



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM BRANCH

Website: <http://www.narfsheffield.org.uk>

Chair: Mick Hurst; Treasurer: Dave Lockwood; Secretary: Ted Mullins

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 'Showroom and Workstation', Paternoster Row, Sheffield

**1. Members Present:**

Douglas Binnington, Bev Bridge, Pete Cawthorne, Arthur Levick, Alan Liversidge (Chair), Dave Lockwood (Treasurer), Rod Mansell, Brian Marsden, Ken Mettam, Ted Mullins (Secretary)

**2. Apologies for Absence:**

Mick Hurst, Tony Mulcrone, Ian Mettam

**3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and matters arising:**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed:** Arthur Levick

**Seconded:** Bev Bridge

**4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave no report.

**5. Secretary's Report**

**Valedictions:**

Since our last AGM, we have sadly lost six of our long-standing members:

Darren Smith, Joseph Currier, Bernard Walker, Albert Binney, Colin Horsefield, and Dave Morris

Our condolences have been sent to each of their families and a £40 donation was made on their behalf to their requested charity.

**Membership:**

I am pleased to report that we have had four new members join us since April 2015:

Adrian Robinson, Edward Wood, Paul Salter, Keith Graham,

As of 01 April 2016 our membership records show 312 members for the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch. The Barnsley and Doncaster Branch currently has 199 members. (SY=510 paying members + 1 Honorary).

**Website and Facebook:**

During last year the NARF Sheffield website was well used and it is my hope it is still of some benefit to our members. The Facebook page has proved an invaluable communication tool over the past 12 months.

**Pensions:**

It appears if you read both the information shown on the NARPO Facebook page, and the information released by the National Pensioners Convention, that there will be no increase in the Firefighters

Pension for the 2016/2017 period. It disappointing to note that no information relating to the pension increase, or lack of it, has been released by NARF National.

Furthermore, the National Association of Retired Police Officers website stated in November last year "...The ONS have now released the Consumer Price Index for September which shows a fall of 0.1% meaning there will be no increase to Police Pensions in April next year (2016).

I feel it is therefore safe to assume that the Fire and Rescue Service pension increase for 2016/2017 will probably be 0%

I would like to take this opportunity to

Finally, my thanks go Mark Farnsworth and staff at the Showroom and Workstation for allowing us to hold our meetings on their premises, to those members who attend our meetings, and those members who may not attend meetings but continue to support our Association financially.

## **6. Treasurer's Report:**

### **Subscriptions:**

In previous years £5 per South Yorkshire member plus the District Levy (currently £0.15p per member) has been paid to the Treasurer of No.3 District, who has forwarded to £5 per member to the NARF National Treasurer, and retained the District Levy for district funds.

However, this year, on instructions from the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch, and the Barnsley and Doncaster Branch, we have paid National Subscription of £5.00 per member direct to the NARF National Treasurer, and forwarded the District Levy of £0.15p per member to the District Treasurer.

The meeting expressed its agreement that the current arrangement should continue, and the Secretary agreed to seek the opinion of the Barnsley and Doncaster Branch to ascertain if they were still in agreement with the new arrangement for paying subs.

### **Membership:**

Current branch membership stands at 312 with an overall South Yorkshire Membership of 511

### **Sheffield Branch Balance Sheet 2014:**

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet to the meeting, and it was accepted as a true record, and an audited and signed copy of the 2015 Balance Sheet has been placed in the minute book.

### **Current Bank Balance:**

£1423.36

## **7. Election of Officials**

There being no nominations, and no objections to the present officials named remaining in post, the elected officials of the branch are to remain as:

Chair	M. Hurst
Secretary	T. Mullins
Treasurer	D. Lockwood
Auditors	D. Binnington and A. Liversidge

## **8. Proposals**

There were no proposals to consider.

## **9. Date, time and venue of the next Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the 2016 AGM would be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 on the same night as the Ordinary Branch Meeting. The time and venue will be decided at a later date.

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