

4 March 2014

**MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHREWSBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE HARLESCOTT CLUB ON MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024 AT 1230 HRS.**

Present:     A Madeley     President  
              P Sharp        Chairman

And 21 members:

A Allen	N Barrett	E Blackie	M Bradbury	P Bradshaw	P Butler
M Farmer	R Forbes	A Griffith	N Hall	B Howett	G James
J Keeping	M Keeping	H Lewis	P Martin	T Payne	P Small
K Tidy	J Tisbury	C Williams			

And 5 Associate Members:

S Farmer	H Hall	D Howett	J Marston	C Parry
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Apologies: 4 Members and Associates:

J Burke	P Burke	R Davis	G Summer
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**ITEM 1 – DEDICATION**

1. The Chair welcomed everyone, and invited all to stand for the parading of the Branch Standard. The Chair read the Dedication and a moment of reflection was observed.

**ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES**

2. Apologies had been received from the members and associates listed above.

**ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

3. Copies of the Minutes of the last AGM, which was held on 6 March 2023, had been circulated, and placed on the Branch website. It was proposed by P Sharp and seconded by J Tisbury that the Minutes of the last AGM be accepted.

4. **Decision: It was agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the last AGM be accepted.**

#### **ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING**

5. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

#### **ITEM 5 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

6. The Chairman read his Report on the activities of the Branch during the last year.

#### **ITEM 6 – TREASURER'S REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

7. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated to members and displayed on the Branch's website. No points of concern were raised in relation to the Accounts. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the Chairman that the Accounts be accepted. **Approved unanimously.**

8. The Treasurer informed members that the accounts had been audited by Azets. A vote of thanks to the Auditors was proposed by the Treasurer who also proposed that Azets be reappointed as Auditors for the coming year; the Chairman seconded the proposal.

9. **Decision: The vote of thanks to the Auditors, and their appointment for the coming year was agreed unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 7 – WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT**

10. The Welfare Officer read his report, advising that welfare work continued and that the Branch held welfare funds in excess of £3K which is sufficient to meet demand.

#### **ITEM 8 – STATEMENT BY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

11. The Membership Secretary was read his report, and advised that Branch membership totalled 334.

#### **ITEM 9 – STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT**

12. The President thanked the Committee for their work throughout the year. She reflected that it had been a busy year as the Branch took part in all the ceremonial events in the town and it was a pleasure to represent the Branch at such events. The President concluded by thanking all members for their continued support of the Branch and the Association.

## **ITEM 10 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

13. The President took the Chair and noted that with one exception the Committee had been elected in 2022 for a period of 3 years. The exception was H Lewis who had been elected in 2023 for 2 years. All the Committee were willing to fulfil their commitment, there was therefore no requirement for an election. No other members had come forward to serve on the Committee.

14. The Committee therefore comprised:

<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Secunder</u></b>
Chairman	P Sharp	N/A	
Secretary	J Tisbury	N/A	
Treasurer	P Small	N/A	
Committee Member	P Martin	N/A	
Committee Member	M Farmer	N/A	
Committee Member	M Bradbury	N/A	
Committee Member	H Lewis	N/A	

## **ITEM 11 – ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO AREA AGM**

15. The Chair advised that S Marston had agreed to attend the Area AGM as the Branch Delegate and therefore proposed that he be so appointed. Seconded by A Allen.

16. **Decision:** The proposal was carried unanimously.

## **ITEM 12 – ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

17. The Chair advised that S Marston had agreed to attend the Annual Conference as the Branch Delegate and therefore proposed that he be so appointed. Seconded by A Allen.

18. **Decision:** The proposal was carried unanimously.

### **ITEM 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

19. Following a comment from the floor the Chairman agreed to arrange for speakers to use a microphone in future years.
20. No other business had been notified.

### **ITEM 14 – NEXT MEETING**

21. The next AGM of the Shrewsbury and District Branch of the RAFA will take place on Monday 3 March 2025.

P Sharp  
Chairman

Enclosures (to file only):

1. Chairman's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Copy of Audited Accounts
4. Welfare Officers Report
5. Membership Secretary's Report