



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Members Present: Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS); Jon Wild (JW); Paul Calderwood (PW2); Bob Hare (BH); Rachel Love (RL); Jason McCoubrey (JM);

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

Not Present: Shane Harle (SH);

Agenda for February 2022 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 SR, PC, JS, DJ, DK, PC2.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – AS proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct. ANP seconded.
4. Matters arising – None
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – No details as meeting not attended.
 - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP carried the standard on both Thursday 11th 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 Annual Dinner – PW asked AS to speak to the Masonic Lodge for availability. JM asked whether we could do something a little less formal. Still have a meal, but then entertainment.
- 7.2 Christmas Dinner – JM suggested a fun event, for example a beer train. JM will look into it and report back.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 Race Day – At Pontefract and also at Beverley. PW to look in to.
- 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 ANP stated that he has received an email from the Operations Manager who stated that they are waiting to hear from the higher management. This does not fill us with faith.
 - 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. RH stated that The Village Hotel could be another option. PW to look at alternatives.
 - 8.1.3 Members were of the opinion that we need to start putting pressure on the Hotels.
 - 8.1.4 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 Falklands Memorial Weekend – 17/18/19/20th June. (this will replace the Veterans Weekend)
This will be all over Hull with the main focus on Princess Quay.
- 10 The time being 20.49hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 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 March’s Meeting

- 1. Remembrance
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Communications Received – January 2022

1. An email was received from Stuart Leach containing this years Personal Liability Insurance.
2. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding Branch Closures as follows:

Good afternoon all

I have been informed by two of our branches that they feel the time to "wind up" has arrived, they are South Yorkshire and Dorset Branches.

They are though not alone in experiencing problems with recruitment and support.

Both branches share a familiar problem in that the current committee along with the memberships are reaching an age where they should be able to sit back and relax, not have to worry about managing a branch, many members of which are in similar age groups suffering similar health concerns.

I take my hat off to all who have loyally supported our Association over the years, it has been in the main I think a thankless task where individual effort to support many has now perhaps been over looked.

I make no bones about my views on our perhaps younger broader Association membership, not stepping up and helping to take on the roles associated with running branches etc.

I have made pleas over the years and again today for people to come forward and join us, we shall see what comes.

I have respectfully asked both branches to hold off for a short time while we see what happens in answer to my pleas.

Again I thank you all, I salute you all, and I hope that the Association may overcome this current problem out of respect for those who have been the very backbone of the association in the past and those that continue to be so today.

3. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the RMPA SIB Dinner as follows:

Good afternoon all

Please find attached details appertaining to an invite to attend the SIB Branch Dinner 2022, this is open to all Association members.

Date 23rd April 2022

Venue is at Perry Barr Birmingham as per the details in the attachments.

Please see APPENDIX A

4. An email was received reminding Branches to send out their Annual Returns, financial etc.
5. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding Peter Jackson Esq - dead horse and donkey buyer

Good afternoon all

The following press statement has gone out this afternoon in regard to Mr Peter Jackson Otley Town Councillor who has fallen foul of the Walter Mitty Hunters Club. Mr Jackson is

currently out of the country but has since yesterday afternoon effectively tried to destroy his online profiles, however I and others have captured them prior to deletion.

On reading some of the WMHC back ground stuff it does appear that they have members of our Association who delight in feeding them snippets of information, one or two claiming to be former WOs in SIB and yet they feed in blatantly incorrect information themselves , strange world.

The statement was worked up by myself with then editorial to the Reg Sec.

See APPENDIX B

6. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding H.M. Tower of London parade 2022:
Good evening all

I am reminded that we appear to have a low response in regard to the Tower of London Parade 13th February 2022.

Those interested should apply asap to Sean Taylor at London Branch seanetaylor3130@gmail.com giving name initials and any guests names please, all further information form Sean direct please.

7. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding *For distribution please*

Dear Members,

HQ PM(A) has asked that the below / attached be circulated within the ex – RMP/RNP community to highlight ongoing recruitment in support of the professionalisation of RMP Policing training. The circular, which is sent on behalf of Skills for Justice (SfJ), is for the more recently retired, who have the appropriate skills.

Please read the attached and the below.

Context: New joiners to the RMP/RNP have undertaken a policing based apprenticeship since 2010. Due to Gov directed changes, apprenticeship formats have developed over recent years and since mid Jul 21 the RMP/RNP have been enrolled onto a new scheme – the Non Home Office Police Officers Apprenticeship. One of the differences with the new scheme is that the learners are formally assessed once they have completed all elements of the apprenticeship. The process is known as the End Point Assessment (EPA) and it is delivered by an End Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO). The EPAO is an impartial and independent registered body who are contracted by the employer (in this case the MOD) to conduct the EPA. They provide the firewall between the employer/learner and the assessment process to ensure that the integrity and quality of the qualification is maintained. Basically the EPAO ensures that we are not marking our own homework.

SfJ have shown an interest in the EPAO contract and would like to establish a gene pool of ex- RMP/RNP Suitably Qualified and Experienced Personnel (SQEP) to act as End Point Assessors.

