

CITY OF NEWPORT BRANCH



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MINUTES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT RNA BRANCH MEETING HELD AT THE MAINDEE CON CLUB ON 1ST OCTOBER 2024 AT 1930.

The Chairman opened the Branch Meeting at 1948. The dedication was offered to all British, Commonwealth and NATO forces serving worldwide. May they remain safe and strong at all times.

Apologies: Richard Davies, Martin Howard, Kevin Kelly, Steve Mogg, Brendan O'Brien, Alan Williams, Peter Williams.

Minutes

The minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 were accepted as read. Proposed by Gerald Carter and seconded by SM Dave Birt.

Matters Arising

None.

Correspondence

The Chairman received details from the Mayor's Office for Remembrance Sunday which will be held on 10th November. The parade will muster outside the Old Post Office at 10:15. The march will commence at 10:35 to the Cenotaph for the 11:00 service. The Chairman will complete the acknowledgement form estimating an attendance of c.15 from the Branch. There is a buffet at the RBL following the event.

Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Building Society balance at the end of September was £7375.28, plus £227.70 cash-in-hand. The Social Fund stands at £190.00, giving a grand total of £7792.98.

Welfare Report

None.

Web Report

No update.

AOB

The Chairman and Standard Bearer were welcomed at the Chepstow Branch laying up ceremony.

Four representatives from the Branch including the Chairman and Treasurer attended the Area Meeting at HMS Cambria on Saturday 7th September. The Area has so far accumulated £3460.00 in funds. There is a proposal that Branches can nominate for Life Membership those shipmates that have achieved ten years continuous service. The Chairman will try and discover more details. The next Area Meeting will be in Swansea on Saturday 30th November. The venue is TS Ajax in Swansea Marina.

The Chairman recommended a new medal mounting enterprise based in Panteg, Pontypool: <https://medalmountingservices.co.uk/>, telephone: 01495 759887/07951 877413. The service is efficient, very quick and excellent value.

SM Nick Price noted that former Gulf War PoW, John Nichol, will be hosting an event about the history of *The Unknown Warrior* in the Riverfront/Glan-yr-Afon Theatre at 19:30 on Saturday 26th October. More details at: <https://www.ents24.com/newport-events/the-riverfront/john-nichols-the-unknown-warrior/7192771>.

SM Doug Piddington asked for volunteers for Poppy selling in Morrisons for the coming weeks.

SM Dave Birt explained that there will be an EGM concerning the management of the Club on Thursday 24th October.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2005. The raffle was held, tots and pies were served. The next Branch meeting will be held at 19:30 on Tuesday 5th November 2024.