

Minutes of the Zoom Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of NARPO held on Thursday 25th November 2021.

The following members were present : Michael Tyne, Alan Pickles, Leslie Scaife, Joseph Broadley Peter and Hazel Jarvis ,David Drucquer, Bea Hopwood, Margaret and Malcolm Gray, Jayne Slade, Roy Leach, Geoff Shores, Roy Leach and David Wright.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Michael Tyne at 7.04pm.

Apologies had been received from Melvyn Hyde and Geraldine Tolan.

- **The minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 28th October had been circulated to everyone and were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Leslie Scaife which was seconded by Geoff Shores.
- **Matters arising** – The matter of Shammi Dean (Dalby) was discussed re her question of being eligible for a Police pension. Bea said that Shammi had not got back in touch since the funeral of Alan. It seems that at the moment she cannot find proof of her Muslim wedding to Alan. The Secretary said that he would speak with her re this matter as he wanted to speak to her as regards becoming a branch member. The Chairman (Mick) said that it may be that we have to take this matter to NARPO and it may even become a National matter regarding widow/partner pensions.
- **Remembrance Parade** – David D spoke re having attended the Remembrance service at Bingley and a large number organisations present had placed a wreath at the Cenotaph and he felt that he would like to lay one in future representing the Bradford Branch of Narpo. Alan P was also present and said that he supported David on this matter. A quite lengthy debate ensued regarding a branch wreath being laid at the Bradford remembrance parade, possible costs as these are not cheap. David D reiterated his view that he would like to lay one annually at the Bingley parade. Leslie suggested that as we were a Bradford Branch should we not consider attending the Bradford Parade . The Secretary suggested as some of us visited different parades, could the venue be discussed annually and rotated.

It was eventually decided and reiterated by the Chairman that :

Next year a Bradford Branch Wreath would be provided to be laid at a Remembrance Parade. Agreed by all.

Next year we would support the Bingley Parade. Agreed by all.

The Branch will pay fully for the wreath. Agreed by all.

- **Yvonne Fletcher** – Bea mentioned the recent Civil Conviction regarding the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in London, and the tireless efforts of her colleague PC John Murray, who had promised he would work tirelessly to bring those responsible to justice. She wondered if anything would be done to honour this former PC and if Naro would be doing anything to recognise him. The Secretary said that since Bea had mentioned this for the agenda, he had tried to check membership records of the Met, but there were only two John Murrays as members but a catalogue of other Murrays who could have had John as a second name but it not being recorded on their files. He could only say that it was not known at the moment if he is a Narpo member. The Secretary will contact the Met Secretary and make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

- **Christmas Luncheon** The Secretary said that he had been in touch with the Treasurer and we have in the bank at the moment just under £8,000, and there will be two further subs deposits before the year end. There will be 99 members dining. (Two couples have just cancelled, since the orders were given to the caterer, and they will not be re imbursed.) The Chairman said that there will be plenty of sanitisers available but none on the tables as the caterer thinks this could hinder the waitresses and could contaminate the food. Photographs will be taken but members will be asked first if anyone objects to the their photograph being published on the website. There will be a raffle run by Roy and any additional prizes would be gratefully accepted
- **New membership applications.** The Secretary said that he had previously mentioned two new applications and he had been having difficulty contacting one of them, after leaving two telephone messages. However, just before the last meeting he had spoken with the applicant, Ian Messenger, and he had said that he would send in his signed form to the Secretary, but here we were four weeks later and no form had been received, He is unable to move forward without that signed form, after all, anyone could fill an application form in on the website. He has therefore cancelled the application.

Re the second applicant, Alexander Grummitt, the committee gave their approval at the last meeting to make him a member, even though he does not retire until early December, but after the Secretary approved it, HQ notified him that he had already made a member at Leeds.

- **Welfare Report.** Our Welfare Officer, Beatrice, gave updates upon Brian Heath, who had recently died, and on the ongoing health problems of Tony Donoghue and Philip Baildon.
- **Any other business** Our **Chairman , Mick**, thanked Peter and Hazel for their ongoing and much appreciated work with the website, that they continue to do for the benefit of all of our members. All is going well with your updates and the competition. **Peter** thanked him and reminded three of the committee that their profiles were still needed for input onto the website, if they were prepared to allow it to be updated. He said that 80% of the members did not know who our committee member are. **Jayne** said that she was prepared to run another zoom quiz and the 20th January was the date selected. **Geoff** asked about doing another ring round but it was decided that although the fist one was necessary at the start of the pandemic, we didn't need to do another. **The Secretary** said that he would send out a short Newsletter after the Christmas Luncheon to wish the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and he could include in it the proposed date for the Zoom Quiz. He would also remind members to contact friends and former Colleagues to keep in touch and to see all are well. He also gave the committee an update on Joe's health as he was leaving most of the meetings early feeling unwell.
- Finally the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and as there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm and the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

David Wright

Secretary