

# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT

## BRANCH MEETING

1930 hrs Tuesday, 5 July 2011  
The Albion Club, North Street

## MINUTES

1. ACT OF HOMAGE was duly observed
2. APOLOGIES were received from Dave Martel, Carol Sharrock, Peter Collins, Lloyd Surgenor, Doug Hughes
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were read and agreed, proposed A Worsley, seconded M Blake
4. MATTERS ARISING None
5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA None
6. REPORTS
  - a. **Vice Chairman** Acknowledged Dave's suggestion that formal element of meeting should not be overlong and we should then break for less formal discussions/ exchange of ideas. Members agreed it was a good idea.
    - i. **Armed Forces Week** Drumhead Service, March Sun 19 June (Re-dedication.) Dave, Mike and I attended/marched. Poor attendance for a County-wide event (12 standards only, and just chairmen from local branches) – horrible location (Cathedral war memorial would have been better). Fortunately there was good coverage in Citizen afterwards.
    - ii. **Fly The Flag** Mon 20 June – Cheltenham BC very supportive but although the event was publicised in the Echo there was nothing to indicate, on the day, what the ceremony was for. Perhaps a notice board outside of the BC offices/Cenotaph? Suggest we pass comments to Jennie at Mayors office.
    - iii. **Potter House** Nothing more since Dave's report last month. We should be optimistic on potential to utilise single storey extension as Office/Poppy/Welfare – so no rush to look elsewhere for premises at this stage. Should continue to meet at Albion. Agreed to get a sitrep from Mr Morgan.
    - iv. **Festival Update** Programmes ready end of month – will bring copy to next meeting. Returns from Branches/CCOCA trickling in. Invites for Cheltenham President and Branch handed to Moyne for distribution
    - v. **Follow up from Conference** Copy of Accounts left with Moyne for Carol (as office copy) Youth engagement folders passed round (and left with Moyne for Carol as office copy). Ideas discussed. Recalled that someone had liaised with local schools couple of years ago. Members to consider which local schools should be targeted for liaison in the lead up to Poppy Appeal (ie Sep/October).
  - b. **Hon Treas.** No report. We needed an update on the Rates debits (mentioned in June minutes); Roy would be asked to provide a short report (or via Chairman) if he couldn't attend.
7. **Service Ctee.** 18 cases in June. Busy giving advice on care home fees.
8. **Other Business**
  - a. **Resignation.** Now aged 87 Walter Meigh felt he could no longer stay as an active Committee member and wished to resign forthwith. He would remain as a branch member and poppy collector.
  - b. **Cheltenham Film Festival 6 November** Carol had received a letter offering spaces for 5 veterans and one guest each to attend a showing of the Battle of the Somme film.
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tue 2 Aug, then Tue 6 Sep at Albion.