



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 2nd May 2012

Members Present: Fred Hemmerman (FH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); David Kennedy (DK); Peter Ovis (PO); Bob Boreland (BB); Steve Johnson (SJ); Tony Steventon (TS); Brian Petch (BP); Bob Hare (RobH); Andy Jefferson (AJ); Darren Howlett (DH); Pat Howlett (PH); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Derrick Garton (DG); John Louis (JL);

Apologies: Michael Sutton (MS); Adrian Marshall (AM2); Frank Maunder (FM); Steve Woods (SW); Ted Johnson (TJ); Joe Matthews (JM); Mike Walker (MW); Jon Wild (JW); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM); Sandra Robinson (SR).

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- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Standard Bearer
- 10.0 Social Events
- 11.0 Any Other Business
- 12.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.04hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. KH & TG. FM is in hospital having an operation and the Branch wishes to send its best wishes. FH stated that JM had sent his apologies.
- 3.0 Absent friends – As details in 2.0. A discussion was had with regard to members who are still suffering with ill health; the branch wants to be reminded to those who are in ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting – CH proposed that the minutes where correct. RobH seconded. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising –
- 6.0 Communications – PW reported that the Branch had received no communications in May.
- 7.0 CESA Report – TS reported that all the association had to back to CESA in response to the RNA comments. All associations have sided against RNA. Standard Bearers will now get 35p mile for formal duties. Receipts have to be submitted. They voted for a CESA standard, but it was thought that the cost was prohibitive. CESA need collectors for raising money, anyone interested should give their names to TS. 8th June, laying up of the Burma Star

Colours at the Holy Trinity Church, timings to be confirmed. The scaffolding around the War Memorial during the recent cleaning was discussed, following comments from Cllr Colin Ingliss. The general concession was that Cllr Ingliss's comments were unjustified.

- 8.0 Website – PW stated that further to the information given in April's minutes. The website is now back up and running. A lot of work has been done on the website and it is still not complete. It is an evolving website and its content will increase over time. PW reported that all the current photographs had been transferred and general information and contact information had also been incorporated. The website can also now be viewed on an iPhone or Android device where it has been specifically formatted for mobile use. The latest addition is the Forum. This allows website registered users to chat, add topics, comment on other topics and send direct messages between users. PW reminded Members that the forum and website is only as good as the users make it so asked that as many members as possible register and use the website.
- 9.0 Standard Bearer – SW was not present for the meeting but we are not aware that he had been engaged in May.
- 10.0 Social Events –
- 10.1 Ladies Night - RobH stated that he is currently looking at some different venues for the next Ladies Night, provisionally set for 28th June. The entertainments committee will clarify for next meeting.
 - 10.2 AJ apologised for not attending the last Ladies night as he had promised.
 - 10.3 Annual Dinner – FH suggested a change in the menu for the Annual Dinner. We have had beef for the last two years and thought it would be nice to change to Turkey. Seconded by AJ, the majority of members were in favour and therefore the motion is carried.
 - 10.4 SJ suggested that after the meal we should have a Branch Photograph. PW stated that this could be arranged and possibly individual photographs as well.
- 11.0 Any Other business:
- 11.1 TS stated that there will be a Veterans Parade on 23rd June at 10.00 hrs at Prime Street. For further details speak to TS.
 - 11.2 We have yet again, been invited to the NVA Annual Dinner. This year it will be held on the 29th June at the Masonic Lodge on Beverley Road. Tickets are limited and only a few remain, so if any member wishing to attend this event should contact FH at the earliest opportunity.
 - 11.3 BB asked whether 'give aways' for the stand at the shows were available. PW stated that he would email RHQ for the packs that they have stated were available. DM stated that he would purchase some round stickers that could be printed with a logo and text.
 - 11.4 PW to confirm the date for RMP Memorial Service at NMA Alrewas.
 - 11.5 TS stated that CESA have proposed that on the 3rd of June they are going to hold a Jubilee Celebration at Trades and Labour Club on Beverley Road. TS stated that BP had proposed that events and food should be provided to celebrate the Jubilee. All members are invited. Further details from TS.
 - 11.6 PH stated that he had read the latest MoD newsletter and within that they were discussing having a review regarding the issuing and wearing of Medals.

