

# CUMBRIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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### MINUTES

**Date of meeting** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Time** 11am

**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		A
Tony Scougal	Welfare lead	P
Jim Messenger		A
Martin Pickering	Vice Chair	P
Terry O'Connell		A
Jim Wilson		P
Ali Dufty		A
Linda Maxwell		P
Dave Shirley		A
Kate Sutton		P
Paul Cox		A
Raymond Gregory		P
Lance Hindle		P
Sandie Smith		P
Bob Johnston		A
Peter Berry		A
Kate Rowley QPM	Secretary/Treasurer	P

#### Any observers

Name	position
4 GUESTS	

#### 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.

David welcomed members

## **2. Apologies**

As above marked A

## **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 Branch numbers      939**

## **7. The Chair gave an update on the situation regarding Incorporation and the recent meetings attended by himself and Joe Bell**

## **8. Elections**

All officers were elected unopposed at the AGM

Chair    David Drinkald

Vice Chair      Martin Pickering

Secretary/Treasurer    Kate Rowley QPM

Deputy Secretary/Treasurer    Adrian Mason

Secretarial support    Angela Calvert – remuneration for services to branch agreed

## **9. Finance report**

Our Accountant informs us that our finances are healthy. Our branch reserve is in line with the recommended national average for each member.

Discussion re a donation to a charity was supported and the sum of **£1000 will be doated to Cumbria Mountain Rescue who work closely with the police in this county**. The Lake District Search and mountain rescue Association will be contacted and asked to accept the donation.

The accounts of Cumbria Branch have been audited as correct and forwarded to Wakefield, copies of these can be located on the website of Cumbria branch.

**10 Acceptance of the minutes dated 9.3.22 ACCEPTED**

**11 It was agreed that the AGM would also be the branch meeting for 2023.**

**12. Update on Branch issues**

A report was provided by the Secretary and circulated; this will form part of the next newsletter to the membership.

**Conference**

4 members attended the conference in Torquay which was sadly cancelled due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The Conference for 2023 will take place on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Blackpool. Cumbria has a total of 8 Delegate places and places for observers can be arranged.

This year the agenda will very much reflect the one for 2022 which includes an update on the incorporation roadshows.

A presentation of the finalists in the popular photographic competition (theme for 2023 - British Wildlife), pictures and brief biogs of those who have been awarded national awards in the honours list both New year and Birthday lists, will also be a feature. If anyone knows of someone who has received a NATIONAL honour, please let me know.

The pre-conference dinner will take place on Thursday 7th September in the Empress Ballroom of the Winter Gardens. The conference will take place in the newly built conference venue adjoined to the Winter Gardens.

**Travel Insurance**

Page 43 of Narpo News – more to come. The insurance sadly will be available to those under 74 and if you join before your 74<sup>th</sup> birthday then you will have insurance available to you for the rest of your life.

**Widows Pensions**

Full report on page 24 of Narpo news

## **Welfare matters**

Tony Scougal continues to monitor this matter on our behalf, and I am most grateful to him for that. In our next newsletter to our members, I will include an article Tony has shared with me.

Between Tony and I we try to give appropriate responses to those who have died, not always are they members of the association but no difference is made when an obituary is circulated. If the Narpo coffin drape is required, this is delivered to the undertaker, and I have to say that this is treated with great respect by all undertakers. We are fortunate that drapes are available in the north and south of the county.

## **Functions**

Sunday lunches was well received by those attending Greenhills, Nr Wigton. Bardsea was the venue for the south of the county lunch AT The Old Mill and the Lake Cruise was popular in and will happen again this year on 5<sup>th</sup> July, again. All will be advertised in the newsletter.

Coffee mornings in Kendal to continue these are popular both with members and non members.

## **Solicitors visits**

Once again Harvey Howell are to hold FREE seminars on Wills, Trust and Powers of Attorney either in our area or are offering places to members who can travel to a location in Lancashire. If you would like an appointment let Harvey Howell know on 03301759959, they will let me know and I can arrange some transport from locations within the county should enough interest be shown. This is an offer for all our members not just the committee.

## **Narpo news**

This publication continues to improve under the guidance of Sophie Maxwell-Clayton our Marketing manager. If you know of any items of interest, please let me know and I will forward to her.

## **Minutes of meetings and reports**

The minutes of our meeting can be found on the Cumbria site of Narpo. As communication throughout Narpo is much improved and any items of interest are immediately placed on email our newsletters amount to 2 per year. Whilst the information is gathered by the Secretary the format is designed by Mike Head who has done a wonderful job over the past 2 years and I am most grateful to him for his work.

Our meetings consist of the Annual General Meeting held in March each year the next one 2024 is on 6 March commencing 10.30am in Penrith Rugby Club, lunch is provided.

