

Royal British Legion

Falkland Islands Branch

Committee Meeting Minutes

9th October 2026

Agenda Item:	Actions:
Present: Chris Locke (CL), Keith Biles (KB), Mark Brook (MB), Marion Chandler (MC), Jenny Clarke (JC), Lesley Moorey (LM), Hogs Hegarty (HH),	
Apologies: John Maskell Bott (JMB), Sarah Maskell-Bott SMB), Richard Hyslop (RH), Dennis Cheetham (DC), Bob French (BF)	
Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.	
Matters Arising: None	
Chairman's Report: CL said it was good to be back in the islands, had been at the Tower of London and laid a wreath at the Falklands Memorial, along with the Captain from the Sir Galahad on Merchant Navy Day. The QR stickers are now available and these will take people to the RBL's membership site. CL said that he had been talking with Micky in the UK who is the overseas engagement officer (OEM), and is now back online with the RBL community email and has access to the portal. Simon Browning has approached CL for a wreath for South Georgia for Remembrance Sunday.	CL & MB
Vice-Chairman's Report: MB stated that the fundraising Gizzits are now here, all tins and lapel pins have been sent up to MPA. We now have new tins, and blue and white lanyards, which there is plenty of as they have sent everything which was request plus extra. There are now RBL pens but these are not available yet. MB to liaise with the merchandise team in the UK to enquire about a special lapel pin to mark the 45 th Anniversary next year, and if necessary, he will discuss with Micky (OEM).	MB

<p>There was a discussion regarding the contactless payment system which the RBL has set up for the Poppy Appeal, however, concerns were raised that this would go into a central fund and that we would have no way of knowing how much the branch had raised and how safe was it to use. At the present time, it has been decided not to use it.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report: JC has had a Teams meeting with Micky (OEM), and discussed the byelaws, online voting portal for the AGM and general things. Aiming to have the Byelaws back from Mickey in time for the AGM. JC has also made crocheted poppies brooches for the poppy appeal and wooden keyrings.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Received invoices from Committee members for items for Poppy Ball, Ikea has been paid and have invoices for RJI and printshop to pay. The accounts have been given to Alison Barker – still awaiting to her back from her as these were submitted in August. Payments for wreaths will now go straight into the Poppy Appeal Account.</p>	<p>HH to chase</p>
<p>Welfare Report: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>AOB: Poppy Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitie will sponsor the Laundry and Port • FIC community team will sponsor welcome drinks and would also like a photo taken • Tickets have been printed • Napkins and candles are here • Items for table decorations are here • Candelabras will need to be cleaned • Ian Barnes will do the last post • Lee Martin has said he will help with moving the tables from the FIDF hall • Smokey 42 can't do the event to source another band • There has been a donation of a set of welsh slate coasters for the raffle • Licence for bar obtained • Order has been placed for the bar stock, MB has approached the archery club to run the bar, but is still awaiting a response from them 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town hall agreement signed for stewards and fire wardens and sent to Trudi • Governor and partner have been invited but are unsure if able to attend at present • Theme for ball will be the 15th anniversary of the end of OP TELIC <p>Poppy Appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tins are here and merchandise • Tins to go out at the end of the month <p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date set for Friday 4th December 2026 • Venue will be the Malvina Meeting room, booked from 6pm with AGM due to commence at 6.30 pm • Will hopefully have online voting system in place for overseas voters and those unable to attend 	
<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Friday 4th December 2026 in Malvina Meeting Room as this will be the AGM</p>	