

**MINUTES OF RAFA NEWARK & DISTRICT BRANCH COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES'  
MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

<b>Present:</b>		<b>Appointment:</b>
Michael Reilly	(MR)	Trustee – Chairman
Joyce Woods	(JW)	Trustee – Secretary
Jerry Flint	(JF)	Trustee – Treasurer
Elsbeth White	(EW)	Trustee – Wings Appeal
Margaret Flint	(MF)	Trustee
Allan Hildage	(AH)	Trustee – President
Allan Brooke	(AB)	Branch Hon Life Vice–President
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Dennis Atkins	(DA)	Trustee – Branch Hon Life Vice-President
Aaron Martin	(AM)	RAFLO

ITEM	RECORD OF DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
1.	<b>Welcome and Dedication</b>  MR gave the Dedication, and thanked all committee members for attending.	<b>MR</b>
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Apologies received from DA & AM.	<b>EW</b>
3.	<b>Declaration of Interests / Conflicts</b>  AH – Director of the Newark Services Club (NSC) and Trustee of the Patriotic Fund.  MR – Welfare Officer of the Patriotic Fund	<b>AH</b>  <b>MR</b>

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4.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>AH proposed and MF seconded that the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting were a true and accurate record.</p>	ALL
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Nothing to Report</b></p>	ALL
6.	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>AGM is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. JW is to email everyone with the Calling Notice and Nominee Forms.</p>	JW
7.	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>JF reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRANCH: <b>£7,406.52</b></li> <li>• WINGS: <b>£72.50</b></li> <li>• WELFARE: <b>£7693.28</b></li> <li>• AT HQ: <b>£12,053.41</b></li> <li>• TOTAL BRANCH FUNDS: <b>£19,459.93</b></li> </ul> <p>JF briefed the accounts were ready for Audit.</p>	JF
8.	<p><b>Membership, Welfare, Ceremonial, Media/Publicity</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b> JW informed the committee that the Branch had 254 active members, 24 lapsed, 2 new joiner and 2 leavers.</p> <p><b>Welfare</b> One case was briefly discussed.</p> <p><b>Ceremonial</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Media / Publicity</b> MF mentioned that branches were self-publicising in the Airmail magazine. AH and MF suggested we should do the same. MR send he would write a piece mentioning the Christmas Lunch and the Wings funds raised.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
9.	<p><b>Recent / Forthcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lunch</b> AH proposed a vote of thanks to MR and MF for organising a succesful lunch.</p> <p><b>RAF Hendon</b></p>	ALL

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	<p>The 11<sup>th</sup> of April was the suggested date for the Hendon visit. Leaving at 08:30. AH briefed that he had liaised with Hendon and lunch will be available for our members, The proposal is for a 53 seater coach shared with the Patriotic.</p>	<p><b>MR/JF/MF</b></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business / Points for Next Meeting</b></p> <p>JF – suggested that following the success of the Christmas Lunch we should try for a regular event in an effort to support the membership. AH suggested the Belvedere. MR suggested the 20 Feb (Tuesday). JF/MF will research.</p> <p>AH – reminded us of Royal Air Force in Concert to be held on 20 September in the Palace Theatre. All agreed that we should purchase tickets in advance.</p>	<p><b>JF/MF</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The AGM will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 1830.</p> <p>The monthly meeting will be the last Tuesday of each month from this point at 18:30. Therefore, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 18:30.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>