



DUNBAR BRANCH

Minutes

A meeting of the Dunbar Branch Committee was held on Sunday 24th April 2022 at 11.00. The Chairman led a Silent Tribute for The Fallen. The Chairman also recorded congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her birthday.

1. Chairman's Welcome:
The Chairman noted the meeting was quorate and welcomed attendees.
2. Attendees & Apologies:
Present: Duncan Laing (Chair), Michael Kaszuba (Welfare Officer), Simon McGlinchey, Alex McCredie and Alastair McCredie (Pipe Band). Apologies: Iain Maddox (Vice Chair).
3. Declarations of Interest:
No Declarations of Interest were submitted.
4. Adoptions of Previous Minutes:
There being no errors or omissions reported, the minutes were proposed by Alastair McCredie and seconded by Simon McGlinchey.
5. There were no Branch matters arising from Previous Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report:
DL reported the Branch Savings Account is unchanged and the Branch Current Account is currently inflated by some £3K Capitations monies from which £15 of each £20 membership fee will be sent to HQ.
7. Secretary's Report:
 - a. DL reported that Anne Herkes had tendered her resignation from the committee. All present recorded a vote of thanks to Anne for her excellent contribution to Dunbar Legion.
 - b. DL advised the committee that Martyn Hawthorn, RBL National Chairman, will be visiting Dunbar Legion on 7th May at 9:30. Martyn is on a fact finding tour of Branches and Clubs and is keen to speak to as many committee officers and branch and club members as possible. All present were encouraged to attend if possible.

8. Welfare Officer's Report:
 - a. £100 has been donated to last surviving WWII trooper of The Light Horse (now SNIY) to assist his attendance at SNIY Freedom of Edinburgh parade.
 - b. £50 has been donated to the Ghurkha Welfare Fund
 - c. Roadrunner entertainment fundraiser raised £722. This sum has been donated to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

9. Sports Officer's Report:
 - a. Mens' darts team played at Area competition on 24 April. Result not yet known.
 - b. Area pool competition has been further postponed until after the current football season.

10. Facilities Management:
 - a. Garden Room – Project schedule under review with contractor.
 - b. Internal Emergency Lighting - All statutory installations are complete
 - c. External Lights – Weatherproof lights have now been installed along Legion Close
 - d. Roof – As part of a ventilation upgrade, many of the 'holes' in the roof will now be sealed by ventilation exhaust vents
 - e. Kitchen – Plate warmer has now been replaced.
 - f. Council Repairs to Legion Close – Started
 - g. Alex McCredie asked that caretaker's equipment be cleared from the bandroom stairwell. DL agreed to discuss with the caretaker to identify alternative storage.
 - h. DL questioned the current use of electrical extensions to supply power to the bandroom. It seems that the power socket in the bandroom is unsuitable. DL agreed to task an electrician to make safe power available in the room.

11. Pipe Band Report
Pipe Band competitions will recommence in two weeks.

12. Vacant Committee Posts:
 - a. DL asked all present to actively promote recruitment of volunteers to fill vacant committee posts.
 - b. MK volunteered to take up the post of Memorials' Officer. Agreed unanimously.

13. Best Kept War Memorial:
DL advised that we have entered the 2022 BKWM Competition.

14. Veterans' Breakfast Schedule :
The next two veterans' breakfast meetings will be 14th May and 25th June.

15. Queen's Platinum Jubilee:
 - a. Pipe Band members will play at the Beacon Lighting ceremony at 21:30 on 2nd June. DL will liaise with organisers to ascertain whether Legion or Union Standards will be in attendance.
 - b. A general discussion was held on various possibilities where veterans might be invited to Dunbar Legion to enjoy the Trooping of the Colour on our large screen. DL will investigate further.

16. Falklands 40th Anniversary Parade in Edinburgh on 18th June.
Committee members were invited to put their names forward to represent Dunbar Branch at the Scottish National Parade and Service of Remembrance.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.23.

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