

**MINUTES OF RAFA NEWARK & DISTRICT BRANCH COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES'
MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2025, 13.00 AT NEWARK LIBRARY**

Present:		Appointment:
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
Dennis Atkins	(DA)	Trustee – Branch Hon Life Vice-President
Lesley Ward	(LW)	Committee Member
Apologies:		
Alan Brooke	(AB)	Trustee – Branch Hon Life Vice-President
Aaron Martin	(AM)	RAFLO

ITEM	RECORD OF DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
	Welcome and Dedication	
1.	MR gave the Dedication, and thanked all committee members for attending.	MR
	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Apologies received from AB & AM	JW
	Declaration of Interests / Conflicts	
3.	MR – Newark Patriotic Fund, AB	MR

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4.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>JF proposed and MF seconded that the minutes of the 7 January 2025 meeting were a true and accurate record.</p>	JW/ALL
5.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRANCH: £2,077.43. • AT HQ: £19,849.64 • TOTAL BRANCH: £21,926.64. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELFARE: £3,573.28 • WINGS: £10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLOAT: £52.24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRANCH ACCOUNT: £29.24 – Calendar sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELFARE ACCOUNT: £70 used for Welfare at Xmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WINGS ACCOUNT: Transferred £2,791.45 to HQ <p>JF stated a change of address form for mailing address to JF's home address. MR to sign document.</p> <p>JF The Chairman's chain of office is not currently insured, members believe the value of the chain is approx. £2,000. It was proposed not to insure at present. Proposed by JF & seconded by MF.</p> <p>JF recommended that money be moved to the cost of living account at HQ, It was decided by the committee to postpone the decision.</p>	JF
6.	<p>Matters Arising, Membership, Welfare, Ceremonial, Media/Publicity</p> <p>Secretary: 232 active members, 16 lapsed, 1 new joiner, 0 leavers, and 1 deceased. (W. Muir)</p> <p>Welfare: MR is aware of a member who has a welfare need, He will contact them.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>MR</p>

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6.	<p>Welfare (cont): The wife of AB is currently unwell it MR proposed flowers are sent.</p> <p>Events: Those attending the Xmas meal stated they had really enjoyed it.</p> <p>Publicity & Media: AGM will be advertised through email, Facebook and Newark advertiser. MF asked which size advert and how many weeks, it was decided the larger box and for 3 consecutive weeks, JF and MF will organise. Proposed by MR, seconded by JF.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>JF & MF</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business / Points for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR read the Chairmans statement to committee. • AGM at Belvedere needs to be confirmed, no response from Belvedere. MF and JF will visit to confirm and get pricing. • DA stated that the propellor is still in situ at NSC, MR will contact NSC to advise them that members of the committee will remove. • DA asked that if RAFA were to move to The Belvedere is it possible to fly the standard outside. No plans in place at present, will discuss at a later date. • Committee agreed that the bell should remain in situ at NSC. • EW advised the committee that a wings collection tin had hone missing from Birds. Staff members state that a male who stated he was a RAFA member collected the time. Unable to identify. EW and MF both agreed with staff that only they would collect tins in future. 	<p>MR</p> <p>MF & JF</p> <p>MR</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>EW</p>
8.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on the 18 February 2025. 18.00 for 18.30pm at Belvedere, London Rd, Newark</p>	<p>All</p>