

Minutes of the Zoom Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of NARPO held on Thursday 27th January 2022.

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

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

Apologies had been received from Melvyn Hyde, Joseph Broadley and David Drucquer.

- **The minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 25th November had been circulated to everyone and were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Geoff Shores which was seconded by Margaret Gray. .

- **Matters arising –**

Yvonne Fletcher – The Secretary had contacted the Met branch Secretary who had sent a quite lengthy reply indicating that John Murray was a branch member and a very good friend of his and that the Branch had plans to honour the work he had done over the years in order to secure the conviction. It was not known if Narpo were planning anything Nationally. We sent our congratulations and best wishes to be passed onto him, and the relevant e mail had been circulated to all committee members.

Alexander Grummitt - The Secretary had contacted him by e mail, knowing he was abroad. He had phoned back and explained that he had gone to Spain immediately upon retiring to look for a place to live, and had joined Leeds Branch for no other reason that he worked both the Leeds and Bradford areas. He will not be back in the UK until late February and he will consider if he has chosen the right branch and may become an associate member of Bradford.

Sammi Dean - The Secretary had not been able to contact her until this evening, when she didn't answer her phone but sent a text that she was on the line waiting for e-on to answer her call. Bea said she also was having difficulty making contact. She had also found out that the Central Registration place in London holds details of Muslim weddings for about 20years. The Secretary said he will report back at the next meeting.

Peter said that with regards to the decision made at the last meeting, re the laying of a Branch wreath at the Remembrance Parade, he felt that because we are the Bradford Branch that we ought to concentrate, like Leslie had mentioned, on attending the main parade in central Bradford. Throughout the district there must be an extraordinary number of parades and to rotate it annually would take many years to apportion our attendance to each. He felt also that Bingley actually fell under the Keighley Branch. Margaret said that if the Police are notified in time of a remembrance parade that they will provide an officer or officers to attend and provide a wreath. It was noted that we are talking about laying a Bradford Branch Narpo wreath as opposed to a West Yorkshire Police wreath. The Chairman, Mick, said that in view of the fact that David D was unable to be here this evening that this discussion should not proceed in his absence and that we could put it on the agenda for February.

- **AGM meeting** It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Thursday 3rd March at the Bradford and Bingley Rugby Club commencing at 7.30pm . Tony Hennighan who had intimated that he would like to speak at one of our meetings regarding his walk from Land's End to John 'o Groats will be invited to come along and speak at the conclusion of the AGM,

at approx. 8.10pm, and to give him about 45 to 60 minutes. The caterer can be advised that Buffet to be ready for just after 9.00pm.

- **Pensioners 90+** Geoff said that he had recently re contacted the members who he originally contacted at the start of the pandemic and had wondered if, although we had previously agreed not to ring around again, we should consider doing something about members who are 90plus years. It was agreed that we should start to look at our more elderly members and look towards planning celebrating with them their 100th birthday. Bea and DW will check the lists and compile a list of our most elderly members.
- **Welfare Report.** Our Welfare Officer, Bea, gave updates upon the current health situations of Tony Donoghue and Philip Baidon. She also mentioned Ian Robinson. DW reported upon Malcolm Richards and Bernard Burke.

It was also noted that our committee colleague Margaret Gray had suffered a serious fall at home that required emergency hospital treatment.

- **Any other business** Our **Chairman , Mick**, mentioned the **Christmas Dinner** which had been a very successful event, and he wished his thanks and those of the committee to be passed to **Melvyn and Rose Hyde** for all the sterling work that they do on behalf of the Branch and all our members. Unfortunately Rose was ill and unable to attend the Dinner. He also thanked **Peter and Hazel** for all the work they do in keeping our website up to date and interesting. He appreciated, as we all do, that the work they do is very time consuming in typing everything up and then inputting, which can sometimes be very tricky. He also thanked **Jayne** for the recent Zoom Quiz. It was noted that only two none committee members attended which was disappointing as we have over 550 members and Jayne puts a lot of time and effort into running these. We could perhaps highlight this at the AGM. The Secretary said that regarding the **Christmas dinner**, all the feedback he had received was extremely favourable. No complaints re the meal but one person had said that the raffle went on too long. Roy said that he may have to put a cap on this in future. Leslie suggested, and it was agreed, that in future we would all wear name tags and the Secretary would liaise with Melvyn and sort this himself. Mick mentioned that the **conference** next year would be in Torquay and on this occasion Leslie had indicated that he did not want to travel so far again. Mick T, David W and David D had said that they would like to attend and this was agreed by the committee. Bea queried if they would be discussing Welfare at the Conference, as had been intimated by Richard Critchley. If so it may well be beneficial if she attends, and the committee also agreed , as we were blessed with all the work Bea undertakes, and it was noted that not all branches have a welfare officer, which is probably why Richard Critchley wants this addressing at Conference. **Geraldine** said she had received enquiries from some of her ladies asking if there would be a **ladies luncheon club dinner** and even suggesting possibly near to Easter. Geraldine had told them that would not be possible, but is it quite likely that conditions prevailing, it may well be organised again in September, which the committee agreed upon.

It was also agreed that for the foreseeable future we will continue to meet via a virtual zoom meeting. The Secretary had been pondering as to whether we would be welcomed or even allowed back into Trafalgar House yet.

The meeting was closed at 8.21pm

Next meeting - 24th February 7.00pmprior to AGM meeting on the 3rd March

David Wright

Secretary