

Annual General Meeting

Held at Steeton Hall on Wednesday 1 March 2017

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a minute's silence in respect of members who were no longer with us – in particular: - Alan Asbury, Mick Hazard, John Saxby, Francis Wright & Gwyneth Allcock and the wives' of NARPO Members: - Alice Graham (wife of Joe Graham); Judith Sharp (wife of John Sharp) and Pamela Todd (wife of Simon Todd).

Roll Call – Tony Hennigan, J. Chambers, Graham Berry, Dave Lonsdale, Peter Taylor, Tony Lyon & his wife, Sue Neave, Lionel Fletcher, Ian Hemsworth, Brian Hinchliffe, Dave & Audrey Sands, Paul & Dorothy Margerison, Steve Windle, Allan & Angela Jocks, Steve & Sue Metcalfe, Steve Walker, David Callander, Steve Brown, Peter Whitley, Les & Margaret Allinson, Roger & Ann Yearby, Ron & Carol Harrison, George McAlpine, Joe Graham, Terry Nattrass, Chris Renshaw, Hilary Baxter, Jens Hislop, Fred Dadswell, Graham Sheard, Fraser Dunn, Simon Todd and Brian Russell.

(41 members)

Apologies for absence – Bill Nicholson, Jack & Laraine Davies, Jim McSharry, John Sharp, Colin Edwards, Duncan Durham, Cyril Thompson, Bruce & Hilary Grannan, and George Wardley.

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 17 February 2016 – Were read and approved on a proposal by Graham Berry and seconded by Peter Taylor. **Carried**

Matters Arising – None

Chairman's Address – Let me start by announcing that I have been elected Chairman and John Chambers has been elected Secretary of the NARPO Regional Meetings. This task is quite an honour and privilege to take on. I believe it is the first time in living memory that our Branch has chaired such meetings.

Anyway, let me start my address by mentioning the fact that there has been another increase in membership over the last year. Between 1 January and 31 December 2016 our Branch Membership has increased as follows: -

	2016	2015
Full Members	176	(163)

(Fred Dadswell, Duncan Durham, Scott Carter, David Callander & John Padgett pay by cheque)

Life Members	1	(3)
Associate Member (Scott Carter)	1	(2)
Total Number of Precept Branch Members	178	(166)
Police Widows/Widowers	9	(11)

Additional Members	11	(7)
Total Number of Branch Members for 2016	198	(184)

The following members have joined the Branch since 1st January 2016:-

15 New Members: Tony Nutton, Peter Whitley, Hugh Robinson, Steve Brown, Charlie Berry, David Gledhill, Brian Hinchliffe, Kevin Whitlock, David Callandar, Ernest Mathers, Charles Stewart, Stephen Hanson, Terry Long, Shaun Marshall & Dave Carr.

Widows: - Joan Taylor

Additional Members: - Anthony Lyon, Paul Sullivan, Chris Binns & John Sharp

Welfare – Our Branch has had its fair share of illness, particularly during the past month. The following officers received treatment at Airedale General:

Chris Alan had a serious heart attack. He has had a pace-maker fitted and is now recovering at home, having spent some time in I.C.U. (Jim McSharry gave the news).

Bernard Grundy - chest infection; and after discharge he was given a nebulizer for comfort.

Alan Gee – received a serious operation on his stomach and is now at home recovering.

Tommy Atkin – foot injury.

Dave Sands – Not sure what he was in for, but it's nice to see him and Audrey this evening.

Finally, Howard Scarborough – who suffered from prostate cancer. He was given the 'all clear' from Leeds in April last year. On June 17th 2016 he walked into his GP's surgery without any walking aids, seeking pain medication for the constant lumbar pain he had had since the end of the radiotherapy in April. 11 weeks later he would have lost the use of both legs, be unable to walk a single step without an aid, unable to climb stairs, unable to drive even an automatic car, lose muscle mass in both quads and be over 2 stone lighter.

In August, Howard changed the car to an automatic. By November, John Chambers arranged a stair-lift to be fitted, courtesy of the West Yorkshire Police Benevolent Fund.

On 13th January 2017, Howard was given the awful news that nothing more could be done. So, he was admitted to Manorlands a fortnight ago. He received good news last week, to the affect that death was not imminent (i.e. days) but it could be weeks or months. In view of that, he is in the process of being admitted to Herncliffe Private Nursing Home, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley.

Thanks to Vince Curran for visiting and keeping us up-to-date.

Social Gatherings: - Several meetings had been arranged throughout the year; these included:-

Thursday, 21 July 2016 – A talk by Chris Binns about the history of ‘lost police stations’ within West Yorkshire, which proved to be very informative.

Thursday, 13 October 2016 – Another talk & slide show by Chris Binns on ‘famous people he had met during his Police Career’, which proved to be a very funny account.

Sunday, 4 December 2016 – Christmas Lunch at Steeton Hall.

NARPO Subscriptions: - Had increased by 2p per month per members. The new subscription rate was now £20.04p and remains extremely good value for money.

Torquay Conference: - This was attended by me & Marion and John & Susan Chambers last September. There were 3 motions discussed.

Motion One – Rotherham Branch wanted ‘the conference which instructs the National Executive Committee to amend the rules accordingly, so that the level of precept charge levied against members of any Branch is reduced from 40% to 30%’.

This motion was discussed and defeated – 52% said ‘YES’ to 48% ‘NO’

The vote was an electronic vote but for some reason it broke down and so the 2nd and 3rd motions were counted by hand (in the old way).

