

Royal British Legion
 Falkland Islands Branch
Committee Meeting Minutes
 6th February 2026

Agenda Item:	Actions:
<p>Present:</p> <p>Chris Locke (CL), Keith Biles (KB), Bob French (BF), Mark Brook (MB), John Maskell Bott (JMB), Sarah Maskell-Bott SMB), Marion Chandler (MC), Hegg Hegarty (HH), Jenny Clarke (JC), Lesley Moorey (LM).</p>	
<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Richard Hyslop (RH)</p>	
<p>Minutes of the last meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>CL – NL has offered to contact Penguin News to place a monthly advert promoting the social evenings.</p> <p>CL – Has tried to contact Marcus Morrison about the raft race, but has not yet been successful.</p> <p>HH – Has not yet contacted the NAAFI Manager; further information will be given in AOB.</p> <p>JC – Has contacted PWD regarding the Town Hall for the Tea Dance in May; unfortunately, the 16th was already booked, but Saturday, the 9th, was available and is now booked.</p> <p>JC – Has contacted the treasury; a licence is required if we wish to hold a bingo evening.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p> <p>HH</p>
<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>CL has received an email from CBFSAI, who would be delighted to serve as the Branch President during his tenure at BFSAI. He is also happy to attend one of our social evenings to have a fireside chat. CL will invite him to the social on the 10th of April.</p> <p>CL has a friend whose brother was on Sir Galahad; while visiting the islands, he laid a wreath in his honour and visited other</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>

<p>memorials with CL. CL will be laying an RBL wreath with them next week.</p> <p>CL's meeting with HE The Governor next week has been moved to the 16th of February at 2 pm. MC will also attend the meeting. CL, MB, JC and HH have all received emails from the new MEO. CL has already replied to him.</p>	<p>MC & CL</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman's report:</p> <p>MB has received an invoice from SAAS for the container transfer, and it has been passed to HH for payment.</p> <p>MB has sold one of the fridges for £50; the proceeds have been deposited into the accounts, and the TV and DVD player have been donated to the Scout Group. The other items remain in the building.</p> <p>A donation of £100 has been received from Lee and Lisa Martin following the Burns night celebration. HH will send a thank-you letter on behalf of the branch.</p> <p>MB has contacted the organiser of the Poppy Appeal, and details of items that will be available will be distributed around April. The school packs are no longer available, but MB will be able arrange items for the schools. He is also going to use this contact to enquire after an alternative to the one that he cannot get.</p> <p>MB said that we will need to require candles for the next Poppy Ball and asked if we wanted to purchase our own linen napkins, rather than to continue borrowing from Falklands Conservation.</p> <p>LM said she was happy to research the price and other details of Napkins.</p> <p>MB said that he was unable to source a sponsor last year for the laundry charge from the Poppy Ball. He had enquired whether it would be possible to have the laundry done at MPA.</p> <p>Unfortunately, at that time the laundry was not in use, but enquiries will be made prior to the next ball.</p>	<p>HH</p> <p>MB</p> <p>LM</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>The following invoices have been paid: The Print Shop and Penguin News.</p>	

<p>HH had just received the Invoice from SAAS and the donation from Lisa and Lee Martin.</p> <p>The accounts stand as:</p> <p>There has been a further deposit from Poppy tins added to the account.</p> <p>HH has also contacted the MEO regarding what forms are required when sending monies back to the Poppy appeal.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>JC has created a spreadsheet containing the email addresses of all members we are aware of. JC will also contact the MEO to request an official list of the branch's members.</p> <p>JC apologised for not changing the information in the Penguin News; she will get this done in the next week.</p> <p>JC said that the information on the website must be working as she had received an email from Angela Lord, who is a member of a branch in the UK, that her and several other members of the committee will be in Stanley on the 18th of February. It is suggested that we meet at the Waterfront at 4 pm and ask all members whether anyone wants to meet them.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>
<p>Welfare Report:</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>AOB:</p> <p>MB – Has received an email from Stanley Sports Association (SSA) regarding the use of the racecourse bar. They have asked that the request be made in writing, requesting the use of the bar. Following the discussion, it has been identified that there may be issues with using the bar, including obtaining licences, storing products, and the condition of the bar. It was also noted that it would not be possible to display any plaques or similar items.</p> <p>MB suggested arranging another meeting with members of the SSA to discuss further.</p> <p>MB – A property on Hebe Street has become available for rent for a business. It was agreed to enquire how much the rent would be before any decisions were made. (Following the meeting, JC thought it might not be an ideal property because it is in the</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

middle of a residential area, there is no parking, and it is quite small.)

MC – Attended Burns night at MPA and met CBF and DIO, and they had said that they wanted to be more involved with the RBL and had offered the use of the Officers' Mess for a function. MC and her husband invited others to the social in February, and several did attend.

CL said he would like to strengthen the link with MPA, and JC mentioned they were having an open day on the 22nd of March, which would be a good opportunity to enquire about having a stand to raise awareness of the RBL. CL and other members thought this would be a good idea, and they will contact the CLO to find out if it is possible.

JC

JC will also source materials for handing out from the RBL website and enquire with the Print Shop about the cost of printing items.

JC

JC suggested asking the Warrah workshop for costings to create a new clothing logo.

JC

HH has yet to contact the NAAFI manager at MPA but will hopefully do so this month.

HH

LM met the Mayor of Exeter and several other veterans from a cruise ship recently, who said they tried to contact someone at the RBL but were unable to reach anyone. CL has asked BF to check the information on the website.

RB

KB suggested creating a poster to display at the Jetty Centre with the RBL's contact details. CL said that he would investigate this.

CL

LM said there are quite a few veterans staying at Liberty Lodge and asked whether we should include them on the mailing list. All members agreed that this would be a good idea.

JC

MC said that the minutes of the last AGM has not yet been circulated. CL thought that they had been and will look into this.

CL

Date and time of the next meeting:

6th March 2026 at 6.15 pm