



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM BRANCH

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

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

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 16th April 2018 'Showroom and Workstation', Paternoster Row, Sheffield

1. Welcome by Chair and Valedictions

Members were invited to stand and observe a minutes silence for Sheffield and Rotherham members Paul Burrows aged 74 years, who died on Friday 26 January 2018, Eric Clements, aged 71 years, who died on Thursday 29 March 2018, and Dave Wilson, aged 76 years, who died on Thursday 5 April 2018.

Welcome to our new member Trevor Bernard who will be joining us on 27th June 2018

2. Members Present:

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

3. Apologies for Absence:

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

4. 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

5. Treasurer's Report

Income 2017	£4313.68
Expenditure	£2967.60
Current Balance	£1346.08

6. Secretary/Membership Recorder's Report

6.1 South Yorkshire Membership April 2017

The Sheffield and Rotherham Branch membership	301 (-3 +1 from January 2018)
The Barnsley and Doncaster Branch membership	<u>187</u> (-5 from January 2018)
South Yorkshire Total	489 (-6 from January 2018)

6.2 Correspondence:

Our condolences have been sent to the families of Paul Burrows, Eric Clements and Dave Wilson. and a £40 donation was made on their behalf to their requested charity.

7. Welfare

There were no known welfare issues to report

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 Pensions:

A question was raised as to whether to pension payment to a deceased firefighter's spouse was half the current pension he was receiving or half the un-commuted pension. And was the 'Widows' pension indexed linked.

The Secretary would investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.

8.2 Website and Facebook:

TM reported that whilst the Facebook page initially proved to invaluable communication tool, over the past year it has become more and more troublesome, so much so, that he is no longer able to put posts on our page. Unless there is anyone willing to take on this task, he proposed that it should be shut down.

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.

9. Proposed date time and venue of the next Ordinary Meeting - 19:30 hours on 16th July, 2018, at the Showroom and Workstation, Paternoster Row, Sheffield.