



MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF BURY VETERANS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HELD IN FISHPOOL LIBERAL CLUB,
79 NELSON STREET, BURY, BL9 9HX,
AT 1300 HRS ON SUNDAY 08th DECEMBER 2019



Picture: BOBVA Xmas Dinner 2019.

Apologies for Absence:

RN Chair; Leanne Murphy RN, Civ Chmn; Shirley Simmons, Civ Sec; Leah Simmons, Welfare Officer; Marina Jones.

Present:

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Committee:

President; Chris Harness RCT/RLC, RN Chmn; Treas Steve Collins RN, RN Secretary; Kevin Rowe RN, Army Chmn; Baz Phillips RGJ, Army Sec; Owen Dykes RA, RAF Chmn; Paul Newton RAF, RAF Secretary; Debbie Wilson RAF, Saddleworth Coordinator; Nikki Grey RAF, Entertainments Coordinator; Roy Counsell RLC, Assn Photographer; Anthony Dalton-Hughes RRF.

Members:

ROYAL NAVY:

ARMY:

ROYAL AIR FORCE:

CIVILIAN:

(TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE: 60 & 3 Guests).

Presiding Member:

1. Opening Address. Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the meeting, please be upstanding for the Loyal Toast.

a. Her Majesty, The Queen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain standing for the eulogy followed by one-minute silence:

Led by Paul Newton RAF.

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them.”

(one minute’s silence).

Ladies and Gentlemen Our Fallen Comrades.

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2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising. Hopefully, you have all seen the previous minutes either electronically or hard copy, has anyone not seen them? Is anyone having difficulty obtaining a copy? Are there any points from anyone?

No points were raised.

3. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019. The Poppy stall in Asda, Bury collected £3,691.04 over the 2 week period. I have been asked to convey a personal thanks from Col Eric Davidson and also from the RBL. I know we had members in other locations such as Asda Pilsworth where £8,893.63 was raised and also supermarkets in Radcliffe too. A big well done to everyone helping whatever the location.

A round of applause was given.

Treasurer:

1. Branch Accounts: In summary as at 08th December 2019:

November 2019 bank balance: £

Paid In: £

Paid Out: £

December 2019 bank balance: £

a. Are there any questions regarding the account?

A round of applause was given.

Royal Navy Chair:

1. Cenotaph March Past Remembrance Parade. We are considering organising a coach down to London for Remembrance Sunday next year, just a quick show of hands please how many would be interested.

Jackie White asked if the feasibility of a weekend trip could be investigated. It was felt that perhaps costs involved might make this too expensive but would be looked into.

2. Paint Balling – March 2020. List at the back, we need at least 15 names to make this viable. This may be run as charity event v GMP and possibly April not March 2020.

3. BOBVA Coffee Morning – 14th December 2019. 2nd BOBVA Coffee Morning at the Ashton Room, Bury Parish Church on the Rock. Open 1100 hrs to 1400 hrs. Mince Pies donated by Greggs. Hopefully see you there.

A round of applause was given.

Royal Navy Secretary:

1. Birmingham Tattoo – Gun Run. The Royal Navy won both gun runs at this years Tattoo. Well done the Navy.

A round of applause was given.

Army Chairman:

1. Standard Bearer at Birmingham Tattoo. A thank you and well done to Paul Andrews for parading the BOBVA standard at the Birmingham Tattoo this year, he did a good job and made BOBVA proud.

2. Fishpool Donation. Last month the committee agreed to donate £200 to Fishpool as a mark of the Associations gratitude to the club for hosting out meetings and other events. The monies donated have been used towards 2 events the club hold annually, a children's Xmas party and an OAP's Xmas party as well.

A round of applause was given.

Army Secretary:

1. Frosted Steins. Unfortunately, there is a delay on the delivery of the frosted steins, the supplier is a one-woman operation that also runs the Trafford Breakfast club. It seems our order has overwhelmed her, and she has had some technical issues with her machine. I am hoping to have them before Christmas and will keep members updated.

2. Birmingham Tattoo. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Birmingham Tattoo this year, I apologise for my non-attendance, but I had a sick chit from the medical officer and was bedded down. Still find it hard to believe that Baz didn't sing.

A round of applause was given.

RAF Chairman:

1. Village Hotels Bury Christmas Children's Toys Appeal. Village Hotels Bury is running an appeal for Christmas toys for local homeless and needy children. A big thank you to everyone who has brought in Xmas presents today in support of this appeal.

A round of applause was given.

RAF Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Civilian Chair:

1. The OppO Foundation. The OppO Foundation has been established to help ex-military personnel, their families and dependants on their return to civilian life. They are currently looking for 5 military veterans who may need a new household boiler. There are some criteria that you must meet such as being the homeowner. Anyone interested please speak to Chris or Owen today after the meeting as OppO want to do this before Xmas.

'Who we Are': <https://vimeo.com/193956905> <http://www.theoppofoundation.com/>

A round of applause was given.

Civilian Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Welfare Officer:

1. Marina will be at the next Association coffee morning on 14th December 2019 for anyone who may need to speak with her.

A round of applause was given.

Entertainments Coordinator:

1. Xmas Party 2019. I would express my thanks to Leanne for all her hard work organising the Xmas Dinner, I think it was a fantastic night out, but we would like some feedback from those that attended, please come and chat to me after the meeting.

A round of applause was given.

Saddleworth Coordinator:

1. Nothing to report.

Association Photographer:

1. Anyone requiring photos for ID cards please see me after the meeting.

A round of applause was given.

Any Other Business:

1. There was no other business raised from the floor.

Closing Remarks:

1. Anyone with any suggestions for trips or otherwise please speak to a member of the committee and we will see what can be done.
2. Sandwiches today courtesy of Vikie and Tim Murphy. There are also mince pies.
3. We once again would like to thank everyone for your continued support. This being the last meeting of the year, you committee wish one and all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. See you all in January next year.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING:
FISHPOOL LIBERAL CLUB, 79 Nelson St, Bury BL9 9HX,
1200 HRS SUNDAY 05th JANUARY 2020.



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