

**ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
Patron HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
**BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL BRANCH**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

AT THE BULLS HEAD BISHOPGATE STREET  
BIRMINGHAM

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and then invited the President to read out the RMP Corps Collect.

**ITEM 1. Apologies.**

Derrick Griffin, Paul Brewerton, Ray Hassall, Ralph Mason, John Duckett, Geoff Parish, Paul Leopold, Mick Greenalgh, Tony and Elaine Bowdler, Dave Kirwan, Derek Platt, Trevor Bassett.

**ITEM 2. Minutes of the last meeting.**

All agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019, to be held as a true record.

**ITEM 3. Secretary's and Treasurers Report.**

In the absence of Derrick Griffin, Bill Daniels announced that the current account held the sum of £547.72 and the second account held £450.00.

Last month's expenditure was for £50 donation to Cancer research for the Charity run by Marin Bird, Ex RMP as agreed in the minutes of the last meeting.

£7.54 was spent on postage.

**ITEM 4. Matters Arising.**

**AGM 2021.**

The Chairman gave a briefing on the authority to host the 2021 AGM. However following the meeting further information from Stewart Leach was received and an update will be given to members attending the next meeting by the Chairman.

**Donation of £100. For St Pauls Church roof repair**

In the absence of Derek Platt, the Chairman informed all those present that St Pauls Church, which the Branch had attended for a number of services, required urgent roof repairs and that Derek Platt had suggested that the Branch could donate a sum

of money towards those repairs.

Christine Foster and Lorna Lee informed the members that there had been an article in the Birmingham Mail that St Pauls might be closing but that there is public objection and there has been an appeal against the decision to close the church. The outcome of this judgment is pending.

The Chairman proposed that in the event that the church remained open, the Branch donate the sum of £100.00 towards the repairs. All were in favour and this was seconded by Jim Pointon.

### **Birmingham Remembrance Day Service**

The Chairman informed all those present that the Birmingham Remembrance service will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Form up for all those who wished to attend would be the same as last year at Eden Place. The Chairman then asked for a volunteer to lay the Wreath and that the cost of the wreath would come from the Branch funds. The Vice Chairman, Bill Daniels informed the meeting that he would be willing to volunteer himself to lay the wreath.

The final comment from the Chairman was that there would be rehearsals for laying of the wreath on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### **ITEM 5. Raffle and Sub funds.**

The total of funds that were raised at this meeting from subs and raffle was £85. The cost of the buffet was £35.00 therefore the sum of £50.00 would be added to the current account.

### **ITEM 6 AOB.**

The Chairman reminded all present of the forthcoming Branch Annual Dinner in February 2020 and stated that their individual menu returns are required to be sent or given to Derek Griffin by the next meeting, along with their payments, Cheque or Cash.

The Chairman also stated that the Guest of Honour has yet to be confirmed.

Mike Foster enquired if anyone had any knowledge of Inkerman Barracks.

This referred to an announcement at the last meeting whereby, the Chairman informed all those present that an E Mail had been received from a Mr Daniel Sheppard who was trying to gather information about the "Invalid Convict Prison

of Woking” and of which was later to become Inkerman Barracks Anyone wishing to provide information please contact him through [insitutionalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:insitutionalhistory@gmail.com)

To finish off the meeting, Conrad Joseph then gave a brief talk of his memories in wales !!!

The next Branch meeting will be held on Saturday the 2nd November 2019 at the Bulls Head pub, Bishopsgate Street, Birmingham.

**ITEM 7.**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 13:55 Hours.