

Annual General Meeting

The 1st Virtual 'Zoom Meeting' held on Wednesday 10 March 2021

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, there was a minute's silence in respect of members who were no longer with us since our last Annual General Meeting on Thursday 5 March 2020, namely: Richard 'Dickie' Beeston, Melvyn Hawkins, John Archibald McGlynn, Paul Malcolm Marshall, Joan Gore, Eveline Shirley Thompson & Peggy Holmes (Life Member).

Condolences were sent to their families on your behalf. May they each rest in peace.

Roll Call – Tony Hennigan, John Chambers, Graham Berry, Dave Lonsdale, Terry Slocombe, Steve Walker, Les Allinson, Mick Spencer, Hilary Baxter, Alvin Leverton, Lee Holmes, Bev Ramsey, Jens Hislop, John Sheer, Keith Gilert, Martin Stow & John Andrusiak. **(17 Members)**

Apologies for absence – Jim McSharry, Hilary Smith, Tony Thornton, Liz Baluk, Audrey Sands, Peter Maughan, Peter Corkindale, Graham Sheard, Marion Taylor, Tony Meredith, and Tony Thornton. **(11 Members)**

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 5 March 2020 - Tony mentioned that John (the Secretary) had sent out the Minutes to the membership, so he asked that those Minutes could be read and approved.

Proposed by Terry Slocombe and seconded by Lee Holmes that the Minutes were in order.

Carried

Matters Arising – None.

Chairman's Address – Tony welcomed those present to the first 'Virtual Zoom Meeting'.

He also welcomed those members who had joined the Branch since 1 January 2020, namely: Susan Carol Harrison, Jonathan Craven, Christopher Peter Corkindale, Michael John Winnery, Paul Arthur Smith, Robert Morton, Ian David Shreeve, Terence O'Keeffe, Graham Hardwick, John David Adams, Wendy Ward, Paul Taylor. Diane Watts (Transferred from Bradford). Associate Member: Scott Carter.

Membership – Tony took the opportunity of providing the members with a precis of the current position of Keighley & District NARPO members up to the 31 December 2020. There are 205 Full Members, 3 Life Members and 13 Associate Members – a total of 221 'Perceptible' Branch Members; plus 17 Widows/widowers and 15 Additional Members; therefore, the total number of members currently stands at 253.

Thanks - Tony would like to place on record that, **Jim McSharry** (our retiring Assistant Secretary) was a great help at the first lockdown, by arranging, assisting, and delivering food to members who were struggling. This was extremely well received and the CEO of NARPO sent us some complimentary messages on how this initiative was running.

On behalf of the Branch, Tony expressed our thanks to Jim and all his team, for their fantastic efforts. He wished Jim well on his relocation to the Wirral and thanked him for all his invaluable assistance in the past.

Tony also highlighted the website and **Alvin Leverton**. Tony did not really know Alvin but was very impressed at his knowledge and thoroughness. Tony hassles Alvin weekly, but not once as Alvin sworn at him. Again, on behalf of the Branch, Tony expressed our thanks to Alvin for volunteering to accept the role of Website Manager. Tony then appealed to all members to use the website by reading the stories, and sending their stories in, for inclusion on the 'Members' Meaningful Memories' page on the Keighley & District website.

The other highlight was **Martin Stow**, joining the Committee, all the way from Geelong, Australia. Martin is a former NARPO website manager who assisted us in the past as our website host. He has some knowledge of the Mail Chimp service which NARPO are now embracing, so he is likely to be most useful to us in the future. Thank you, Martin.

Treasurer's Report – This report was circulated as an attachment to all members previously. Graham Berry (Treasurer) although present could not speak due to his machine being muted. (A full copy of the balance sheet is included in the Minute Book).

Tony explained that it had been a difficult year for everyone, due to the pandemic. We have had a lot of income and little expenditure, so we have achieved an extremely good bank balance, accruing a Surplus of £1869.12p for 2020, giving us a total balance of £6172.51p. He stated that we have too much money and we shall have to devise ways of spending some of it next year. Graham has done a great job and does not like throwing money away! He is extremely efficient, and Tony would like to place on record his thanks for Graham's esteemed work as Treasurer.

Agreed

He asked if anyone would propose and second the report as being a true account.

It was proposed by Steve Walker and seconded by Dave Lonsdale.

Carried

Election of Branch Officials for 2021 – Tony announced that Jim McSharry had resigned his position as Assistant Secretary and was looking for a replacement. He thanked Jim for all his help and wished him all the best in his new life on the Wirral.

After some discussion, Hilary Baxter was proposed by Terry Slocombe and seconded by Steve Walker. A round of applause followed, and H was elected (press ganged!).

Carried

Terry Slocombe proposed that all those members who were on the list of Officials for 2020 could remain in place as Officials for 2021. Tony added Martin Stow, who could also join the Committee as the Mail Chimp Organizer, and Alvin Leverton who is the Website Manager.

Proposed by Terry Slocombe and seconded by Jens Hislop that, 'the following officers are elected Branch Officials for 2021 – on block.'

