

Annual General Meeting

Held at Steeton Hall on Thursday 7 March 2019

Roll Call – Tony Hennigan, J. Chambers, Graham Berry, Dave Lonsdale, Lionel Fletcher, Ian & Elizabeth Hemsworth, Dave & Audrey Sands, Paul & Dot Margerison, Steve Walker, Peter Whitley, Les & Margaret Allinson, Roger & Ann Yearby, George McAlpine, Joe Graham, Terry Nattrass, Jens Hislop, Fred Dadswell, Graham & Judith Sheard, Gary Jeggo, Patrick Rout, Alex Robb, Sue Marshall, John Cowan, Keith Foster, Elizabeth Baluk, Milly Wheelwright, Sue Neave, Bob Bousfield, Chris Allan, Steve Norman, Ron & Carol Harrison, Alex Barclay, Joe O'Doherty, Monika Beckwith, Harry Jeffrey, Ken Pickles, Jack & Laraine Davis, Michael & Wendy Tyne, Jane Dickerson, Marion Taylor, Hilary Smith, Martin & Clare Pharaoh, Peter & Diane Sharpe, Hilary Baxter, Steve Brown, Chinny Singh, Michael Emmet, Adi Lyles, Gary Hayhurst, John Downie, Vince Curran, Pete Maughan, Roy Wensley and Patrick Rout.

(The number in attendance was a 'bumper and unprecedented 65 members, including some who haven't attended a meeting for many years')

Apologies for absence – Terry Nattrass, Terry Slocombe, Brian Russell, Allan & Angela Jacks, Chris & Kelly Binns, Shaun Marshall, Jim McSharry, Alan Smithies, Bill Nicholson, John Sharp, Duncan Durham, George Wardley, Bob Herbert, Rod West, Graham Melia, Richard Beeston, Brian Hinchliffe, Richard Anelay, John Hicks, Steve Littlewood, Sheila Dunstan, Peggy Holmes, Audrey Simpson, John Andrusiak, Linda Barclay, Tony Thornton and Tony & Isobel Lyon.

(30 Members)

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 8 March 2018 – Were read and approved on a proposal by Graham Berry and seconded by Dave Lonsdale. **Carried**

Matters Arising – None

Chairman's Address - Tony began his address by informing the meeting that, he and John Chambers had been elected to serve the North East Region of NARPO for the following year, as Chairman and Secretary, representing the Keighley & District Branch. This task is quite an honour and privilege to take on. It is the first time in living memory that our Branch has chaired and run such meetings.

Membership - Between 1 January and 31 December 2018 our Branch Membership has increased as follows: -

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Full Members	182	183
Life Members	2	3
Associate Member	3	3

Police Widows/Widowers	11	12
Additional Members	13	13
Total Number of Branch Members for 2018	211	214

New Members - The following members have joined the Branch since 1st January 2018:-

Marion Taylor, Charanjit Singh, Richard Oddy, Jane Dickerson, Michael Watson, Susan Boocock, Martin Pharaoh, Stephen Grant, Audrey Simpson, Gary Jeggo, Alan Smithies, Deborah Heeley Hirst, John Sheer and Sarah Dolphin; also, Gary Bowyer as an 'additional member'.

Obituaries - It is with deepest regret that we must record the deaths of the following Members and Non-Members who have died since our last A.G.M. on 8 March 2018:

MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Brendan Boocock	Tom Anderson
John Raymond Walker	Bill Pitt
Chris Renshaw	Arthur Sharkey
Simon Todd	Marie Midgely
Bernard Grundy	

Welfare - We must also remember those who are, or have been, seriously ill:

Tommy Atkin, Richard Beeston, John McGlynn, John Cowen, Keith Foster, John Andrusiak, (other 'surviving' members of prostate cancer were also referred to, including their accumulative advice for all qualifying members to have regular medical check-ups, such as the one recently undergone by our Branch Secretary), Peter & Diane Sharpe, Mrs Joe O'Doherty, Mrs Terry Nattrass and Mrs Brian Russell. Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone else who is poorly.

Social Gatherings - Several meetings have been arranged during the year, these included:-

Thursday, 26 July 2018 – A talk by David Brooksbank, a local bobby from Silsden, who gave a very comprehensive account of his police service in South Helena, with funny stories and reminiscences in abundance.

Thursday, 18 October 2018 – An update from the Torquay Conference, an update on the Hillsborough Disaster and a history about Pc Gabbatt and his 'gold watch' presentation. Also, John Chambers nominated Tony Hennigan to be a Life Member of NARPO, followed by Tony delivering a very good presentation of his 'Life after the Police Force as a BBC Investigator.'

