



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); James Nylan (JN); Rachel Love (RL); Phil Cohen (PC)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dan Joyce (DJ); James Nylan (JN); Jim Savage (JS); Jason McCoubrey (JM); Shane Harle (SH); Paul Clark (PC2); Bob Hare (BH);
<b>Not Present:</b>	

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### Agenda for June's Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Members Present/Absent
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Communications
5. Social Events
6. Any other Business

- 1.0 Meeting commenced at 20.00hrs AP gave the act of remembrance. This is the first Branch Meeting back face to face and it is great to see Members for the first time in what seems ages.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from DJ, JM, JN, TW, PC2, BH. PW reminded Members of the sad passing of Mick Budding at the age of 81 years old. Mick was a Secretary of the Branch and PW's predecessor. He was a dear friend to the Branch and attended all functions prior to him emigrating to Spain.
- 3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting – No minutes have been prepared from the previous meeting, although the presentation has been shared on Facebook
- 4.0 Communications – PW stated that following an idea from JN, that the Branch communications have been forwarded to all Branch Members on the Branch Messenger Group. They will also be placed on the Facebook Page, and attached in Annex 1 to these minutes.
  - 4.1 Queries from the published communications – Remembrance Sunday Tickets. SR asked whether the Branch was submitting applications for tickets or if they should be done individually? PW stated that either way is fine.
- 5.0 Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:
  - 5.1 Summer BBQ – Need to speak to JW to see if he is able to host a BBQ.

- 5.2 Annual Dinner – as previously agreed, no Annual Dinner in 2021
- 5.3 Christmas Dinner – We agreed that we would keep an eye on events and decide later in the year if this will be possible.
- 5.4 Ad Hoc meet ups – PW stated that as pubs are now open, there's no reason why ad-hoc pub meetings. If anyone wants to set one up, please let members know on the Messenger Group.
- 6.0 Project 2022
- 6.1 PW stated that he had been in contact with the Royal Station Hotel and had received the following response regarding the question as to whether the Illegal Immigrants currently staying in the hotel would still be there at the time of the Annual Reunion 2022:  
*Thankyou for your email.*
- The inhouse guests that we currently have will have departed by the time your event comes around.*
- If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to call.*
- 6.2 Deadlines – CivPol requires 12 month notice for the event, this has now expired. Can PC jump on this soonest?
- 6.3 Hull Minster booking – PW will confirm that the Minster is booked.
- 6.4 Planning Meeting – New venue contact. We should arrange a meeting with her as soon as possible, if Project 2022 committee members could let me know when they are available on a Saturday morning in June (except 11<sup>th</sup> June).
- 7.0 Any Other Business –
- 7.1 AGM – PW confirmed that the next Branch Meeting held in July will be the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. The agenda for which has been included below.
- 7.2 D Day Remembrance – A parade and short service will be held at the Hull War Memorial on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00hrs.
- 7.3 RL stated that Joe Shepherd is in Hospital in London with a heart problem. The Branch sends its best wishes for a speedy recovery
- 7.4 PW made members aware of the NIVA Parade to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the National Memorial Arboretum.
- 7.5 RL stated how lovely it is to see members in the flesh!
- 8.0 The time being 20.46hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 20.00hrs at the Hop Pole Hotel, Kingston Rd, Willerby, Hull, HU10 6LN. Members as usual, can meet up from 18.00hrs for food and drink.

## **Agenda for The Annual General Meeting**

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of The AGM 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Treasurers Report
8. Retirement & Election of Officers
  - 8.1. President
  - 8.2. Vice President
  - 8.3. Chairman
  - 8.4. Secretary
  - 8.5. Treasurer
  - 8.6. CESA Rep (Council of Ex-service Association)
  - 8.7. Standard Bearer
  - 8.8. Corps Journal Correspondent
  - 8.9. Web Master
9. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
10. Matters Arising.
11. Communications
12. Reports
  - 12.1. CESA
  - 12.2. Standard Bearer
13. Social Events
14. Project 2020
15. Any Other Business
16. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

## Communications Received – May 2021

### Forward

Following a suggestion from Jim Nylam, the Branch will publish communications received in advance of the meeting. This will allow for 'Any Questions' from the communications to be discussed.

1. Email received from Northern Ireland Branch:

**From:** John Walker NI Branch

**Sent:** 11 May 2021 13:58

**Subject:** RMPA NI. URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

*Our member John O'Leary is suffering from dementia and recently underwent a course of treatment for an unrelated problem at Lagan Valley Hospital Lisburn. Shortly after his discharge his family discovered that a number of items of clothing and a wristwatch had been stolen. The wristwatch meant a lot to John as it was presented to him by 39 Bde Sgts' mess to celebrate 25 years of honorary membership. To date he has not been told it is missing to avoid heartache.*

*Unfortunately a photo of the watch is unavailable but his wife (who is 90) **describes it as a gold watch, with a gold band, probably Swiss made and has his name inscribed on the back. She cannot recall if there is any other inscription, which there probably is.** Although ex REME John is a long time member of our branch and will be well known to many retired members of RMP worldwide who served in the province.*

