

CUMBRIA BRANCH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Date of meeting Wednesday 13th March 2024

Time **10.30AM**

Location Penrith Rugby Club, Penrith

Minute taker Secretary

Chair David Drinkald

Attendance

Name	Position	Present (P) apology (A)
ATTENDEES AS BRANCH MEETING		

Any observers

Name	position
5 observers – Bill Wright, Brian Marshall, Phil Gibson, Aloan Gardiner, Joe Vinell	
3 GUESTS RICHARD CRITCHLEY	PRESIDENT OF NARPO
ALAN LEES	CEO OF NARPO
MATTHEW KENNERLEY	CH SUPT CUMBRIA POLICE

Welcome by the Chair

1. Apologies – as branch meeting
2. Declaration of interests - none
3. Minutes from previous meetings 9 March 2022 published on the Cumbria Narpo site
4. Acceptance of the minutes as published - agreed
5. To note the appointment of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and accountant

Chair - David Drinkald

Vice Chair – Jim Wilson

Secretary – Kate Rowley QPM

Deputy Secretary – Adrian Mason

Treasurer – to be shared by David Drinkald and Kate Rowley

The Vice Chair Jim Wilson will take over responsibility for the Cumbria Branch newsletter so if there is any information you wish to go into that newsletter, please let the Secretary have it and she will pass on to Jim.

The Branch had decided to appoint an accountant in the Carlisle area for 1 year this is TGP Peoples Accountant.

- 6. Treasurers report and accounts for Cumbria Branch were accepted by the Branch committee and have been signed before sending to Wakefield.**
- 7. The Chair introduced the President of Narpo Richard Critchley and asked him to address the meeting.**

Richard touched on 1. Incorporation, 2 the Police Covenant, 3. Widows Pensions, 4. Narpo support for the appointment of the Older Peoples Commissioner, 5. Meetings with MPs from all parties 6. Narpo drop in session for MP's, Meetings with Yvette Cooper, Alex Norris, Chris Philp, Jill Furness and David Linden. All meeting being positive.

Richard explained the benefits of being a limited company and said that Narpo hoped to have everything finalised by the End of April.

- 8. Update by Alan Lees CEO of Narpo**

Alan spoke about Narpo's work with Connect and older peoples' issues. Narpo have produced 3 documents covering the 5 pillars of Narpo, Transition into

retirement and older peoples issues. These are on the Narpo Website and your branch are obtaining copies should they be required by members.

Alan explained the work we {Narpo} had done on the issue of the triple lock which would run until April 2025.

9. Address by Superintendent Matthew Kennerley. Changes in the geographical areas within the county meant changes in the geographical structure of the policing units. The county is also addressing the criminality within the County, stop and searches, county lines, rural crime teams, liaising with communities and compassion for victims. It was clear the police service is a very different place form years ago.
10. David Drinkald thanked Mr Kennerley for the continued presence of police officers at retired officers funerals.
11. Conference 2023/4 - to note delegates and observers. This year's conference will be held in Torquay. Although we will still have our full allocation of votes for delegates 8 in all there will be a reduced number of the committee attending. The chair will use our proxy votes should there be a need to vote.
12. Welfare officer report- Tony Scougal was not present and therefore there was no update. Tony gave his resignation for personal reasons after the meeting, he is also handing over the baton in relation to the Blue Dinosaurs. Thank you Tony for all your work on behalf of Cumbria Narpo.
13. Update on activities in the South of the County – A verbal report was given to the Branch meeting by Adrian, and he confirmed that £900 had been raised at their coffee mornings and other similar events, all the money had been given to local charities.

14. Report of any Branch activities in 2023/4 –

Kendal remains active with coffee mornings, pie and peas and tattie pot lunches

In the South of the county

The Lunch at Bardsea remains popular however it would be good to see some of the recently retired officers attending.

The North hosts the meal at Greenhills Hotel when members from Penrith, West Cumbria and Carlisle attend.

The popular lake cruise will once again take place during the summer 12 June

Other day trips will be considered

All the events taking place will be in the next newsletter. – should be interesting as

Jim once did the newsletter for Grange over Sands and everyone found it not only amusing but very informative.

15. Proposed activities for 2024 –

Lake cruise, lunches, Beamish

16. Any other business

1. Members were reminded that if they had any photographs of British Landmarks to send them into Narpo News for the photographic competition, prizes are excellent.

2. Anyone that has received a national honour during the year from September 2023 to July 2024 please let Sophie Maxwell, Narpo Media manager have details.

Date of next meeting -

Wednesday 12th March	Penrith Rugby Club	10.30am
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