Sunday, 2 December 2018 – Christmas Lunch at Steeton Hall, where Tony Hennigan was presented the 'Life Membership Award' and Lapel for his outstanding achievements over the past six years, by the Secretary John Chambers, to loud applause from all those present.

NARPO Subscriptions - The annual reporting of the CPI, published in September 2018, confirms that the annual percentage increase for police pensions 2019 will be 2.4% (previously 3%).

As from the 1 January 2019, the minimum subscription will be £21.12 (previously £20.64); this amounts to £1.76 per month (previously £1.72). The new subscription rate remains extremely good value for money.

The precept rate (currently 40%) is payable on our total Branch Members not including spouse or widow members. As agreed by the NEC our Branch will get a contribution equivalent to a reduction of 10% of Precept for 2019 the Centenary year. This is equal to £2.11 per payable Branch Member and will be allowed to be deducted in full from the first Precept payment due in 2019.

Torquay Conference - This was attended by Tony & Marion Hennigan and John & Susan Chambers last September. There were no motions discussed.

Southport Conference – The Annual Conference will be held at the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre Southport on Friday 6 September 2018 and will be attended by Mr & Mrs Hennigan and Mr & Mrs Chambers. **'Agreed'**

Centenary Celebrations – Tony announced the NEC has agreed to hold a Centenary Dinner at The Tower of London on Thursday 19 June 2019. The Branch has been allocated 4 tickets at £25.00 per person. At this point, Tony asked if anyone else would like to attend. There was no one so it was agreed that Tony, Marion, John & Susan would attend on behalf of Keighley.

As a Branch, we intend to arrange a 'Centenary Photograph of Members of our Branch' to commemorate the Centenary. Tony asked for any ideas and to report back at the next meeting.

Tony's Closing Remarks - We were told that 2019 is the target year for all Branches to form one Branch per Force! The words 'merge or disband' were also heard at Conference. We say good luck with that one!! We, along with the other 7 Branches in West Yorkshire, are happy to keep going as long as possible – so keep coming folks – we need your support to keep our functions viable. If you know anyone who is entitled to come but is feeling shy, then tell them how welcome they are to join us. Keighley & District Branch of NARPO remains open for business!

Treasurer's Report – Graham Berry, the Treasurer, presented a written balance sheet of the year's activities and events. (A full copy of the balance sheet is included in the Minute Book). The report was read and approved on a proposal by Jens Hislop and seconded by Graham Sheard.

'Approved'

West Yorkshire Website's Future – Tony explained the background to the 'website's future' and told the meeting that other Branches had withdrawn their support. In fact, the website was totally defunct. The cost to our Branch was £67.82 in 2016. As yet, we have not received the bill for 2017.

Tony told the meeting that Mail-Chimp is now used in place of the West Yorkshire NARPO Website. This is a free service is run by Martin Stow, one of our members, who now resides in Australia. He then explained how the system worked.

Election of Branch Officials for 2019 – Proposed by Graham Sheard and Seconded by Jack Davis that, 'the following officers are elected Branch Officials for 2019 – on block.' **'Carried'**

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	Steve Brown
Committee	Dave Sands
Committee	Steve Walker
Committee	Steve Metcalfe
Committee	Hilary Baxter
Committee	Sue Neave
Committee	Les Scaife
Committee	Chinny Singh
Auditor	Vince Curran

It was proposed by Graham Berry and seconded by Dave Lonsdale that, 'Martin Stow will be the Master of Communications in future, responsible for all Kopz Circulations.' **'Carried'**

Review of Christmas Lunch 2018 – Tony stated that there was a very good ambiance, the lunch was excellent and everyone enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately, the live entertainment was below par and more thought would go into getting it right for next year.

Christmas Lunch 2019 – Tony announced that the Christmas Lunch will be held at Steeton Hall on Sunday 1 December 2019. The cost of the meal, wine and entertainment would be set when prices are known. **'Agreed'**

Future Events – The next Social Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 July 2019.

Any other business – It was proposed by Jens Hislop to hold a Burns Supper next January, pointing out that we had two members (George McAlpine and Ken Pickles) who played the bag-pipes and he would host the proceedings. Tony thought this was a good idea but left it to be decided nearer the time.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed at 8.40pm, followed by a pie & pea supper. Raffle tickets were bought and the raffle made a total of £182.00.

Proposed by **Graham Berry**

Seconded by **Dave Lonsdale**

Chairman **Tony Hennigan**

Date **5.3.2020.**