



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Members Present: Bob Hare (BH); Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Shane Harle (SH); Rachel Love (RL); Jon Wild (JW); Paul DeLay (PD);

Apologies: Jason McCoubrey (JM); Phil Cohen (PC); Dan Joyce (DJ); Jim Savage (JS); Paul Clark (PC2); James Nylan (JN);

Not Present:

Agenda for August 2021 Meeting

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Communications
6. Reports
 - 6.1. CESA
 - 6.2. Standard Bearer
 - 6.3. Corps Journal Correspondent
7. Social Events
8. Any Other Business
9. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

1. Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received JM, SR, PC, JS, DJ, DK
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – There are no minutes from the previous meeting as a quorum was no present.
4. Matters arising –
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA –
 - 6.11 REME Association to hold Remembrance Service at Sunday 5th December at St. Mary's Church, Watton.
 - 6.12 Veterans Xmas event organised by Hull4Heroes at the Club Comedy Lounge Hull, Sat 4th December £10 incl Buffet. Tickets from www.hull4heroes.co.uk
 - 6.13 RE Association Xmas Dinner 3rd December Lodge Beverley £25 per person, returns by 18th November.
 - 6.2 Standard Bearer – Not paraded during October.

7. Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:
 - 7.1 Christmas Dinner – We agreed that we would keep an eye on events and decide later in the year if this will be possible.
 - 7.2 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.
8. Project 2022
 - 8.1 Update from ANP – Hotel, we believe that there are still some immigrants in situ at the Hotel. We need to arrange a meeting ASAP. PW to arrange.
 - 8.2 Church Service - ANP stated that we have secured the Holy Trinity Chapel. Zebedees yard is unfortunately in use that weekend, but the rear courtyard will be available to us. The is a cost of £250. PW & ANP to do Recce
 - 8.3 Welcome Packs - tba
 - 8.4 Raffle - tba
 - 8.5 Contact Humberside Police Band – Initial contact made by PC
 - 8.6 Aklams Coaches – PW to contact
 - 8.7 Padre – PW to contact
 - 8.8 1RMP – contact made with Col. John Alecock, CO 1RMP
 - 8.9 AFVBC – contact made with Derek Hardman
 - 8.10 Hull4Heroes – contact made with Paul Matson
 - 8.11 Meal Arrangements for those not staying at the hotel on the Friday evening, i.e. local members.
- 9 Any Other Business –
 - 9.1 Remembrance Sunday – Parade leaving Pease Street, 10.00hrs for 10.20hrs step off. RL to lay the wreath, which has been acquired by AS.
 - 9.2 Hessle Remembrance at 15.00hrs, but no parade. SH will be calling the town to remember on 11/11/21.
 - 9.3 Church Parade at London going ahead in 2022? PW will clarify.
 - 9.4 Monthly Raffle – PW stated that we haven't held a monthly raffle for a long time and we need the funds. Must start again.
 - 9.5 PW stated that it was really good to see PD and SH.
- 10 The time being 20.45hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December 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 December's Meeting

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

Communications Received – October 2021

1. An email was received from Stewart Leach as follows:

Good afternoon all Branch Secretaries

Over that past few weeks a discussion has taken place about the Journal and the Associations' part in it. Involved in those debates has been the Regimental Secretary as Managing editor, Stuart Mclean as Editor, Bob Egelton as Chair of the Association and myself.

As previously stated to you all in emails we were seeking to come up with a way forward to try and

- *Update the appearance of the Journal to the reader*
- *Get information and editorials included that are neither out of date or irrelevant in any way but informative*
- *Avoid repetition*
- *Of interest to the whole Association family – retired or serving – branch member or none branch member*
- *Still have some future research value when archived.*

During the pandemic I submitted as you know an overall view of what was happening and any updates (thanks to those who have commented on my efforts – positive or negative!)

The next Journal due out in December will start to look different and then we hope that by the first quarter of the new year we will have come up with at least a framework upon which to base subsequent editions.

For this upcoming edition notes were due in to the Editor by the 15th October – one or two branches have already submitted entries directly to him, if you have anything you wish to publish please do get hem to the editor and or myself by the 15th at the latest.

I was slightly disheartened not to have responses from the majority of branches, to those who did respond thank you, the lack of feedback has lead us to believe that the way forward is therefore open to "us" to interpret an instigate, based on the little feed back we did get.

Look out for the changes in the future.

Regards, Stewart.

2. An email was received from Stewart Leach as follows:

Morning all

Please see the string below in regard to Sean Taylor one of our Trustees having been recognised for his work.

*Congratulations to Sean may be sent direct to him at : 'Taylor, Sean'
Sean.Taylor@canaccord.com*

Sean says

"Winning this award is such an honour. I have never helped people in order to gain thanks in return. This is a direct result of being able to work with people who do incredible things, largely voluntary, across the entire Charity and Veteran sectors. This has been an immensely difficult time for everyone and a time that I believe we should just all help one another. In particular, 'Give Us Time' delivers respite to the families of the Armed Forces Community when they most need it and 'F4H' looks to guide veterans who need help taking control of tomorrow. I am absolutely delighted to accept this award in appreciation of all the good work that has been done – and there is still more to do."

I have passed on my congratulations to Sean as follows:-

Sean

I've not seen anything about it on social media I'm afraid, however, well done and congratulations.

I note that these awards were imported from the USA under the Bush Administration and are not generally well advertised as being available, which is perhaps why I for one have never come across such a thing I suspect.

Having had a look at past recipients, you appear to be in some very august company indeed.

I have taken the opportunity to copy the outline below for others.

I like the fact that nominations are indeed a thing for recipients to wonder about and from whom.

When is the award ceremony?

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTHS COMMUNICATIONS.