



National Association of Retired Police Officers

Voice of Retired Police Officers
(Keighley and District Branch – 57)



Annual General Meeting

Held at Steeton Hall on Wednesday, 20 March 2013

Roll Call – Brian & Peggy Holmes, Tony Hennigan, John Chambers, Graham Berry, Andy Holmes, Reg Cranage, Brian Russell, Joe O’Doherty, Roger Yearby, Chris Renshaw, Terry Nattrass, David Lonsdale, Peter Maughan, Ian Hemsworth, Joe Graham, Ron Harrison, Carol Harrison, Fred Dadswell, Alex Barclay, Linda Barclay, Christopher Allan, Allan Emmott, Danie Emmott, Bruce Grannan, Hilary Grannan, Lee Holmes, Jack Davies, Laraine Davies, Tyrone Curran, Frank Vowden, Keith Woodthorpe, Vince Curran, Jens Hislop, Richard Berry & Bob Bousfield (36).

Apologies for absence – were received from Mick Spencer, Cyril Thompson, Les Cotton, Mrs Roy Gore, Les Scaife, Les Allinson, Gary Hayhurst, Duncan Durham, Tom & Margaret Chalmers, George Wardley, Brian Hamilton, Richard Beeston, John Padget, Richard Anelay, Malcolm Tait & Mark Allsop (17).

A minutes silence was held for our deceased members.

Minutes of the last meeting held at Steeton Hall on Wednesday – were read and approved on a proposal by Vince Curran and seconded by Brian Holmes.

Matters arising – None.

Election of Officers for 2013 – the following members were elected:-

Honorary President	Brian Holmes
Chairman	Tony Hennigan
Vice Chairman	Les Allinson
Secretary	John Chambers
Assistant Secretary	Jim McSharry
Treasurer	Graham Berry
Welfare Officer	Jens Hislop
Social Secretary	John Sharman
Assistant Social Secretary	Les Scaife
Auditor	Vince Curran
Committee Member	Bob Bousfield

Presentation – Mr. Brian Holmes and his wife Peggy, was presented with a statuette of a Police Officer by Tony Hennigan, for his loyal and long service to the Keighley NARPO Branch over many years. He was greeted with a loud applause from all the members present. On behalf of Brian, Peggy then gave a very sincere thank you for the gift and heartfelt feelings to everyone who had sent cards and well-wishing thoughts to Brian during his current illness. Brian and Peggy were overcome by the kindness shown.

A Photograph of all present – was then taken, which would later be on the Keighley Website.

Proposed restructuring of the Committee – Tony explained that the officers that had been elected to their various posts would be more active than in previous years. It was crucial that the Keighley Welfare Officer would be more pro-active, as the Force had cut back with the role of West Yorkshire Police Welfare Officer. The Keighley Social Secretary would also arrange more social events throughout the year and hoped these would be supported by the members.

Treasurer's Report – Graham Berry presented and read the balance sheet to the meeting and distributed copies to members present. A full copy is included in the minutes.

It was proposed by Chris Renshaw and seconded by Terry Natrass that, 'the Balance Sheet be passed as a true and accurate record of the Keighley NARPO Branch's financial affairs.' Carried - all in favour.

Proposed Re-Naming of the Branch to Keighley and District NARPO Branch – 57 – The Chairman explained the reasoning behind changing the name, mainly due to the Keighley Division as we knew it now becoming defunct. He pointed out that the division once stretched as far as Sedburgh in the north and Shipley in the South; Ilkley in the east and Barnoldswick in the west. The term 'Keighley Division' had changed many times over the years. It was feasible for a member not to have served in 'Keighley'. The name should change in keeping with the times, so he proposed 'and District' be added to the title.

A discussion followed; after which it was proposed by Tony Hennigan and seconded by Brian Holmes that, the Branch should be called 'Keighley and District NARPO Branch – 57'. Carried – all in favour.

Update on NARPO websites – The Chairman explained the various websites to the meeting.

There are four websites:-

Super Sleuth – used mainly by the Secretary and H.Q. to update records.

West Yorkshire NARPO – for use by members who have registered to the site.

Keighley NARPO – for use by members who have registered to the site.

Keighley NARPO e-mails – to contact the Secretary, John Chambers.

The Chairman explained that all members should register their e-mail address through the Secretary to obtain news and deaths of colleagues in the future.

Branch Acquisitions to be considered for members – The Chairman stated he would obtain letters of bereavement cards, shields or plaques for the coffin and a drape for the coffin.

Christmas Dinner 2013 – The Chairman stated that the present venue at Steeton Hall had run its course. He told the meeting that the cost of pie and peas was originally £6.95, but he had negotiated at great length and got the price down to £3.95 including potato wedges. The cost for Christmas Dinner in 2012 was £24.95. It was proposed by the manager at Steeton Hall to increase the cost by £1.00 for 2013, to a total of £25.95.

He went on to say that he had negotiated with Peter Corkindale, a local councilor and trustee of Keighley Civic Centre, and had arranged (subject to approval) meetings and the Christmas dinner to be held at the Civic Centre. The cost for pie and peas was £4.00 and the cost of the Christmas Dinner was £16.20p.

A discussion followed. It was decided that the next Committee Meeting would be held at the Civic Centre, North Street, Keighley and, subject to certain enquiries about the Centre being open at Christmas, the Christmas Dinner venue would be left to the Chairman.

It was proposed by Tony Hennigan and seconded by Brian Holmes that, 'the Christmas Dinner would be held on 1 December 2013'. Carried – all in favour.

Any other business - The Secretary reminded everyone that Automatic Renewal of Axa Travel Insurance was due and on the Website. Maureen Barlow 0845 758 5878 is a useful number for renewal insurance. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will be held at the Civic Centre on Wednesday, 16 October 2013 at 7.30pm.

Proposed **Jens Hislop**
Chairman **Tony Hennigan**

Seconded **Les Scaife**
Dated **19.3.2014.**