



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Members Present:** Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Jon Wild (JW);

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

**Not Present:** Bob Hare (BH); Paul Clark (PC2); Shane Harle (SH); Rachel Love (RL);

### Agenda for December 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 – ANP proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct. JW seconded.
4. Matters arising – None
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
  - 6.1 CESA –
    - 6.11 Ray Hincliffe who collapsed at the Remembrance Parade is feeling much better and wouldn't have been had it not been for direct intervention by our own Branch Chairman Andrew Nelson-Plews who assisted in his care.
  - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP carried the standard on both Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Remembrance Sunday.

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 – Not going to happen this year.
  - 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 Hotel, we believe that there are still some immigrants in situ at the Hotel. We need to arrange a meeting ASAP. PW to arrange.
    - 8.1.1 PW has sent an email and telephone message to the Area Manager of Britannia Hotels Simon Powell and he is awaiting a response.
    - 8.1.2 Members stated their worry of the lack of contact from the hotel. AS suggested that we make contact with Double Tree by Hilton as soon as possible to secure a fall back position.
    - 8.1.3 Menus – Need to discuss variations based on dietary intolerances.
  - 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
    - 8.2.1 Recce has taken place and we believe that this is a suitable venue.
    - 8.2.2 AS to arrange a cheque of £250 to be sent to the chapel.
  - 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.
  - 8.12 Additional Veterans Charities – JW stated that he would like the other veterans charities in the area to be represented at the event, such as Project Nova. PW stated that we could have a display board titled "What Hull Does For It's Veterans"
  - 8.13 Social Media – need to push social media engagement
  - 8.14 1 MP Brigade – JW stated that we need to push this to 1 MP Brigade so that they can push it down the chain of command.

9 Any Other Business –

- 9.1 Online Banking – AS stated that we need to have immediate access to online banking so that we are better able to track payments for the Reunion Dinner. AS & PW will complete the forms and return to the bank.

- 10 The time being 20.55hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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 January's Meeting**

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Communications Received – November 2021

1. An email was received from Lt. Col. J.R. Alecock, CO 1RMP as follows:

*Becca, (Maj. Rebecca Archer)*

*Another date for the diary where we as a unit can be proactive and offer support:*

*The 76th Royal Military Police Association Reunion is to take place between the 20th and 22nd May 2022 at The Royal Hotel, Kingston-Upon-Hull*

*If we can get the date in the forecast now and then after Christmas seek to confirm with the respective Branch if they would like us to do anything. There could be a hybrid demonstration with Regular and reserve personnel utilising current kit and equipment. A chance to highlight the current spectrum of activity undertaken by both 1 & 3 RMP.*

*The RMPA routinely appreciate support for these events and has the benefit of highlighting the value of the Association to our younger officers and soldiers.*

2. An email was received from the National Secretary as follows:

*Morning all Branch Secretaries*

*Obviously we are at what may be considered to be peak PR time for the Veterans World, and those in it, always at this time of year we fall in the spotlight being centre of the remembrance Events around the Country and wider afield.*

*Many Branch members are also of course keen and ardent RBL Members and Officers, who support actively the annual Poppy Appeal on behalf of the RBL by standing in the streets and supermarkets encouraging the purchase of a Poppy for a small donation. Many others will attend local and national based events over the weekend, standards will undoubtedly be paraded.*

*Please send photos and associated backgrounds to Bob Eggelton for inclusion in his next Newsletter post RS.*

*We will the simply perhaps include subsequently an overview of such activity in the next Journal, but the newsletter being perhaps more contemporaneous is probably the best place to show what we have done for and in support of the RBL.*

*Regards*

3. An email was received from the National Chairman as follows:

*Good afternoon,*

*On the 25th October I sent out a request for an update in the key personalities of branches. To date only 17 secretaries have replied, not a very encouraging response. I appreciate that some of you are in employment but it would not take long to fulfill my request.*

*Looking forward to hearing from you if you have not yet replied and I thank those that have.*

*Bob*

4. An email was received from Stewart Leech

*Good afternoon all,*

*Please pass on as required to membership:-*

*I am delighted to inform you all that the NMA have confirmed with RHQ RMP that the Corps may hold its commemoration parade at our plot on Saturday 4th June 2022.*

*As soon as I get more on this I will of course update you all.*

*RHQ RMP (Reg Sec) is busy trying to fix a date now for the Tower of London Parade in support of St Peter Ad Vincular in February 2022, again once I have the info you shall be informed. (I believe that our London Branch is to arrange the Band for this occasion).*

*Taunton Somerset is to hold an Armed Forces Day on Saturday 2nd July 2022, all are welcome of course to attend this event, it will we hope feature march of our local based serving units through the town with 40 Commando RM lending their full weight to the occasion. More details from me if required by any members.*

*Please don't forget the Corps Day 23rd July 2022 at Southwick Park, as the arrangements move on hopefully we will be informed and updated.*

*If you have not already done so please get your reservations into Hull Branch for the Association AGM and reunion in May 2022 – remember this is the chance to meet up with faces old and new, have input into the Association – Rules (amendments and updates etc) Trustees – selection as well as being able to meet candidates for other roles such as Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary etc.*

*After the apparent success of this year's Remembrance weekend events - get Sunday 13th November 2022 pencilled in now as RS 2022 – lets see if we cant get a full quota next year for our Westminster Abbey parade on Saturday 12th and our part in the RBL Muster on the Sunday!*

*I say all of the above of course with my fingers and toes crossed hoping that we may get to them without any further interruption in the form of lockdowns and social distancing etc!*

*Take care all*

5. Steward Leech sent the following:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-soldier-transforming-the-british-army>

*The new and modern look to the British Army is unveiled today:*

*Yes Provost still have a role and yes they do feature – restructured but they feature.*

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTHS COMMUNICATIONS.