***Could I ask please that this information is sent to all our members in the event that if they visit social media selling sites they are aware of this stolen watch, and if seen inform us immediately. You will recall that another member whose house was burgled and his medals were stolen was able to retrieve them when they appeared for sale on social media.***

*Regards*

*John/Tanky*

2. Email received from Stewart Leech – National Secretary RMPA:

**Stewart - National secretary**

*Fri, May 14,  
9:24 AM*

*Good morning all*

*The British Korean Society are looking to hold commemoration events as outlined below, if we have any Veterans of that conflict who wish to be included then please let me know asap.*

*Stewart*

*"Exemplo Ducemus"*

## *The Korean War*

*Lest we forget.*

*Yet another forgotten war anniversary is upon us in the form of the 70th Anniversary of the conflict in Korea June 1950 – July 1953, where over 100,000 British service personnel were involved with 1078 never coming back, a further 2674 were wounded and 1060 were reported missing or taken prisoner.*

*Many of those that returned were simply demobbed and asked to return to their normal lives, sadly without any recognition. In order to recognise and address those that fought and died and those who still live with the memories there is to be a commemoration of what they stood for and what they did for us on the **24th June 2021**.*

*On that day, the British Korean Society will hold an event at the National Army Museum (NAM), in the presence of a Senior Royal. The activities there can be joined online by Veterans and relatives with stories alongside their old comrades who can link either from their own homes, or from participating Army Museums. Every effort will be taken with regard to social distancing for those that may well be of an age.*

3. Email received from Stewart Leech – National Secretary RMPA:

**Stewart - National secretary**

Sat, May 15, 3:50  
PM

**All Branch Secretaries for distribution please**

*The RBL have again commenced the rather optimistic task of organising the RS events this year, the Association has been allocated 75 tickets.*

*Please get the info out to all members asap, those volunteering should do so directly to Bob Potts as per the form attached please.*

*I will publicise it on FB in due course.*

Details in Annex A

4. An email was received from Stewart Leech – National Secretary RMPA

*Morning All*

*Last year the following were allocated places to the RHC Founders day.*

*As per my previous email a limited and reduced event is to be held at the RHC on Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.*

*The Association has been allocated 8 tickets this time around,*

*It is my intent subject to you all confirming to nominate as follows:*

Mr James (Jim) **Nylan** Secretary West Yorkshire Branch

Miss Jean **Butler** West Yorkshire Branch

Mr Peter Branch	<b>Watson</b>	Secretary Hull & East Riding
Ms Donna	<b>Groom</b>	Guest <b>Hull Branch</b>
Mr Stewart A	<b>Leach MBE</b>	National Secretary RMPA
Mrs Pauline S	<b>Leach</b>	Guest

Plus two from Derby Branch (Kath I will need Full names, DOB, POB, Address and phone and email contacts please

Please let me know asap as I have to get returns back to RHQ by end of play 30<sup>th</sup> May

*Stewart*

5. A email was received from Stewart Leech – National Secretary RMPA

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021 the Association Trustees met via virtual means to hold a formal meeting, all were present with the exception of Colonel Rob Morris RMPAGC who had given notice of his absence due to a family bereavement.

The Trustees were delighted to have in attendance WO1 Danny Coombes the Provost Sergeant Major, who proffered the apologies of the PM(A).

The meeting was opened with the Association and Trustees Chair making reference to the death of HRH Th Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh, I have attached a copy (Annex A) of the note of condolence that was sent to HMQ on behalf of the Association.

The Chair and Secretary made brief reports to the Trustees.

The Pro SM gave a informative overview of the Corps and its current and recent past deployments, copy attached at Annex B, the Trustees will indeed be taking the point raised of recognition further in due course.

The Treasurer reported that the financial over view.

There then followed a mandatory action as follows:-

**Nomination of Officers and Trustees:**

The Chair then took the lead

Re-election of Officers as follows

- a. of Secretary (Rule 5.1.5) Mr. SA Leach MBE Proposed by RCS seconded by BP
- b. of Treasurer (Rule 5.1.6) Mr. RH Campbell – Smith Proposed by the Secretary seconded by GW
- c. of Joy Eggelton as Admin Secretary (Rule 5.2.3) Proposed by BP seconded by AM

**All above were uncontested and thus appointed.** The Chair thanked all concerned for continuing in their roles. He then handed back to the Secretary who reminded the Trustees that proposals for election or re-election of Trustees should be made prior to the Meeting. He then went on to say that ST had mentioned his desire to take on the role of Secretary to the Trustees in due course. The secretary stated that he is happy to continue for the next twelve months.

The main highlights of the rest of the meeting were that the amongst other business the following resolutions were put together to be brought to the membership:-

## Proposed Rule Changes

**Rule 3** Currently reads

"The following are eligible for membership of the Association on application in a form required by the Trustees and approved by them.

3.1 All who are serving or have served in the Adjutant General's Corps (Royal Military Police).

3.2 All who have served in the Corps of Royal Military Police or its antecedent Corps.

3.3 All who have held appointments as Provost Officers or have been seconded as Officers to the Corps of Royal Military Police.

