

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT

BRANCH MEETING

1930 hrs Tuesday, 6 December 2011

The Albion Club, North Street

MINUTES

1. ACT OF HOMAGE was duly observed
2. APOLOGIES were received from R Roberts, C Sharrock, L Surgenor, D Hughes
Those attending D Martel, A Worsely, P Collins, M Blake, M Brookings, W Kelly, P Fisher.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and agreed. Proposed M Blake, seconded P Fisher
4. MATTERS ARISING A letter of thanks has been received from Pittville School for the books we donated to their library. Personnel from JSSU attended the Field of Remembrance, the opening of the appeal in the Regent Arcade and made street collections throughout the second week of the appeal. The Regent Arcade was manned throughout the fortnight and I would like to thank all those who helped out. Ron Hall (RTR) carried the Standard at the dedication and both events on Remembrance Day. A note of thanks has been sent to him.
5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA Report of Festival of Remembrance (see Chairman's Report)
6. REPORTS
 - a. Chairman
 - i. Festival of Remembrance was well supported. The parade on Sunday was very well attended and estimated at 3000+. Thanks to Roy Roberts for his work on the Festival. Thanks to Andy Worsley and John Sharrock for setting out the Field of Remembrance and to Andy for clearing it. *It was suggested that more publicity may be needed next year to advertise the Dedication of the Field of Remembrance.*
 - ii. The sale of Potter House. The Branch was visited by valuers and they have produced a report for submission to Property Management
 - iii. Clearing of Potter House. The building needs to be emptied in January, so help is required on Saturday mornings.
 - iv. We have received a request from a teenager who is doing participating in the Duke of Edinburg Award Scheme. He would like the opportunity to help us at the branch. Suggestions included Standard Bearer, involving him in next year's Festival

- b. Treasurer We have received a cheque for £250 from the Festival of Remembrance, that I suggest we give to the Service Committee. I also suggest that the Branch donates a further £500 to the Service committee. Proposed P Collins, seconded A Worsley. All in favour.
 - c. Service Committee I am going to speak to CBC regarding housing of ex-service personnel.
 - d. Poppy Appeal The Poppy Appeal currently stands at £91,000 plus. An article will appear in the Gloucestershire Echo to thank Cheltenham. It will include a piece on a new home required by the branch.
7. FUTURE ACCOMMODATION I contacted the St Vincent & St George Charity who are proposing to take over the former Westgate Furnishers building in Winchcombe Street. They have stated that they may be willing to sublet part of the building to another charity. They will be contacting us again when their plans are further progressed.
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: AGM 2 November 2011 at Albion Club. 7pm for 7.30

Meeting finished 9pm