



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM BRANCH

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**Chairman:** Mick Hurst; **Treasurer:** Dave Lockwood; **Secretary:** Ted Mullins

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 'Showroom and Workstation', Paternoster Row, Sheffield

### 1. **Members Present:**

Pete Cawthorne, Mick Hurst (Chair), Dave Lockwood (Treasurer), Rod Mansell, Bill May, Ken Mettam, Ted Mullins (Secretary), Keith Parker

### 2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Douglas Binnington, Les Dodd, Arthur Levick, Alan Liversidge Brian Marsden, Tony Mulcrone

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

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

Proposed: Rod Mansell      Seconded: Ken Mettam

### 4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

### 5. **Secretary's Report**

#### 5.1 **Valedictions:**

Since our last AGM, we have sadly lost five of our long-standing members: Doug Lightning, Sam Cawthorne, Paul Burrows, Eric Clements and Dave Wilson.

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

#### 5.2 **Current Membership:**

I am pleased to report that since April 2017 Martin Toovey has joined the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch and Trevor Bernard will be joining on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **South Yorkshire Area Membership Records:**

As of 01 April 2017, our membership records show 301 members for the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch. The Barnsley and Doncaster Branch currently has 188 members.

Overall South Yorkshire has 488 paying members + 1 honorary member showing an overall fall of 10 members since April 2016.

#### 5.3 **Pensions:**

I have endeavoured to keep members up to date since last November by using the ONS pension's information. There will be a 3% FS pension increase in April.

#### **5.4 Website and Facebook:**

During last year I have continued to update the NARF Sheffield website with information, and it is my hope it is still of some benefit to our members. Whilst the Facebook page initially proved to be an invaluable communication tool, over the past year it has become more and more troublesome, so much so, that I am no longer able to put posts on our page. Unless there is anyone willing to take on this task, I am proposing that it is dispensed with.

*The closure of the Facebook page was agreed, with the proviso that sufficient time should be allowed to establish if another member is willing to take the page on and manage it.*

#### **5.5 Change of Addresses:**

This continues to be a problem both nationally and locally. It is understandable that members think that when they inform SY Payroll of their address change, that we are informed. However, this is not the case, and we are unaware of a change of address until their copy of NARF News is returned, undelivered to the National Secretary.

Finally, our thanks go to 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 to those members who may not attend meetings, but continue to support our Association financially.

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

#### **6.1 National Subscriptions:**

In December 2016 the National Subscription of £5.00 per member was paid directly to the NARF National Treasurer, and the District Levy of £0.15p per member was paid to the District Treasurer.

#### **6.2 Sheffield Branch Balance Sheet 2016:**

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 2016 Balance Sheet has been placed in the minute book. The Treasurer took this opportunity to thank the Auditors for their continued support.

Current Bank Balance: £1346.08

### **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:

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| 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 proposed that the 2019 AGM is to be held on the Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 on the same night as the Ordinary Branch Meeting. The time and venue will be confirmed at a later date.