Carried

Honorary President

Vince Curran

Chairman	Tony Hennigan
Vice Chairman	Dave Lonsdale
Secretary	John Chambers
Assistant Secretary	Hilary Baxter
Treasurer	Graham Berry
Welfare Officer	Jens Hislop
Website Manager	Alvin Leverton
Mail Chimp Organizer	Martin Stow
Auditor	Vince Curran
Committee	Steve Brown
Committee	Steve Metcalfe
Committee	Sue Neave
Committee	Les Scaife
Committee	Chinny Singh
Committee	Steve Walker

Terry Slocombe thanked all 'Committee Members' and 'Retiring Members' for their efforts throughout the year.

Tony mentioned that 17 members had turned up to this meeting; some could not manage to link up to this 'zoom link' for several reasons and he thought it a great idea to introduce the 'virtual zoom link' to meetings in the future. That way, Martin Stow (Australia), Bev Ramsey (North East), John Sheer (Lincolnshire) and others, could attend the meetings from a far off. We have members far and wide across the world who would like to keep in touch, so this 'virtual zoom link' meeting satisfies that need.

Tony also announced that the **West Yorkshire Group** was 'now up and running', with our first 'virtual zoom meeting' taking place at 10.30am on Monday 22 March 2021.

Tony had been asked to be act as a **Trustee on the West Yorkshire Police Benevolent Fund Committee**. He accepted the post – another prestigious job, representing Keighley Branch.

In 2013 our Membership consisted of 120 members; since then, we have more than doubled our Membership to 253 members. This is a true testament of our members and is good to know. Please continue spreading the word to encourage others to join our Branch of NARPO.

You will note that Police Widows/Widowers are able to join NARPO and continue to receive the full benefits of NARPO members; however, this is not automatic, and it will be necessary for Police Widows/Widowers to apply. Anyone wishing to become a member of NARPO please contact John and he will help with their application.

Welfare - If you are aware of any member or surviving spouse in need of our assistance, please inform Tony, John or Jens and we will try to assist.

Subs Increase - As from 1 January 2021, the minimum subscription will be £21.60 (previously £21.48); this amounts to £1.80 per month (previously £1.78). No action needs to be taken by those who contribute from their monthly pension; however, if you pay annually, our Treasurer Graham Berry would be pleased to receive the new rate of £21.60. The cost for Police Widows/Widowers is 20p per month (£2.40 per year).

Membership continues to give extremely good value for money, such as reduced and highly competitive Health Insurance, Travel Insurance and Holidays.

Burns Supper on Saturday 23 January 2022 – Will be organized by Jens Hislop again, after the huge success of January 2019. Everyone is welcome. Thanks go to Jens for arranging and running the entertainment all night, culminating in the recitation of Tam 'o Shanter.

Christmas Lunch 2021 – John Chambers proposed that, 'the Christmas Lunch be moved from Sunday 5 December to Sunday 12 December 2021, unless someone else wishes to organize it.' John explained that he was away on holiday until late on Sunday 5 December 2021.

After some discussion, Jens Hislop seconded the proposal.

Carried

Please note Lisa Beckwith-Kinard (Cougars Entertainment Manager) contacted and verified the booking on Monday 15 March 2021, so the Christmas Lunch will be held on Sunday 12 December 2021. I am sorry, but only 100 members maximum will be allowed to attend. First come – First served. Contact J. Chambers as soon as possible to secure your place, please!!

The next Social Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 July 2021, commencing at 7.30pm.

Any other business - There was no other business. The date of the next A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday 9 March 2022.

Proposed by

Seconded by

Chairman

Date

Treasurer's Report

Dear Member,

Welcome to our 2021 AGM. In 2020 we made a surplus of £1869.12. The previous year we made a surplus of £1031.90. In 2020 our significant items of expenditure were :-

The annual precept of £1864.03.

Additions to our website costing £420.00

Meetings including catering costs of £231.12

All our usual items of expenditure were either vastly reduced (or non-existent in the case of conference costs) because of the virus.

Graham Berry, Treasurer

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT NARPO

BRANCH ACCOUNTS 2020

INCOME £		EXPENDITURE £	
Subscriptions	4647.49	Precept	1864.03
Raffles	153.00	Admin	210.62
Conference Meals (Refund)	160.00	Meeting/Catering	231.12
		Travel	105.60
		Conference Meals	160.00
		Web Site	420.00
		Charity	100.00
TOTAL	<u>4960.49</u>	TOTAL	<u>3091.37</u>
		SURPLUS OVER 2020	1869.12
Balances at the start of the year		Balances at the end of the year	
Current Account	4293.55	Current Account	6159.98
Petty Cash	9.84	Petty Cash	2.53
	<u>4303.39</u>		<u>6162.51</u>
<u>SURPLUS OVER 2020</u>	<u>1869.12</u>		

Accounts prepared and presented by Graham Berry (Treasurer)

Signed G Berry Date 10 March 2021

Accounts checked as correct by Vince Curran (Auditor)

Signed V Curran Date 10 March 2021

Tony Hennigan (Chairman)

Signed A Hennigan Date 10 March 2021