

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

30th September 2021.

Present were Michael Tyne (Chairman), Alan Pickles, Peter and Hazel Jarvis (Social Secretaries), Bea Hopwood (Welfare), David Drucquer, Geoff Shores, Roy Leach, Jayne Slade, Geraldine Tolan, Leslie Scaife, 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, Joseph Broadley and Margaret and Malcolm Gray.,
- The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th August 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 Geoff Shores which was seconded by David Drucquer.
- The following matters arose : There had been no movement on the **Memorial Plaque** and this is still an ongoing matter.
- **Conference Update** The Chairman said himself, Leslie Scaife and David Drucquer had attended the recent conference at Llandudno and it had been very enjoyable. Whereas the bulk of the conference had been enjoyable, one of the speakers, the Police minister, had rambled on far too long, mainly regarding death, and he had lost the majority of the delegates. There had only been one motion, to sell Narpo HQ and to try and purchase a newer building that would accommodate current staff and allow for disabled access. The motion presented by the NEC member was a very poor effort, and those who spoke against it were well organised and very well presented. Our three representatives decided to vote for the motion as a newer building would be better for our current staff and to wait another three or more years the prices to purchase a better building would increase significantly. However the motion was well defeated and this cannot be brought back to conference for another two years. Re the matter of the resignation of the CEO, the President Brian Burdus remarked at the opening of the meeting that he was unable to say anything about the matter as there is a full enquiry being held and when that is completed , all will be disclosed.
- **Website update** : Peter reported that the website is going well. Matters are being updated without problems and we now have 140 members registered to use it. The Chairman again thanked them both for all they do with the website and stated “ that it was a good facility that we now have “.
- **Website Competition.** The Chairman said that what Hazel had circulated was a very good idea and he had spoken to the Treasurer to ascertain if we could afford to fund this idea. The Treasurer was happy to approve this and the Chairman even suggested that we could double the prize to £10 per month to make it more substantial. Hazel said that hopefully such a competition would encourage members who do not partake in our previous social evenings to become more active and actually attend socials. She was open to ideas as to what form the competitions could take. Hopefully it would start in October. Bea then proposed and Jayne seconded that Hazel go ahead with organising the competitions and the prize money to be reviewed in a years time.

- **Zoom Quiz Update.** Jayne said that the quiz had been held on the 23rd September. There were joint winners and each had received £20 Amazon vouchers. No committee members received any of the prizes. She had received good feedback from those who attended. The Chairman thanked Jayne, saying that it had been very enjoyable and Geoff remarked that it was a pity that more members didn't attend. Jayne said that in the future she could amend it and accommodate many more members and teams.
- **PCSO's and Specials.** The Secretary said that he received an enquiry from Huddersfield Branch after their recent meeting, where members had enquired about boosting membership by chasing retired PCSO's and Specials. Their Secretary was enquiring if any of the other West Yorkshire Branches had enrolled any or if they had considered it and how they would approach contacting them. This led to a lengthy discussion where many views were expressed but the consensus was that we are an Association for and on behalf of Retired Police Officers, and it was unanimously agreed that we as a branch, and we hoped the Association in general, would not actively pursue PCSO's and Specials. It was agreed that our Secretary would reply to Huddersfield saying that we were not actively seeking Specials and PCSO's and if one was to later apply to join us that we would deal with the application in accordance with the rules of the Association.
- **Christmas Luncheon** The Chairman said that he had spoken with the Treasurer and we currently had 90 members booked in for the Luncheon. The Secretary said that he had received a communication from David Holdsworth asking if we required the services of the band, which this year would cost us £60. After discussion regarding social distancing, member safety and the possibility of airborne infection from the instruments, it was decided that we would not have the band playing and that any background music could be by way of a CD player. Enquiries would be made if hand sanitizers are provided but it was suggested that we provide a sanitizer on each table. The question of name tags was also suggested and is to be considered. The Secretary also suggested holding the committee meeting on the last Thursday in November via zoom because we always have to rush and terminate our meeting before the meal due to people arriving and the resulting noise. This was agreed.
- **Welfare** Bea reported upon the health of Brian Heath and Phil Baildon, and David D reported upon both Dave Cox and Hedley Kettlewell. The Secretary had earlier reported in apologies that Joe Broadley was currently in hospital. **Due to this report being posted on our website, intimate details of those reports are not itemised, but if anyone wishes to know about them, then they can ring the Secretary.**
- **Any other business** - Geoff asked re Dorothy Bell, who is currently in Gateway care Home on Sticker Lane. The care home will be contacted re Dorothy.
- The Secretary mentioned a members death, Ian Thompson, a retired Dog Section Inspector who at first was thought to be a Keighley member but in fact was ours. He had received notification this afternoon and had later contacted his daughter. He was trying to arrange for Keighley to have their NARPO coffin drape available for the funeral next Monday.
- **next meeting will be on Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7.00pm**
- There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

David Wright

Secretary

