

CUMBRIA BRANCH COMMITTEE

BRANCH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Date of meeting Wednesday 13th March 2024
Time **0930am**
Location Penrith Rugby Club, Penrith
Minute taker Secretary
Chair David Drinkald

Attendance

Name	Position	Present (P) apology (A)
D Drinkald	Chair	P
K Rowley QPM	Secretary	P
R Gregory		P
A Mason	Ass Secretary	P
K Sutton		P
J Irving		P
J Wilson	Vice Chair	P
D Shirley		P
L Hindle		P
Sandie Smith		P
J Bell		P

- 1. Welcome by the Chair –**
- 2. Apologies - Jim Messenger, Bob Johnston, Peter Berry, Tony Scougal, Martin Pickering, Linda Maxwell and Ali Dufty**
- 3. Declaration of Interests - none**
- 4. Minutes from previous meetings 9 March have been circulated and are on the Cumbria Narpo site**
- 5. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary, Accountant Chair/financial controller - David Drinkald unopposed**

Vice Chair – Jim Wilson – Jim will take overall responsibility for the content and publishing of the Cumbria Newsletter.

Secretary/treasurer – Kate Rowley unopposed

Dep Secretary Adrian Mason unopposed

Accountant – TGP peoples Accountant

David congratulated Kate on her re appointment as regional representative for No 1 Region

- 6. Removal of non-active members of the committee – it was agreed to remove David Twedde, Paul Cox, Terry O’Connell, this was in line with the non-attendance rule at meetings**
- 7. Treasurers report and audited accounts – Accepted. Report attached to the minutes for those not present and will be included on the Cumbria site**
- 8. Welfare officer Welfare report Tony Scougal was not present and there was no written report. Tony has since offered his resignation for personal reasons. This has been accepted by the Chair and Cumbria will work with new representatives in the South, Kendal and Carlisle areas.**
- 9. Report of any work currently being carried out – Adrian updated the committee on the work currently being carried out in the Kendal area. Coffee mornings, Hot pot suppers (during the day) and raffles money of which h is donated to local charities**
- 10. Conference 2024 - Delegates and observers**

To note Conference is in Torquay in 2024 and a maximum of 2 rooms have been booked for our branch.

Delegates – David Drinkald

Observers Liz Drinkald

There are two spaces - Adrian and Ray indicated they may attend.

The situation regarding proxy voting was discussed and Cumbria is allowed 8 delegates therefore those attending will be voting on behalf of the Branch and our 8 delegates. Joe Bell asked that we consider having a meeting in August to discuss any issues that may arise at Conference. This was agreed and the Secretary would enquire if the PolFed offices boardroom was available. Date to be confirmed.

The 2025 Conference will be held in Blackpool and David D has identified a hotel and provisionally booked 5 x Double 1 x twin and 1 x single room

11. Any other business

1. New members of the committee – David Taylor and John Falvey indicated their wish to join the committee -AGREED
2. David Shirley stated that there were some members active in the South of the County and they may be interested in helping with social activities – David S to progress
3. Donations to Charities – it was decided that the Branch give £50 to the nominated charity for each MEMBER who dies- AGREED
4. Activities – Boat trip 12 June 2024, Kendal Hot Pot 23 March 2024, Greenhills and Bardsea have been booked and a possible trip to XXXXX

Date of next meeting - as agreed at the Annual General Meeting

Date	Venue	Time
Proposed 12 March 2025	Penrith Rugby Club	9.30am