3.4 All who have served as Officers or Other Ranks in the Auxiliary Territorial Service\* (Provost) or Women's Royal Army Corps (Provost).

Proposal by the Secretary is to add the following:

\* This includes those who have or do serve in the Reserve or TAVR / TA Adjutant General's Corps of Royal Military Police as applicable to 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 above.

Seconded Bob Potts

**Carried** as agreed by all.

The Secretary then stated that the current Rule 6 does not perhaps allow for the conduct of Meetings via a virtual means it reads as follows:

*6.1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Association must hold an AGM in every year to which all Members are entitled to attend and shall:.....*

*The proposal is that the Rule be amended to read as follows: -*

That this rule be clarified and submitted to the members at an AGM as follows:

*6.1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Association must hold an AGM in every year to which all Members are entitled to attend, **either physically or virtually using technology as required and desired and shall: etc***

Proposed by the Secretary

Seconded by GW

**Carried** all in agreement

The current Rule on National Reunions reads as follows

### **11.1 National Reunion.**

*"There shall be a National Reunion of the Association hosted once in a 5-year period by the Depot Branch based at the designated home of the RMP (currently Southwick Park in Hampshire) and in the intervening years, hosted by a Branch of the Association elsewhere annually. The Trustees are to consider bids and agree the venue. The Trustees should wherever possible agree in advance, the venues for a 5-year cycle in order to enable the 'Depot Branch' to place it in any program of events and to forewarn the relevant authorities".*

Proposal is that the rule be changed to reflect a need perhaps that more than one Branch may "team up" to host a reunion, this he feels would perhaps be less onerous and burdensome on smaller Branches, the Rule should be reworded as follows:

*Proposed by the Secretary on behalf of Mr Raymond Spence of NI Branch*

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*Seconded BP*

**Carried** all in agreement

## Trustees Rules 5

That Rule 5 be changed, to reflect the thoughts that the two differing types of Trustees are no longer required i.e., Nominated and Elected.

That the three Nominated Trustees now become "Elected" but should be drawn from volunteers who

- must reside in each of the three devolved areas
- are Members of a Branch within that region.

This would simplify terms of Trustees to all run on similar and equitable lines (England being then afforded the same status as the devolved areas and vice versa)

### **Rule 5.3.1 would be shelved!**

Currently

5.3.3 *Elected Four (4) Trustees Members, after being nominated and seconded in writing by the Membership and having agreed to stand, are to be elected at an AGM by simple majority vote. Where there are two or more nominations for the vacant position the election is to take place by secret ballot until a consensus is achieved.*

It would read

5.3.3 *Trustees, after being nominated and seconded in writing by the Membership and having agreed to stand, are to be elected at an AGM by simple majority vote. Where there are two or more nominations for the vacant position the election is to take place by secret ballot until a consensus is achieved.*

Terms of office currently reads

7.1.3 *Nominated Trustees shall hold their appointment for no more than 3 years. Elected Trustees will be elected for an initial period of two years after which they can offer themselves for re-election under the one third rule below.*

It would simply read as follows:

7.1.3 Excepting rules 5.2.1 and 5.2.2. above where time in office is limited to 5 years, Trustees will be elected for an initial period of 2 years, after which they may offer themselves for re-election on the two thirds rule below. No Trustee will serve for more than 8 years in one period, following which a break from office of 2 years must be made.

### **7.1.5 would be shelved**

Proposed by the Secretary

Carried

The above proposals will come to the membership for consideration at an AGM.

In addition the Trustees were able to agree on giving the treasurer the necessary authorities to move the Association banking on a further stage by applying for a debit card and deposit card, on the advice of the Association Bankers.

The Trustees discussed many differing aspects of their role and duties in looking after for the membership the Association, in accordance with their mandate, much of which will be communicated to the membership in the coming weeks by way of either updates from myself via email or a hoped for virtual gathering of a group of Branch members to be promulgated very soon.

Attached for you information is a copy of the note of condolence sent to Her Majesty upon the death of The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh also attached is a reply from Her Majesty by way of her Personal Secretary.

As we proceed through the next few weeks as stated more will come to light as to some of the actions discussed.

Please note that in 2022 there will be a need for at least two new Trustees to join the "board" so to speak, we are particularly looking for someone to be the lead on the engagement of and with the WRAC Pro element of our former serving Corps.

It would be churlish of me to say that the meeting at just under 4 hours in duration was not without healthy debate and discussions, all in an effort that the Association go forward in the best possible way into the future whilst acknowledging our valuable past.

More as time goes on

*Stewart*

Annex A

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**CENOTAPH PARADE RMPA INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION, SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

RMP Association Membership Number.

Regimental Number (When Serving).

Rank (When Serving)

Dates of Service. From. To.

Forenames:

Surname:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Current Home Address. (Tickets will be sent to this address)

Telephone Number:

E-Mail address:

By signing this notification I agree that the Royal British Legion may keep my details in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Signed:

Date:

**Form to be posted or emailed as an attachment to Bob Potts.**

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