11.7 Corps Journal – PW stated that yet again we had not submitted a piece for the Corps Journal. TS had nominated himself as the Branches correspondent, however, he was unaware of exactly when articles had to be submitted. PW stated that he would make enquires with the Corps Journal Editor, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) SC Mclean.

12.0 The time being 21.00hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th June 2012, at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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And finally....

Police Complaint !

This is allegedly a genuine complaint to Devon & Cornwall Police Force from an angry member of the public. It's purports to be an email sent to the force, if true it is brilliantly written.....

Dear Sir/Madam/Automated telephone answering service,
Having spent the past twenty minutes waiting for someone at Bodmin police station to pick up a telephone I have decided to abandon the idea and try e-mailing you instead.

Perhaps you would be so kind as to pass this message on to your colleagues in Bodmin, by means of smoke signal, carrier pigeon or Ouija board.

As I'm writing this e-mail there are eleven failed medical experiments (I think you call them youths) in St Mary's Crescent, which is just off St Mary's Road in Bodmin.

Six of them seem happy enough to play a game which involves kicking a football against an iron gate with the force of a meteorite. This causes an earth shattering CLANG! which rings throughout the entire building. This game is now in its third week and as I am unsure how the scoring system works, I have no idea if it will end any time soon.

The remaining five failed-abortions are happily rummaging through several bags of rubbish and items of furniture that someone has so thoughtfully dumped beside the wheelie bins. One of them has found a saw and is setting about a discarded chair like a beaver on ecstasy pills.

I fear that it's only a matter of time before they turn their limited attention to the caravan gas bottle that is lying on its side between the two bins.
If they could be relied on to only blow their own arms and legs off then I would happily leave them to it. I would even go so far as to lend them the matches.

Unfortunately they are far more likely to blow up half the street with them and I've just finished decorating the kitchen.

What I suggest is this - after replying to this e-mail with worthless assurances that the matter is being looked into and will be dealt with, why not leave it until the one night of the year (probably bath night) when there are no mutants

around then drive up the street in a Panda car before doing a three point turn and disappearing again. This will of course serve no other purpose than to remind us what policemen actually look like.

I trust that when I take a claw hammer to the skull of one of these throwbacks you'll do me the same courtesy of giving me a four month head start before coming to arrest me.

I remain your obedient servant
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Mr ??????,

I have read your e-mail and understand your frustration at the problems caused by youths playing in the area and the problems you have encountered in trying to contact the police.

As the Community Beat Officer for your street I would like to extend an offer of discussing the matter fully with you.

Should you wish to discuss the matter, please provide contact details (address / telephone number) and when may be suitable.

Regards
PC ??????
Community Beat Officer

Dear PC ??????

First of all I would like to thank you for the speedy response to my original e-mail.

16 hours and 38 minutes must be a personal record for Bodmin Police Station, and rest assured that I will forward these details for inclusion in the next Guinness records book.

Secondly I was delighted to hear that our street has its own Community Beat Officer.

May I be the first to congratulate you on your covert skills? In the five or so years I have lived in St Mary's Crescent , I have never seen you. Do you hide up a tree or have you gone deep undercover and infiltrated the gang itself? Are you the one with the acne and the moustache on his forehead or the one with a chin like a wash hand basin? It's surely only a matter of time before you are head-hunted by MI5.

Whilst I realise that there may be far more serious crimes taking place in Bodmin, such as smoking in a public place or being Christian without due care and attention, is it too much to ask for a policeman to explain (using words of no more than two syllables at a time) to these prats that they might want to play their strange football game elsewhere.

The pitch on Fairpark Road , or the one at Priory Park are both within spitting distance as is the bottom of the Par Dock, the latter being the preferred option especially if the tide is in.

Should you wish to discuss these matters further you should feel free to contact me on <?????>. If after 25 minutes I have still failed to answer, I'll buy you a large one in the Cat and Fiddle Pub.

Regards
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P.S If you think that this is sarcasm, think yourself lucky that you don't work for the sewerage department with whom I am also in contact !!!