

# RAFA Hartlepool Branch Committee Meeting 9 October 2023

## Present

Mr S Davis	Chairman and Membership
Mr P Rodway	Vice Chairman and Publicity
Mr D Stacey	Treasurer and Welfare Officer
Mr I Fraser	Secretary
Mrs H Davis	Wings Appeal and Social Events Organiser
Mr P McGraghan	Assistant Welfare Officer

## Item 1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all who attended to the meeting. Apologies Mr Dene Gillespie

## Item 2 Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes from the September 2023 meeting were accepted.

## Item 3 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer advised the Committee that the Branch Accounts stood as at: - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023:

CHQ Account	£8272.53
CHQ New Court Investment Fund	£8000.00
General Account	£2605.97
Income for the month was	£0
Expenditure	£175.00
Wings Appeal Bank Balance	£3231.97
Income for the month was	£1810.56
Expenditure	£0
Wings Appeal 2023 Running Total	£4537.04
Welfare Account Balance	£3401.36
Income	£0
Expenditure	£158.59
Held RAF Benevolent Fund	£0

The current accounts were accepted.as True.

## Item 4 Matters Arising and Correspondence

- 1 Banner Feather Flags not to be continued
- 2 Bernard Castle Parade notification for next year
- 3 Leeds Armouries visit 1 November 2023
- 4 Invite to RAF Learning with Veterans Hub Dave Stacey informed the meeting. Dates to be informed with numbers

## Item 5 Welfare Report

Mr David Stacey Branch Welfare Officer reported that there were 0 new case from RAFA North and Mr Dave Stacey also made 4 visits. No Branch Grants for any welfare cases. Dave iis still contacting welfare beneficiaries by phone and made 8 calls to branch members, 4 well-being calls to Non branch members during August 2023. 1 Branch Welfare grants total £100 was made to a Branch member.

Peter McGraghan has dealt with RAFA North 2 new case, 5 welfare visits and 7 well-being telephone calls.

## Item 6 Wings Appeal

Mrs Hazel Davis informed the meeting that Wings Appeal 2023 stands at £4537.04

A Donation from Welfare to take Wings Appeal over £5000 voted unanimous

On the 8&9 December 2023 volunteers will be required for Wings Appeal Collection at Morrisons Hartlepool.

Wings Stock has been increased with Windmills etc

## Item 7 Membership

As of the 9 October 2023 the Branch Membership stands at

Life	76
Ordinary	54
Associate	20
Serving	105
Dual	
Total	255

Mr Philby now resides in Singapore

## Item 8 Publicity

Newsletter now out. Thanks to all who contributed Paul checking about copywriter of music on video. Next newsletter December. More publicity for the Branch required HartlepoolLife, Stockton Life and Hartlepool mail etc for more publicity

## Item 9 Social events

4 Nov 2023 breakfast club The Branch holds £125.20 for Social Inclusion fund On the 18 November Sambucca maybe open for 4 Seasons Lunch numbers next meeting For the Christmas lunch at the Brewers Fayre last names and menus by 30 November 2023.

## Item 10 AOB

- 1 AFLG Meeting The secretary gave a briefing on the last meeting which was mainly concerned on next years Armed Forces day location, the Eden Camp visit and Remembrance Sunday parades
- 2 Annual General Meeting suggested 12 February 2024 approved unanimous
- 3 Associate Members should get assistance Annual Conference regulation 4 a Branch vote against was unanimously approved
- 4 The Treasurer told the meeting that all Claims to be made early by December no outstanding cheques for end of year accounts

The meeting closed at 19:25

The next Branch Committee meeting will be on the 13 Nov 2023 6-30pm