In brief, SfJ Awards are looking for associates to develop assessment materials for the Non home office police officer EPA. The assessment methods are multiple-choice questions,

practical assessment (with questions) and professional discussion. We are therefore looking for associates who have recent operational experience of investigation and firearms in non home office policing environment and also ideally experience of assessing or developing assessments. Attached is a note from SfJ which gives the detail.

Anyone showing an interest should engage direct with SfJ - contact details are on the attached document.

See APPENDIX C

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTHS COMMUNICATIONS.



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RMPA SIB Branch Dinner – Sat 23rd April 2022

Dear RMPA Branch Member

As we finally appear to be returning to a more normal world I am very happy to be able to furnish you with the detail of our next annual dinner that will be held on **Saturday 23rd April 2022**, it being the **82nd anniversary** of the forming of the Special Investigation Branch.

This year our venue will be the Holiday Inn at Junction 7 of the M6, Perry Barr, Birmingham. Whilst the town name suggests it is in Birmingham, it is merely a few miles south of our usual Walsall venue and I can assure you that no city driving is required and there is ample parking at the hotel. You may recall that this change of venue, which originally occurred prior to the pandemic was due to our usual haunt being burnt down.

It therefore gives me great pleasure on behalf of the RMPA SIB Branch President and Committee invite you to the annual Branch dinner on Sat 23rd April 2022, at the Holiday Inn, Chapel Lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham, B43 7BG. (Directly off Junction 7 of the M6). The function will be held in a Function Room, which can seat a maximum of 120 persons. The "Call to Dinner" will be at 1800hrs, so please be within the bar area, no later than 1745 hrs. You may be earlier if you wish! Dress: **Dinner Jacket / Mess Dress or Lounge Suit, Miniature Medals** may be worn or alternatively **Full Medals**.

As our last two annual dinners have been cancelled due to the pandemic, it is our intention to "pull out the stops" on this occasion. We shall celebrate, albeit delayed, both the 80th Anniversary of the SIB and the granting of the Royal prefix to our Corps. Therefore, we are happy to announce that both the Provost Marshal (Army), Brig Viv Buck and Commissioner Ian Dyson, QPM, City of London Police will be our joint Guests of Honour.

We have been extremely fortunate to retain exactly the same prices and menu as our originally planned dinner in 2019 and further have negotiated room prices at a mere **£40.00** per room per night. Not only that; but a discount of 20% has also been agreed on drinks.

These costs provide excellent value for money and we are really pleased with what we have negotiated. The rates will be as follows:

- Three courses, including tea / coffee will be £28.00.
- Standard Double room @ £40.00 per room per night including breakfast.

- 20% discount on all bar prices, starting from 1430 hrs on the day and 10% discount on pre-ordered wines (pre-order on the afternoon prior to the meal). This will again be obtained by use of a wrist band, so **do not forget** to ask for them when booking in!

These rates include full breakfast, VAT and use of the leisure facilities, a swimming pool with sauna and a small cardiovascular fitness room.

Meals: To book for the dinner, please complete the attached menu options choice and return it together with a cheque for the full remittance of the meal, made payable to **RMPA SIB Branch**, to me (Entertainments Member, Martin WARNES) at the address shown at the head of this letter. Some individuals may wish to pay by bank transfer. If so, then please contact me to confirm the Association account details.

Rooms: Rooms are to be booked **directly with the Holiday Inn**. You are requested to contact bookings on 0333 320 9323; Option 1 (Reservations). You must then quote **S15 – Dinner**. Unfortunately, there is no email or post option, as this function is now centralised. They will book your room immediately and provide a reservation number. Whilst your credit card details will be taken to secure the booking, there is **no** deposit to pay. You may also book via Reception (Option 9). They will book your room immediately and provide you a reservation number. Whilst your credit card details will be taken to secure the booking, there is **no** deposit to pay. As with previous years, room rates have been negotiated at the same price for **both** Fri 22nd and Sat 23rd April 2022. All necessary details are within this letter and the form, however, please contact me (Entertainments Member, Martin WARNES), should you have **any** query.

Bookings: Must be received by me by **Fri 18th March 2022**. After this no further requests will be accepted. In the event of a cancellation, money paid for meals will be returned, provided I am advised by **Sat 2nd April 2022**.

Although a number of rooms have been set aside under these room rates, early booking is advisable by those who plan to stay as other functions may be taking place in the hotel on the same evening. No deposit is required for the room reservation, as the individual accounts are to be settled by the members at check out.

The evening function is 1745 hrs for an 1800 hrs call to dinner. Tables for the sale of wine at 'pre-ordered' discount (10%) will be set up on the day and draw tickets will be on sale also.

This year we have a huge array of raffle prizes amassed throughout the pandemic. Nevertheless any donation of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated as it does help with the evening's festivities - you might even be lucky!

The last annual dinner of 2019 was exceptionally well supported and appears to have been enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, the Pandemic put paid to our options to hold one over the last 2 years, so we do hope you will look to attend this.

