

CITY OF NEWPORT BRANCH



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MINUTES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT RNA BRANCH MEETING HELD AT THE MAINDEE CON CLUB ON 2ND APRIL 2024 AT 1930.

The Chairman opened the Branch Meeting at 1944. SM Nick Price offered the dedication and our thoughts to all those suffering due to conflict in the Middle East*. He also reminded us that today is the anniversary of the occupation of the Falkland Islands on April 2nd 1982 so we commemorate all our shipmates who are 'still on patrol'. We will remember them.

Apologies: Richie Davies, Alan Ferris, Peter Gray, Kevin Kelly, Paul Kenward, Steve Mogg, Bob Woodward, Peter Williams.

Minutes

The minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 were accepted as read. Proposed by SM Doug Piddington and seconded by SM Andrew Davies.

Matters Arising

The Secretary was tasked with approaching Torfaen RNA to request the return of the ensign loaned to them previously. He's currently away in the sweaty tropics but the Chairman will try and contact him for an update. If communication proves unreliable, he will 'phone SM Gordon Williams.

Correspondence

The Chairman received notification from the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) with details of their commemorative service in Cardiff Bay on Saturday 25th May. All maritime organisations and individuals are invited. The ceremony commences at 11:00 outside the Senedd.

**Three of the seven aid workers who were killed in Gaza on Monday were veterans including two former Royal Marines, John Chapman and James Henderson.*

Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Building Society balance at the end of January was £7667.06, plus £85.12 cash-in-hand. The Social Fund stands at £150.00, giving a grand total of £7902.18. SM Frank Wells asked if any interest had been received on the account. The Treasurer replied that this year we received c.£40.00.

Welfare Report

SM Doug Piddington reported that SM Bob Woodward's condition has deteriorated and does not look promising. He has been moved to the palliative care ward (C5East) in the Royal Gwent. SM Charlie Walton has 'phoned his wife at home to offer support but there has been no reply.

SM Frank Wells had tried to contact SM Glyn Aizlewood but due to his deafness, he can't hear the 'phone. However, his daughter says he's doing OK.

Web Report

None.

AOB

The Treasurer announced that the raffle offer now includes the option of an extra ticket thereby doubling your chances for an additional fifty pence.

SM Frank Wells reminded that the Veterans' ID Card application process was open to all eligible ex-service personnel (<https://www.gov.uk/veteran-card>). Several shipmates confirmed that they had already applied and received theirs. He also encouraged shipmates to check out the Veterans Hub based in Clarence House: open Tuesday to Thursday from 13:00 – 16:00.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2000. The raffle was held, tots and pies were served. The next Branch meeting will be held at 19:30 on Tuesday 7th May 2024.