Motion Two - Barnsley Branch wanted ‘the conference which instructs the National Executive Branch to adopt the policy and amend the rules accordingly that one member per Branch is funded to attend the National Conference by the National Executive’.

Again, the motion was discussed and defeated – 93 said ‘YES’ whilst 175 said ‘NO’

Motion Three - Refresh of Super Sleuth. This motion was discussed and carried unanimously.

This year’s Conference is to be held in Scarborough in September where the ‘Rules of the Association’ will be discussed and voted on. A copy of the ‘Rules’ is here for examination and can be found on the Super Sleuth Website. There are too many rules and regulations to tell you about, but each rule will be discussed at Conference. All I ask is that our Branch will go along with anything me and John decide to vote on. We shall report back on the outcome of the Conference in due course.

NARPO Website – Anyone having difficulty in ‘logging on’, please speak to Peter Taylor.

Anyone wishing to receive e-mails only (i.e. No Newsletters) – please speak to John Chambers

This will save on postage.

Treasurer’s Report – Graham Berry (the Treasurer) presented a written report of the year’s activities and events. (A full copy of the report is included in the Minute Book). The report was read and approved on a proposal by Les Allinson and seconded by Terry Nattrass. **Carried**

Police Widows/Widowers – See Email from Alan Lees, Dep. C.E.O. in response to Fraser Dunn.

Tony read the extracts from the e-mails sent by Fraser Dunn, John Chambers and Alan Lees:-

'Beverley and I have been living together since 1994, and there have been articles in the Press regarding Partners receiving the Pension of their respective deceased Partner.

I've not made plans to 'depart' this World, but can you please inform me if and what I need to do to set in place any paperwork etc., on behalf of Bev, if and when I do 'depart'. - Fraser.

John

In answer to your Member's query, there are differences between the three; 1987, 2006 and 2015 Police pension schemes

The key issue this recent judgement highlights is the requirement for a nomination form for those pension schemes, where you can nominate someone to receive your pension.

Under the 1987 scheme, of which I presume he is a member, there is no nomination for cohabitation as a surviving co-habiting person cannot receive a survivor pension as there is no such provision under the Regulations.

This decision will not be retrospective.

The Police Regulations on survivor pensions are on our website-

<http://www.narpo.org/index.php/pensions/survivor-pensions.html>

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:55 AM

Alan,

Having known Fraser for the last 40 years, I know he retired prior to 2006 and was therefore under the 1987 scheme, as you intimated. Unfortunately, like many other retired police officers, he was not in a position to 'nominate' any survivor to receive his pension. It doesn't seem fair but there it is!!

Can I ask, is there any likelihood of the system being changed in the future, please?

John Chambers

John

It is unlikely that the situation will change

Regards

Alan Lees (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)

Election of Branch Officials –

Honorary President	Vince Curran
Chairman	Tony Hennigan
Vice Chairman	Dave Lonsdale
Secretary	John Chambers
Assistant Secretary	Jim McSharry
Treasurer	Graham Berry
Welfare Officer	Jens Hislop
Committee	Peter Taylor
Committee	Steve Brown
Committee	Dave Sands
Committee	Steve Walker
Committee	Steve Metcalfe
Committee	Hilary Baxter
Committee	Sue Neave
Auditor	Vince Curran

Retiring Committee Personnel included Jack Davies & Les Scaife, to whom Tony praised for their work and input into our Branch over the past years.

Christmas Lunch 2017 – Sunday, 3rd December 2017 – Tony explained that there were certain problems with the last Christmas Lunch (2016) which will be ironed out for this Christmas Lunch. John Chambers proposed and Graham Berry seconded that, ‘Keighley & District Branch of NARPO should attend Steeton Hall on Sunday, 3 December 2017 for their Christmas Lunch’.

Agreed Unanimously

Future Events – The next Social Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th July 2017 when one of our members, George Wardley, will be present.

Any other business – It was suggested that Rose` and Sleur be used at the Christmas Lunch.

Finally, Tony announced that he had made enquiries with NARPO Headquarters regarding Life Membership. He was told that Branches may confer Life Membership upon any member defined in Rule 4 (1) who has given outstanding service to the Association either at Branch or

National level. The name and Branch number of the member so honoured shall be submitted by the Branch to the Chief Executive Officer who shall on approval of the National Executive Committee and payment of the appropriate fee, issue a Life Membership Certificate and badge to the Branch for presentation to the member honoured. Under the provisions of Rule 14 (1) the Life Member will be exempt from payment of the minimum subscription but under the provisions of Rule 13 Branches honouring such persons will be required to pay the precept in relation to their Life Members to cover NEC administration costs and the provision of the Association magazine.

Tony proposed and Graham Berry seconded that, 'John Chambers receive Life Membership for outstanding service to the Keighley & District Branch of NARPO.' **Agreed Unanimously**

Tony then presented two pictures to John. The first picture was of 'The Keighley Police Force 1865' and the second picture was of 'T' Top O'T Town (High Street), Keighley 1880's'

This was followed by a huge round of applause from all those present.

There was no other business and so the meeting was closed at 8.35pm, followed by a pie & pea supper, which was enjoyed by all. The date of next year's A.G.M. to be announced.

During the supper, raffle tickets were sold and the total amount raised was £124.00

Proposed by **Graham Berry**

Seconded by **Dave Lonsdale**

Chairman **Tony Hennigan**

Date **8.3.2018.**