It really is our intention to make this a success. Not only do we intend to have an excellent evening, but we intend to have:

- 2 Guests of Honour
- A CMP Re-enactment Group
- A capability display from our currently serving cohort, showcasing the excellent work they do
- The last 3 recipients of the Sherlock Holmes Trophy, all of whom will be presented.
- Musical Entertainment for those who wish it that will not interfere with the enjoyment of others.

I do trust that this letter has all the information you require, however, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by email on or entertainments@rmpasib.co.uk, or by telephone on 01784 - 558441. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I am always looking for thoughts and suggestions, so please do feel free to approach me.

Best Regards,

Martin

Martin WARNES SBstJ

A statement from the Royal Military Police Association (RMPA) regarding Cllr Mr Peter Jackson Otley Town Council West Yorkshire.

In recent weeks a gentleman known as Peter Jackson, an elected Councillor with Otley Town Council West Yorkshire, where he sits as part of the Liberal Democrat Party, has attracted adverse publicity and interest from various Armed Forces Veteran groups on social media.

The RMPA neither condemns nor condones the actions taken by any group or individual who seek to expose those who claim falsely to have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The RMPA does strongly condemn the improper wearing by any individual of any uniform, medal, or decoration, particularly those awarded for gallantry, for whatever reason they may have, be it for simple self-aggrandisement or seeking pecuniary, financial, or reputational advantage.

It has been brought to the attention of the RMPA, that Mr Jackson has made statements, and published photographs that would appear to show that he served in the Corps of Royal Military Police (RMP), perhaps between 1974 and 1990.

Further Mr Jackson has stated that his service with the RMP included undergoing specialised prolonged training in Law at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

In photos published bearing his name as the subject, he is seen to be wearing, on his chest, whilst in some form of uniform, depicting to the viewer that the wearer may have achieved the rank of Lieutenant - Colonel (he also may be seen in video to be wearing our famous "Red Cap"), and in civilian attire, various medals including the GSM NI, which is embellished with an Oak Leaf, indicating that he was Mentioned in Despatches. He also appears to be wearing a South Atlantic Medal with Rosette, awarded to those who served in the Falklands War of 1982. He also wears other medals that may lead people to believe that he was decorated for further gallant actions. It is a matter of public knowledge that Mr Jackson has stated on his curriculum vitae and other business-related narrative backgrounds that he was made an "Honorary Lieutenant – Colonel RMP".

The RMPA are unable to substantiate any claims made by Mr Jackson relating to service in the RMP, or indeed any other such statements made by him on public forums which may lead people to believe that he served and earned any rank, awards, recognitions, qualifications, titles, or honorary rank.

The RMPA has attempted to approach Mr Jackson via email and phone in order that it may verify with him any of the claims currently causing upset within the wider Veterans' community. Such attempts have not elicited a response, at the time of writing.

The RMP took part in the liberation of the Falkland Islands in 1982 and is able to identify all those who wore our cap badge at the time who deployed as part of the Task Force.

The RMPA has neither sought nor granted permission for Mr Jackson to wear British Army uniform. It is unusual for any Veteran to wear or indeed be allowed to wear a uniform, any such uniform if authorised would in any case be expected to show and have clear indication that the wearer has retired from the Army and is no longer serving, uniforms may of course be worn as part of a drama or play or as part of a historical re-enactment society, where such a uniform would be clearly "out of date" and worn in the correct setting.

It is the wish of the RMPA that if Mr Jackson feels that any of his claims can be verified, that he opens a dialogue with the Association as soon as possible in order that we may assist him in clarifying his record of service and any honours and awards received and thus rightly worn.

Stewart A Leach MBE

Secretary RMPA
21st January 2022.

A photo of Mr Jackson Otley November 2021



A lift of text from one of Mr Jackson's profiles.

Experience

Hon Lt Col Royal Military Police

HM Forces Royal Military Police
Nov 2019 - Present 2 years 3 months
England, United Kingdom

APPENDIX C

Non Home Office Police Officer Apprenticeships End-Point Assessment (EPA) Associate Opportunities

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Assessment Development Associates

SFJ Awards are looking for associates to develop assessment materials for the Non home office police officer EPA. The assessment methods are multiple-choice questions, practical assessment (with questions) and professional discussion. We are therefore looking for associates who have recent operational experience of investigation and firearms in non home office policing environment and also ideally experience of assessing or developing assessments. The work may also involve quality assurance of materials to ensure they have been through a robust development process and are fit for purpose.

We contract with associates on a consultancy basis and pay an hourly/daily rate with agreed timescales for development. We will provide guidance on the type/style of MCQs, test specification detailing the knowledge requirements and question areas, assessment criteria reference and the mark allocation, and templates for the sample assessments. As part of the application process, we will ask you to provide us with sample assessments e.g., MCQs.

Independent Assessor Associates

SFJ Awards are recruiting for suitably qualified individuals to join our team of Independent Assessors for the Non home office police officer EPA. To apply you must have recent relevant experience of the occupation/sector and have investigative experience or firearms experience in a policing role. The role is flexible with hours to suit and we will provide full training and ongoing support.

To find out more about what is contained within the End-Point Assessment visit: <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeshipstandards/non-home-office-police-officer-v1-0>

For more information and an informal chat contact us by emailing epa@sfjawards.com

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