



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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**Members Present:** Bob Hare (BH); Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Jon Wild (JW); David Kennedy (DK);

**Apologies:** Alison Sayell (AS); Phil Cohen (PC); Jason McCoubrey (JM); Jim Savage (JS); Bernie Robinson (BR); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Rachel Love (RL); Dan Joyce (DJ);

**Not Present:** Shane Harle (SH); James Nylan (JN); Paul DeLay (PD); Paul Clark (PC2); Paul Calderwood (PC3); Sandra Robinson (SR); Daz Young (DY);

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### Agenda for September 2023's Meeting

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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
7. Social Events
8. Any Other Business
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1. Meeting opened at 20.05hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received RL, BR, DJ, PC, FH, AS, JS
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – A quorum of Members where not present at the September Branch Meeting and therefore under the Branch Rules a meeting was unable to take place.
4. Matters arising – None
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
  - 6.1 CESA – AS attended that last meeting but nothing notable to report.
  - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP confirmed that he had attended the Northern Ireland Veterans Association parade at the National Memorial Arboretum 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
7. Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:

- 7.1 It is impossible to discuss holding Social Events without a greater number of members 'buying in' to the event. Whilst it is absolutely the desired aim of the Branch to become more social in a bid to welcome additional members, the Branch is very much in a 'chicken and egg' situation, we cannot move forward, without the support of the Members.
- 7.2 Further discussions will take place when a higher ratio of membership is present at the Branch Meeting.
- 7.3 November Meet Up – JW proposed that we meet up in November for a drinks only get together. A general discussion was held and it was agreed that we would meet up in the early afternoon at Humber Bar & Grill (AKA Green Bricks) on the Hull Marina. It was also agreed that this invitation should be extended to the West Yorkshire and North East Branch Members. All in favour. PW will inform the other Branches and post on our Facebook Group.
8. Any Other Business –
- 8.1 West Yorkshire RMPA – York Day Out. David Paynter has asked Branch Members if they would like to join them for a day out in York. This will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 12.30hrs at The Maltings Pub. There is a train from Hull at 10.40hrs, that gets into York at 11.46hrs.
- 8.2
9. The time being 20.56hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 20.00hrs at the Manor Farm Public House, 194 Willerby Rd, Hull HU5 5JW. Members as usual, can meet up from 18.00hrs for food and drink.

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Dates for diaries:-

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

RMP/ RMPA Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey Plot.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Remembrance Sunday – RBL event Whitehall and Nationally.**

## Communications Received – September 2023

1. An email was received from the Association Secretary regarding the planned RMPA Church Service, to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Details are at Annex A.
2. An email was received from Gordon Elund regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance Day Parade of 116 Pro Coy RMP. As follows:

*Hi I am organising a 50th Anniversary parade of 116 at this year's Remembrance Day parade in Coventry I am trying to reach as many 116 veterans as possible from all former dets would it be possible you could put details out on your site , many thanks Gordon Elund*

Details at Annex B

3. The Association forwarded a letter from the Regimental Secretary regarding the death of Lt. Col. Peter Townsend MBE. This has been reproduced in Annex C.



## **Royal Military Police Association – Church Service**

In accordance with the consent formed at the AGM 2023  
a multi faith Church Service is to be held at the  
Corps Memorial Chapel  
Defence School of Policing and Guarding  
Southwick Park  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
PO17 6EJ

**On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023, commencing at 11:00 hrs.**

All Association members are invited to attend along with their guests.

**Branch Standards welcome**

**RMPA Members should wear Association parade dress & medals.**

Please note that by kind agreement of Colonel Green OBE RHQ RMP the RMP Shop will be open on the day from 10:00hrs to allow attendees to make use of that facility.

Those attending who wish to gather for lunch after the event may do so at the local public house.  
"The Red Lion" in the village of Southwick

All further details are available from: -

Lt Col John Baber MBE  
Secretary Salisbury Plain Branch RMPA  
[johnbaber@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbaber@hotmail.co.uk)

Please ensure that you have emailed John with your name & guest names before the event to allow for the establishment security management to be updated as to your attendance. Photo ID required.

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Secretary  
RMPA



# REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 12TH 2023 COVENTRY

Celebrating 50th Anniversary  
Of 116 RMP 1973-2023

Any questions Contact Gordon 07831240211 or [g.elund@outlook.com](mailto:g.elund@outlook.com)

## Annex C



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19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*Dear Friends and colleagues,*

It is my sad duty to inform you that Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Townsend MBE passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> September at home. He had attained his 78<sup>th</sup> year the day before.

Peter was Gazetted to the Royal Corps of Transport in 1966 and saw service in Aden and with the Gurkha Transport Regiment. He transferred to the Corps of Royal Military Police in 1975. Sub-Unit and Unit Command appointments with the RMP included the Close Protection Wing, 113, 175 and London District Provost Companies and the RMP Training School. His last appointment was Deputy-Provost Marshal SHAPE in Mons.

Peter was appointed as a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his services to Close Protection in 1985. He was also Mentioned-in-Dispatches twice; in Aden in 1967 and in Northern Ireland in 1989.

He leaves behind his wife Paula and two daughters, Rebecca, and Victoria and four grandchildren.

The immediate family only will conduct a private short service of cremation on 6<sup>th</sup> October, but letters of condolence may be sent to:

Mrs P Townsend  
Waterside Forge  
West Worlington  
Near Crediton  
Devon. EX17 4TT

Yours sincerely,

J T Green OBE  
Colonel  
Regimental Secretary

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