

CUMBRIA BRANCH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Date of meeting 9th March 2022

Time 10.30am

Minute taker Secretary

Chair David Drinkald

Attendance

Name	Position	Present (P) apology (A)
Adrian Mason	Dept Secretary	P
Jim Irving		P
Joe Bell		P
David Tweddle		P
Tony Scougal	Welfare lead	P
Jim Messenger		A
Martin Pickering	Vice Chair	A
Terry O'Connell		A
Jim Wilson		P
Ali Dufty		P
Linda Maxwell		P
Dave Shirley		P
Kate Sutton		P
Paul Cox		P
Raymond Gregory		P
Lance Hindle		P
Sandie Smith		P
Bob Johnston		P
Peter Berry		P
Kate Rowley QPM		

Any observers

Name	position
Andy Gardner – remained for branch meeting	
Malcolm Young – remained for branch meeting	
John Davis – remained for branch meeting	
John Forrester	

Co-opted invitees

Name	position
NONE	

1. Welcome by the Chair

Before the meeting those attending stood to pay their respects to all those who had died since we met last and to the people of Ukraine.

David welcomed members who attended for the first time. The attendance was excellent for our branch meeting.

David has penned the forward to the newsletter which will go out in March.

2. Apologies

Received from Martin Pickering and Jim Messenger

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. Minutes from previous meetings (date) and any matters arising

These had been circulated and as there were no alterations or redactions to be made, they have been placed on our site.

Accepted by meeting

5. Elections

All officers were elected unopposed at the AGM

6. Finance report

Accepted.

7. Welfare report

Tony Scougal presented his welfare report to the AGM and gave a verbal update to the branch.

There was a lengthy discussion about bereavement notices, and it was agreed that there should be two sections to the notices.

1 was a short message stating the following:

- Name of Deceased
- Date of Death
- Funeral arrangements if known

The second part can contain more information about the deceased, where they served and any information the family wish included.

We are thankful to Tony Scougal for all the work he carries out trying to locate relatives or friends who may know more about the deceased.

Agreed we will commence writing death notices with the short information and should there be more that the family wish to say this can be added as a eulogy.

Report of any work currently being carried out

- As reported to the AGM and contained in the March Newsletter.
- It is important that if we want to get a message out to the whole membership the information should be in the newsletter as each member (who has signed up to receive one) gets a newsletter either by email or in hard copy.
- After the meeting a discussion with committee members revealed that they would like to have a summer lunch, therefore enquiries are being made to see if this is possible at Roundthorn in Penrith. It was noted that some from the Penrith area are struggling for transport to Greenhills and are missing out. One consideration would be to provide transport. DD mentioned the availability of Community Transport – this will be progressed.

KR agreed to progress and report further

8. Training if required

Tony is to attend the national Welfare officer's course. This will be at the expense of the national office.

9. Policies or decisions by the branch

Decision to move to one meeting a year, this will include the AGM and the branch meeting. If there are any matters that the committee should be aware of then these will be sent to them by email.

Agreed move to one meeting per year to include the AGM and Branch meeting

10. Any other business

The meeting was made aware of 2 x emails received from a member criticising our circulation policy in relation to deaths. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to add a paragraph to the newsletter asking member to notify Tony Scougal or Kate Rowley should they hear of a death.

Agreed this will be our policy

Date of next meeting

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday 15 th March 2023	Police Federation Offices Penrith	To follow the AGM