

A Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of Narpo was held virtually on Thursday

26th August 2021.

Present were Michael Tyne (Chairman), Joseph Broadley, Alan Pickles, Peter and Hazel Jarvis (Social Secretaries), Bea Hopwood (Welfare), Margaret and Malcom Grey, David Drucquer, Geoff Shores, Roy Leach, Jayne Slade and David Wright (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending this evening.

He then opened the meeting at 7.04pm.

- Apologies had been received from Melvyn Hyde and Geraldine Tolan and Leslie Scaife.
- The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 22nd July 2021 had been previously circulated to everyone. The Chairman ascertained that all had received them and read them and asked if everyone accepted them as a true record of what happened that evening. All were in agreement. They were duly adopted on the proposition of Alan Pickles which was seconded by Bea Hopwood.
- The following matters arose : **The Ladies Luncheon Club**, although not mentioned at the previous meeting , had been cancelled by Geraldine for the same reasons as the September social evening. Agreed and approved by all. There had been no movement on the **Memorial Plaque** as Richard Critchley had not responded. (He is due to be installed as President at the Conference meeting). There had been no further mention about the **resignation of the CEO**. This will no doubt be mentioned at Conference. **Raymond Norton** had been visited by Bea, and an entry will go on the Newsletter asking if any of his former colleagues would care to give him a ring. Re the item regarding a possible photography competition, this will be looked at later with a view to possibly a calendar being done for 2023.
- Re the **Website update** : Peter reported that after the group e mail was sent out to over 550 members, 120 had responded and asked for the log in details. It was noted that about 80% of those were not amongst our regular attendees at our social events. At the moment they had encountered a problem with updating items, which Oomph had looked at and hopefully corrected , but this will not be known until a further update is done. There will be a further push re the website on the forthcoming Newsletter.
- **Christmas Luncheon** The Secretary said that he had re drafted the booking form for the luncheon and it was ready to go out with the Newsletter once we had decided a price. The cost of the meal is £22.50 per head. He had spoken with our Treasurer and we had ample funds to subsidise the event. Melvyn had suggested a subsidy of £5 per person bringing the cost to £17.50 each. There was a vote as to whether the event should go ahead, and it was agreed that it should, although two members abstained, as they will not be attending on health grounds. It was then agreed that each person will pay £17.50 for the meal. The Secretary to liaise with the Treasurer re a possible cut off date should we need to cancel and not incur any costs.
- **Newsletter** The secretary said that he had drafted the newsletter and was only really awaiting the cost of the Christmas Luncheon. He asked if anyone had anything that they thought ought to be included in it. It was suggested that a mention of the Triple Lock campaign could be included., as there would be a number of members who do not receive the group e mail. A recent letter to a member of Parliament had invoked an immediate reply and offer of support for the campaign.

- **Zoom Quiz** - It was agreed that after the success of the trial run virtual quiz amongst committee members recently that Jayne, with the help of Peter and Hazel, would run a zoom quiz which would be open to all members. This will be advertised via a group e mail, to be held on the evening of Thursday 23rd September. Anticipated that a maximum of 30 entrants in teams of six with an Amazon gift card of £10 each for the winning team. (£60 total).
- **Welfare** Bea said that she had spoken recently with a member who is suffering a progressive illness, and was able to assist them re a Power of Attorney. She also spoke re assisting another member and his family in getting care allowance, and suggested that this item could go out in a future newsletter.
- **Any other business** - Geoff asked re Dorothy Bell, who is currently in Gateway care Home on Sticker Lane. He had read recently that the home had been assessed and found to be lacking. Bea will check with the home on Dorothy's health. Her nephew lives nearby and moved her into that home from one over Pontefract way.

Geoff also spoke how Age UK had assisted him re care allowance for his wife. Apparently they have a 90% success rate with all applications.

He also mentioned the recent report in Narpo News re the presentation to Joe after stepping down as Chairman.

Michael mentioned that the forthcoming conference dinner had been split into two venues due to covid and social distancing. There was only one item to debate, over the proposed purchase of a new HQ. As is usual, it was decided that the three delegates will vote as they see fit after hearing the debate.

Michael also mentioned a forthcoming course for Welfare Officers or their assistants. Bea said she would like to attend and the Secretary will book her in.

Margaret mentioned a retired PW who is running the Great North run for Charity and asked if we should be supporting our members if they undertook such fund raising events. The Secretary said that he had, at her request, sent out a group e mail asking members for their individual support, as he had done with Iain Exley. It was agreed that we cannot support every fund raising event as a branch, but we would continue to highlight them to our members.

- **next meeting will be on Thursday 30th September 2021 at 7.00pm**
- There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

David Wright

Secretary