Windermere Royal British Legion Branch

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 18th November 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT		**ABBREVIATION**
Adrian Faulkner	Acting Branch Chair	AF
Ian Perry	Branch Secretary	IP
Phil Watson	Branch Treasurer	PW
Joanne McNamara	Membership Engagement Officer	JM
Branch Members	Recorded on a separate log	
APOLOGIES		
Members:	David Howarth Mrs Calvert-Thomson Mr & Mrs Davis Mrs Patricia Richards	
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ITEM		**ACTION**
1.	**Welcome**. AF thanked everyone for giving up their time to attend the Branch Annual General Meeting and welcomed them to Windermere Social Club.	
1.1	AF introduced himself as the Interim Branch Chair and notified the meeting a little of his background. AF also introduced JM to the meeting as the Membership Engagement Officer who was present at the meeting to support the Branch.	
1.2	Gratitude was paid to both Ian Perry and Phil Watson for their efforts in holding the Branch together.	
2.	**Exhortation**. The meeting was formally opened with the Exhortation.	
3.	**Apologies for Absence**. Apologies for absence were received and accepted on behalf of those mentioned above.	
4.	**Minutes of the SGM**. The meeting was reminded that an SGM was held on 13th May 2025 in an attempt to get the Branch back up and running as no previous AGM had been held.	
4.1	After the Minutes were read out, they were Proposed by Phil Watson and Seconded by Ged Maguire as being a true and accurate record. There were no objections.	
5.	**Matters Arising**. There were no matters arising.	
6.	**Adoption of Accounts**. As the Branch Treasurer, Phil Watson was invited to address the meeting to present the annual Branch Accounts. The following points were noted: - Branch started the financial year on 1st July 2024 with £1,076.09 in the	

	Bank, £8,853.90 in the BFI Fund at Head Office and £50.00 Petty Cash. - BFI Fund is the equivalent to our Branch Saving Account that is held by Head Office in London and generates a 2% interest rate. - Income received comes from £184.74 for BFI interest and £150.00 compensation from Barclays Bank. This was in respect of the hassle and time Richard Glenister spent in proving that the Branch was genuine and connected to the RBL. - There has been no expenditure throughout the year due to being dormant. - The financial year concluded on 30th June 2025 with £1,226.09 in the Bank, £9,038.64 in the BFI Fund and £50.00 Petty Cash. - The Branch has a Legacy Trust left by Mrs Wallace with a balance of £135,602.78. - The Branch are still in the process of closing the Barclays Bank Account and opening up a new Account with Lloyds.	
6.1	It was Proposed by Penny Aubrey and Seconded by Ged Maguire that the Accounts be adopted as a true record. There were no objections.	
7.	**Election of Branch Officers**. On seeking nominations for the Branch Officer positions for a tenure of 3 years, the following was forthcoming: • Branch Chair: Adrian Faulkner Proposed by Phil Watson Seconded by Sid Willcox • Branch Vice Chair: Phil Watson Proposed by Penny Aubrey Seconded by Ged Magure • Branch Treasurer: Ged Maguire Proposed by Phil Watson Seconded by Ian Perry • Branch Secretary: Ian Perry Proposed by Phil Watson Seconded by Penny Aubrey	
8.	**Election of Branch Committee**. On seeking nominations for Branch Committee Members for a tenure of 1 year, the following was forthcoming: • Penny Aubrey Proposed by Ian Perry Seconded by Phil Watson • David Howarth Proposed by Ged Maguire Seconded by Phil Watson	
9.	**Election of Branch Delegate**. Rather than seek a volunteer to be the Branch Delegate at County and National meetings, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance and to discuss at a later Committee Meeting.	
10.	**Motions for County Conference**. On asking the meeting if anyone has a matter they wish to put forward as a Motion to County Conference and following a small discussion, Ged Maguire made a suggestion that the metal pins used during Poppy Appeal be changed to safety pins. Following further discussion, it was stated that this matter can be considered for next year.	

11.	**Nominations for County Vice Chair and County Committee Members**. Rather than seek volunteers for the roles of County Vice Chair and County Committee Members, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance until next year.	
12.	**Review of Last Year's Activities**. On reviewing the past year, AF gave the following summary: - Main focus has been getting the Branch revived following the Branch SGM in May 2025. - Branch has had a promotional stand at the Marchesi Centre. - Remembrance Parade and Service was well supported. - Phil Watson and Ged Maguire were present at the Cenotaph on Armistic Day where a wreath was laid.	
13. 13.1	**Suggested Activities for the Forthcoming Year**. Looking to the year ahead, AF expressed the following intentions: - To get the Branch fully up and running with the next meeting to be held in January/February. - Ensure the Branch has a fully trained Standard Bearer for next Remembrance. - To parade the Union Flag. At this point, a discussion ensued regarding possible events and activities that the Branch could hold from regular Branch socials and Quiz nights to Games nights, and attending local community events and having a promotional stand.	
14.	**Open Forum**. On asking the meeting if there are any issues they wish to raise the following points were noted: - Outstanding expenses to the previous Chair for the purchase of a laptop and printer must be honoured. - Appointment of a Branch Standard Bearer is to be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. - Branch can use its funds to provide the Standard Bearer with a uniform and equipment required. - Queries were forthcoming raised regarding use of funds from the Legacy Trust. JM stated that funds can be used to support the objectives of the RBL and new strategy which is to support and connect with the Armed Forces community and for Remembrance. It was agreed to discuss this matter in more detail at the next Committee Meeting - Branch activities are to be put on the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting. - An enquiry was made as to how much it costs to produce the Poppy Appeal pin badges. JM stated that she didn't know the exact figure but could try to find out and guessed that it was pennies rather than pounds.	
15.	**Close Meeting**. On addressing the meeting, AF thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Kohima Epitaph.	