

CUMBRIA BRANCH COMMITTEE

BRANCH MEETING

MINUTES

To be held in the offices of the Police Federation, The Green, Penrith

AGENDA

Date of meeting	Thursday 8th August 2024
Time	10.00
Location	Penrith offices of the Police Federation
Minute taker	Secretary
Chair	David Drinkald

Attendance

Name	Position	Present (P) apology (A)
David Drinkald	Chair / Ass Treasurer	
Martin Pickering		A
James Wilson	Vice Chair	
Kate Rowley	Secretary / treasurer	
Adrian Mason	Dep Secretary	
Jim Irving		
Jim Messenger		A
Ali Dufty		
Linda Maxwell		
Kate Sutton		
Dave Shirley		
Raymond Gregory		
Lance Hindle		
Bob Johnston		A
Sandie Smith		
John Falvey		A
Dave Taylor		

1. Welcome by the Chair

Before commencing the meeting, the committee stood for a minutes silence to remember members who are no longer with us.

David gave a broad outline of discussions regarding concerns expressed by a family member of a former Committee member.

2. Apologies – see above

3. Declaration of Interests - none

4. Minutes from previous meetings 13 March 2024 AGM and Branch meeting – these were accepted

5. Update on current issues

David reported that the accounts for 1.1.24 – 30.6.24 were being completed there would then be a further group of accounts for 1.7.24 – 31.12.24 thereafter it would be yearly accounts for the branch, the split accounts were to accommodate Incorporation.

6/7Welfare

Kate circulated a paper prepared by the centre – National Guide to Welfare, Policy and good practices. It was agreed that this was not fit for purpose as far as Cumbria is concerned and that the focus should be on ‘signposting’ to organisations that could assist. The secretary was asked to write a paper relevant to Cumbria and circulate for the 5 regions within our area to contribute towards with local organisations that can be contacted.

Action: This has been done and circulated to the following for local information to be included.

North - Carlisle and Penrith (David D) and (Kate R)

South - Kendal (Adrian M), Barrow (John F) Ulverston (Dave S)

West - Workington and Whitehaven (Raymond G)

8. Welfare officers

The decision was that all those on the committee of our branch would be regarded as Welfare officers, the Secretary would act as the conduit for reporting or recording but that visits, or contact would be from the area the person lived, advice would be on a signposting basis.

Action: When Cumbria information is ready it will be placed onto the Cumbria Narpo site under the name Access to Support which was felt to be more appropriate than the national name of A National Guide to Welfare Policy and good practice.

9. Conference 2024 -

Delegates – Adrian Mason, Dave Taylor and David Drinkald

10. Charity Donations

Cumbria donate £50 to each charity named by a deceased member in their funeral service.

Adrian reported that in the region of £1200 had been donated to local charities from the functions in the Kendal area. This was much appreciated by those groups receiving the donation.

11. No 1 region meeting – this was attended by David D and Kate R, anything to report from that meeting was included elsewhere in these minutes.

12. Incorporation

Narpo incorporated on 1.7.24 and it was agreed that this was a huge step forward for the organisation, giving protection to our members. The matter of proxy voting

was discussed, and David D would be the person responsible for any proxy votes on behalf of Cumbria members.

The committee expressed our thanks to Richard Critchley the President, Alan Lees CEO and Angela Calvert for all the hard work and dedication they had shown in negotiating on behalf of the association. Letters expressing our thanks will be sent to all three people.

13. Cumbria Newsletter

Jim reported that he was not receiving information to be included in the local newsletter and would appreciate anything sent to him to bolster the next circulation. The next circulation would be in October 24. Please send anything you have to Jim Wilson.

14. Cumbria meals and activities

Greenhills Sunday 2ND March 2025 12.30 for 1pm and Bardsea Thursday 20th March 2025 12.30 for 1pm are booked.

The reason for moving the meal at Greenhills to a later date is concerns for weather conditions in January.

By popular demand there will be another Lake Cruise in 2025.

Beamish visit will be in the summer of 2025 – date to be confirmed. All will be advertised in the October edition of the Cumbria newsletter.

15. The social gatherings in the Kendal area will be included in the newsletters.

16. Recruitment

There will be a presentation at Conference 2024 led by the Deputy CEO. A discussion took place regarding placing literature into the retirement packs and Kate S agreed to visit HR at Carleton Hall and see if we can place our literature into the packs.

Sadly, it is nothing to do with HR and Kate is now progressing with another department.

17. Raffle

Kate R proposed that we hold a 6 monthly free raffle selecting the winners by using the membership numbers. Only full paying members will be eligible for the raffle paying £100 and a separate raffle will be held for Widow/Widower members for £50. The date of the raffle will be 2 weeks prior to Christmas and a date to be fixed in the summer.

Action: this was agreed, and Angela will administrate a random selection of the membership.

18. Remembrance Day wreath

We lay a wreath at Carlisle and David D and Bob J have agreed to do the honours on behalf of Cumbria Narpo.

19. Any other business – none

20. Date of next meeting

Branch meeting 9.30am on Wednesday 12 March followed the AGM at 11am. We will invite the following:

Chief Constable. The Police and Fire Commissioner, Narpo President and the CEO.

The meeting will be followed by lunch.

Through our newsletter Jim will try and encourage members to attend.

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

Date	Venue	Time
Branch meeting 12 March 2025	Penrith Rugby Club	9.30am

Annual General Meeting		11am
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