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# Royal Military Police Association

## Hull & East Riding Branch

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### Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

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Members Present: Andrew Nelson-Plews (AN-P), Alison Sayell (AS), Bernie Robinson (BR), David Kennedy (DK)

Apologies: Peter Watson (PW), Jim Savage (JS), Pip Heimi Cohen (PC), Shane R D Harle (SH), Sandy Robinson-Bem (SR)

Not Present: Rachel Love

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## Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Communications
7. Reports
  - 7.1 CESA
  - 7.2 Standard Bearer
8. Social Events
9. Any Other Business
10. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 2000 by AP who gave the act of remembrance and welcomed members present. Especially DK who is recovering from recent surgery and thankfully felt well enough to attend tonight's meeting.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies from JS unable to attend due to work commitments, PC who is currently away on a training course, PW who is attending a formal engagement in London, SH unable to attend due to transport issues and SR due to ill health.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – no notification of any recent bereavement.
- 4.0 Minutes of Previous Branch Meeting – BR proposed the minutes were true and accurate to the best of her knowledge. Seconded by DK. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters arising – none.
- 6.0 Communications – none received from PW.
- 7.0 Reports
  - 7.1 CESA – AS gave reminder that spaces are still available for associations to attend with stands/displays at a cost of £25 (if selling items from the stand) but free of charge if not trading for the Falklands War 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations. AS mentioned, to date, there has been no expression of interest from the RMPA to attend with a stand. AP believes this is likely due to the few active members who are also the 'Project 2022' committee being fully occupied/engaged in the planning of the RMPA 76<sup>th</sup> National Reunion & AGM weekend 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 in addition to their respective work and home commitments.  
  
7.1 AP reported the Branch Standard had not been paraded since the last Branch meeting.



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#### 8.0 Social Events

8.1 AS reminded those present of West Yorkshire Branch's social event at Pontefract Races, details of which can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting David Paynter (Chairman) at West Yorkshire Branch RMPA.

8.2 Hull & ER Branch Annual Dinner – AS has been in touch with the Masonic Hall who have availability for the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022. Chef Luke informed AS there are options for either a traditional carvery or cold meat buffet.

8.3 Hull & ER Branch Christmas Function – AS has also contacted the Kingston Theatre Hotel who currently have some availability but as this is a popular venue amongst other associations, it is recommended the Branch confirm a date and numbers attending at the earliest opportunity.

#### 9.0 Any Other Business – 'Project 2022'

9.1 AP gave an update to those present on progress with arrangements for the forthcoming RMPA's National Reunion & AGM in May, 2022. AP informed the Branch that we are not having the String Quartet as originally planned due to cost. For provision of music from 1900-2130, the Quartet had requested the sum of £775 OR if wanting an hour of music pre-dinner, there was a charge of £400. AP stated this simply was not viable due to limited Branch funds which were far better utilised on other items for the weekend. All those present were in agreement.

9.2 AP also updated members on charges the Highways Agency would be looking to levy for temporary road closure during the Reunion Weekend's Church Parade on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. A charge of £500 would be required for the temporary road closure, the diversion of vehicular traffic, staffing and maintenance. This again, was not a viable option considering the road closure would only be required essentially for 15-20 minutes either side of the church service. AP informed those present of the agreed revised route which does not deviate from a pedestrianised zone along 'Whitefriargate' extending from 'Monument Bridge' to the junction of 'Land of Green Ginger'. There were also concerns about noise pollution from the Humberside Police Band interfering with the morning service being held at the Hull Minster which was another factor in moving the parade route.

10.0 The time being 2045, AP closed the meeting. AP informed members the next Branch meeting is to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at the Hop Pole 1830 onwards for a 2000 start.

#### Agenda for May's Meeting

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Communications
7. Reports
- 7.1 CESA
- 7.2 Branch Standard
8. Social Events
9. Any Other Business
10. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting.