everyone for their attendance. e brink of closure we now seem to be going from strength to strength." He concluded the meeting with the 'Kohima.

NOTE

The next Committee Meeting would be held on the 10th September 2026 (7pm) at The Elleray Hotel and the Branch AGM on the 10th November 2026 in the Windermere Social Club. Both meetings commencing at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 20:45.

Least We Forget

Ian Perry – Secretary, Royal British Legion, Windermere Branch