

Minutes of the Zoom Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of NARPO held on Thursday 28th October 2021.

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

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Michael Tyne at 7.05pm.

Apologies had been received from Melvyn Hyde, Alan Pickles and Geraldine Tolan.

- The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30th September had been circulated to everyone and were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Bea Hopwood which was seconded by David Drucquer.
- Matters arising – The Chairman said that re the memorial plaque, he had attended a West Yorkshire group meeting and had spoken with Richard Critchley who said that it was still a ‘matter in progress’. This will be now left in abeyance until further notice from R.C.
- David Drucquer mentioned the item discussed last month re Special and PCSO applications for membership. He said he had thought about the matter since and whereas he agreed with the decision made on that date, he wished to state that he was not hugely against their admission. Things had changed over the years and they were the visible deterrent on the streets. Once again a general debate started, but it was reiterated that we will discuss each application on its merit according to the rules that govern us.
- The Regional and West Yorkshire Group meeting were linked into one and were covered by the Chairman who had recently attended both meetings. The regional welcomed and congratulated the new President Richard Critchley who addressed the meeting. He said that he felt that the NEC (Narpo) were not as actively involved with branches as he thought they should be, which he hoped to address. He hoped to increase the profile of Narpo. He had been surprised that at pre retirement courses very few of the officers had heard of or knew about Narpo. Narpo have recently been given a page in the Federation magazine and similarly the Federation have been given a page in Narpo News. The South Yorkshire representatives gave a very detailed update on the Hillsborough enquiry. Although now finalised legally, the OIPC have become involved and will soon be writing to many officers involved in the enquiry, informing them that they will be compiling their own report in which they will be naming and shaming officers for their involvement on the day. The only appeal will be to the OIPC themselves within 14 days of receipt of the letters. Sounding like a real ‘witch hunt’. The three trials that took place cost in excess of £70 million pounds.

Re Axa travel insurance, Narpo are in negotiations with two companies (one being AXA) , to provide travel Insurance in the future. The C.P.I. which annually affects our pension increase will be 3.5%, but it will be a case of wait and see re the current political climate.

Leeds branch were very critical of the excessive time that some of the NEC have been on there. Richard Critchley explained that each member is elected regionally by its members , so it is the members choice to either elect or reject them., this being every two years.

RE The recently resigned Chairman Steve Edwards, nothing or no one is going public .A retired ex Ch Supt has been appointed to undertake an independent review into the matter which is believed to involve his being bullied.

Pontefract Branch has recently amalgamated with Wakefield because they had no volunteers to occupy their offices.

The Federation Chairman, Brian Both had updated the meeting on current matters re recruitment etc. It was interesting to note that the majority of recruits receive degrees after 3 years service, after which some of them are leaving. Leslie Scaife asked the question, 'why do we need recruits with degrees, is this why we are 2,000 officers short '

- It was interesting to note that there is something called the 'Benn Folder' which is a fund that can support retired officers if they are later investigated for something that occurred during their service.
- Website Update - Peter said that the website was working well and that we had 141 members who had registered to use it. The Chairman said that this was excellent as we had a far higher proportion of members registered against actual membership, compared to other local branches.
- Website Competition Hazel said that the first competition will finish at the end of the month and there had been a good uptake. She repeated that committee members can partake but they are not allowed to win. The Secretary said that the Treasurer had asked if he could send Hazel the prizemoney every 6 months, but she said that she was quite happy to be re paid annually at the AGM meeting .
- Zoom Quiz Update – Jayne said that nothing was in the pipeline but that she could look at organising another one in the new year .
- Christmas Luncheon The Secretary said that he had been in touch with the Treasurer and there were 102 members booked in. The Secretary said that he was now unable to attend so perhaps someone could take photographs during the event so they could be posted on the web site. Also the members must be asked if there are any objections to them being posted onto the website afterwards. The Chairman said that he would take some. The Secretary also posed the question of the need for sanitisers on the tables. The secretary also mentioned that Mick Kaye was attending the dinner from Rayleigh in Essex. He had spoken with the Secretary and was looking forward to catching up with old acquaintances. The Chairman said that he would mention this in his welcoming address.
- New membership applications. The Secretary said that he had recently received two new applications. The first one had not fully completed his online application form so the Secretary had phoned him and left a message for him to contact him on his Ansa phone. He had not replied so this was why it was on the agenda, however after a second call, he had now made contact and will forward the relevant form duly signed to the Secretary. The second one must have been informed of NARPO on his pre retirement course as he does not retire until the 5th December. The Secretary said that upon receipt of his signed form, he could see no reason why we could not make him a member and grant him one or two months fee membership, which the committee agreed to.
- Welfare Report. Reports were given upon Brian Heath, Dorothy Bell and Philip Baildon. The Secretary also reported upon the death of Alan Dalby, and the problem that his long time partner of 30 years, Shammi, was experiencing, re Alan's Pension. The Secretary highlighted the problem and it was agreed that Bea and David will keep in contact with her to support her if the need arises.
- Any other business. Bea mentioned that she had recently spoken with Tony Hennigan who was very appreciative of the support he had received from the Branch and members during

his recent walk, and that he was willing to come along and speak with members about his journey. It was agreed that perhaps we could invite him to speak for 30/40 minutes at the AGM meeting, which we could curtail quicker than usual. This was agreed and it was noted that the date of the AGM will be Thursday 3rd March 2020.

- There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2021hours and the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 25th November 2021.

David Wright

Secretary