

MINUTES OF MEDWAY & DISTRICT BRANCH MEETING ON 16th NOVEMBER 2021

AT THE APLEYARD, AVENUE OF REMEMBRANCE, SITTINGBOURNE

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Frank Gallagher

OBITUARIES

A full list of obituaries was read by the Chairman with the below being added after the Newsletter was published

Former PC 11984 Jonathan Pollock Died 16/10/21 last served Sittingbourne

Former PC 7028 Rosemary DYCE Died 17/10/21 last served Maidstone Area

Former DCI 3285 Malcolm Underdown Died 6/11/21 last served Gravesend

The Chairman and Secretary mentioned the very sad death of Life member Mr James Raymont who was as shown in the Newsletter a stalwart of the Branch and will be sadly missed by us all.

A one-minute silence was held by members present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Owing to the sad death of Mr James Raymont a vacancy had become available and Bob Morris and Peter Simmons put themselves forward to take up this position. Bob Morris was seconded by Chris Mayes and Peter Simmons was seconded by Brain Griffin and as two had wished to take up this position it was agreed that both should be made Committee Members, and this was unanimously agreed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman explained that he had been on several zoom Liaison Meetings normally held at FHQ but due to Covid restrictions these had not been able to be held as usual in person. The Force Museum was up and running as shown on the Branch Newsletter. There were no other issues of interest.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary raised the issue of Annual Conference which we do not attend and noted that there were no Motions at this years Conference and they one submitted was remitted.

The Chief Executive Officer Mr Steve Edward resigned his position which was accepted, and the Deputy CEO Mr Alan Lees has taken over the role in an acting capacity. No reason was given for the resignation.

The next Meeting of No 5 Region of NARPO is to be held at Federation HQ in Leatherhead on Saturday 26th March 2022 when the Chairman and Secretary will attend subject to any further Covid restrictions.

The issue of widows' pensions is still ongoing, and the next hearing is due at the High Court in April 2022 when it is hoped this issue will finally be resolved.

TREASURERS REPORT

All monies that are due have been paid and the Secretary will be delivering Christmas Gifts of £50 to each of the Branch widows in first week of December. He will visit all those that live locally and will post those out of area.

The Bank balance on 31st December 2020 was £8084.35 and as of 12th November 2021 stood at 10164.62. The payments outstanding are for Honorarium, payment to webmaster and widows Xmas Gifts with one more payment coming in from KCC.

DISCUSSION ON EVENTS

The question of the Branch running events for members in 2022 was raised and the Chairman will investigate visits to The National Arboretum, RAF Duxford, and other venues and details will be placed onto Branch website as soon as research is completed, and it is hoped that members will show more interest than has been the case in the past. Many other Branches have a good social side, and it is hoped we can do the same in the future.

MEMBERS DETAILS

Members are reminded to update their details when they change in order that records can be accurately kept. It has been found that several email addresses and telephone number were out of date.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Meetings for 2022 are on website and are as follows:

Tuesday 22nd March 2022 AGM and Branch Meeting again at Appleyard

Tuesday 15th November Branch Meeting 2022 again at Appleyard