## **National policies and procedures**

Cumbria agreed at their AGM (1.3.23) to adopt the national policies and procedures of Narpo These can be located on the National Website. And are as follows:

1. Data Protection Policy.
2. Privacy Policy.
3. Privacy Impact Policy – Privacy by Design.
4. Record of Processing.
5. Social Media Policy.

6. Data Access Request Procedure.

7. Data Breach Procedure.

These will be required should we move to Incorporation and by adopting the national policies we have no need to create our own.

#### **Item for the March newsletter**

Members have been reminded before, but it is worth reminding them again that members **MUST** contact XPS (Pension provider) and make sure that their nominated person on the pension information held by XPS is the person they wish to receive a pension should they die. Members can check with XPS the amount of pension their beneficiary would receive in the event of their death.

Kate Rowley QPM

Secretary to Cumbria Branch

#### **13. Conference 2023 / Blackpool**

Cumbria is allocated 8 delegate places and a similar number of observers.

These places have been nominated and arrangements for accommodation is being arranged by the Chair.

#### **14. Branch functions**

It was agreed to hold the Sunday lunch at Greenhills, Nr Wigton. The Christmas lunch at Bardsea Nr Ulverston and a pie and pea and hotpot lunches in Kendal. The coffee mornings which have proved popular will continue in Kendal

The lunches at Greenhills and Bardsea will be priced at £10 per head to members

Boat trip 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **Kendal coffee mornings**

Back in 2021, just as the country was coming out of Covid restrictions, a group of NARPO members met at Romneys in Kendal over a cup of coffee. After an hour of talking about the good old days, we started to plan a pie and peas lunch in February 2022 - which went ahead with great success. The next was in February this year and we aim to make this an annual event.

We also decided to hold regular coffee mornings where we wanted to encourage retired members (whether in NARPO or not), police staff colleagues and especially widow members to attend.

The first coffee morning was held at Romneys, where we were able to pay for coffees and teas from the funds left over from the pie and peas function for those attending. For future events, we looked for a location that was easy to get to with car parking and ease of access for those with mobility issues - we settled on Burneside Cricket Club which ticked all the boxes.

We held our first coffee morning in November 2022 with about 30 in attendance. Coffee/tea and cake cost £2 per person (free to our widow members) with a raffle held on the day. We raised £120 which paid for the room hire, coffee and tea etc. as well as a £60 donation to Cancer Care.

We held our third coffee morning on Wednesday 18th January. Again, some 30 attended even though there had been snowfalls overnight with icy road conditions. We again had a raffle and charged £2. On this occasion we raised £122 and were again able to give £60 to Cancer Care.

Our next coffee morning is again at Burneside Cricket Club at 10.30 on Wednesday 19th April and all are welcome.

As mentioned at the start, this has been a team effort aimed at getting our members and police friends to meet up in a social environment, reminisce about the 'good old days' as well as the here and now.

I must thank the following who have organised things:

Martin and Pam Pickering, Jim and Jean Wilson, Bob and Carole Crowther, Linda Maxwell, Kate Sutton and David and Carole Taylor. Pam, Linda, Kate and the two Caroles are thanked for producing excellent home baked cakes, scones and biscuits which are delicious.

Cumbria NARPO are thanked for donating £100 to assist with our start up costs and for £30 in M&S vouchers to be given as raffle prizes (won by Carole Crowther and Kate Sutton - not fixed, honest).

Jamie McTear, secretary of Cumbria Police Federation, is thanked for the grant of £250 from the Benevolent Fund, to assist with the pie and pea function costs.

We intend to hold coffee mornings regularly, get people talking and socialising and raise funds for charity and look forward to welcoming friends old and new.

Adrian Mason, Deputy Secretary

The functions in Kendal will be free to members

### **15. Welfare report**

Tony Scougal presented his welfare report to the AGM and gave a verbal update to the branch, he included item relating to the Blue Dinosaurs.

We are thankful to Tony Scougal for all the work he carries out on our behalf

### **16. Remembrance Day wreath**

This will be placed at Carlisle remembrance monument by Bob Johnston

### **17. Report of Narpo work currently being carried out**

- As reported in the minutes of the AGM and contained in the Spring Newsletter.
- Cumbria agreed that we would support more work being carried out nationally in relation to Incorporation and that as a branch we will vote in favour of this at the 2023 conference.

### **18. Policies or decisions by the branch**

All policies and procedures currently adopted by the National Office would be accepted as the policies and procedures of Cumbria Branch. These would also be placed on the website of Cumbria. (full list available in the Secretaries report)

### **19. Any other business**

**There was no other business and the meeting closed**

<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Penrith Rugby Club, Penrith	11am

	Lunch will be provided	
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