



THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND  
AGM & BRANCH MEETING  
9th MARCH 2018

**Present:**

21 members present.

**Apologies:**

A Begley, D Bond, G Hillary, S Skelley, Pete Collins, Jake Cheetham, Malcolm Blair, Barry Cooper, Gary Creswell, Colin Howard, Rik Twoley, Lenny Wayman, Thomas Conlin, Brian Dobson, Russ Holman, Phil Parry, Stu Gardiner, Michael Priestley, Ray Jukes, Neil Blakeman, Jeff Cornell.

**New member:** No new members.

DN welcomed and thanked Members for their attendance.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read out as the January meeting had been postponed due to there being no Committee.

**2. Matters Arising**

As this was a combined AGM and Branch Meeting the members were requested to vote on the new board as follows:

Chairman: Dave Nichol  
Proposed by I Longworth and Seconded by M Donnison

Vice Chairman: Keith Wilson  
Proposed by M Donnison and Seconded by P Fenwick

Secretary: John Snell  
Proposed by K Wilson and Seconded by I Longworth

Treasurer J Richardson to continue in post

It was also agreed by the members present that John Toolin and Ian Longworth would be part of the entertainments committee as and when required.

These motions were all passed and carried by the members present.

Dave N spoke in general with regards forthcoming functions for the branch and support of the members.

Dave N spoke on Pete Preston's passing away and advised that the branch had sent flowers to his family. Pete's family would like as many members as possible to attend his service which will take place on 30th March 2018 at 1:30pm at the Crematorium, Rosemount Ave, Kirkcaldy KY2 6HQ. Dave advised that if there were sufficient members who wished to attend the service, the branch would look into arranging a coach to Scotland. Dave asked members to let him know ASAP of who would wish to take advantage of this.

Dave N informed members present that he has spoken recently to the Branch President and that our President continues to support the Branch in all its activities and ventures.

Dave N spoke with regards Branch Associations in respect to the DLI, LI and Rifles.

Dave N advised that he had been in with a meeting with the RSM of 8 Rifles and how they could enhance the Rifles presence in the Sunderland and surrounding area. It was advised that the Rifles would be placing a platoon in Dykelands Rd TA Centre and would like the Branch to be involved. With this we would then be able to have use of the facilities for Branch functions and use of any services and assistance that the branch may require.

Dave N advised that the way forward from The Royal Green Jackets Associations would be to include the Rifles within the RGJ Branch, and put to the members that we will now be accepting members who have served with the Rifles and that the Branch would be renamed to The Royal Green Jackets and Rifles NE Branch. This was passed to the members for Proposal and Seconded.

Proposed by M Donnison  
Seconded by K Richardson  
Passed and Carried.

Dave N spoke with regards holding the Branch Meetings on a Bi Monthly meeting and with regards Dykelands Road we will hold one of our Branch meetings there to assess the place.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Bank £4855.94    Cash £54  
Collected at meeting:  
Subs:

JR spoke on the following:

There was 72 paid up members but there were more subs to be paid. Subs would be collected at the end of the meeting.

Dave N advised that subs where to be reviewed so we can ensure all standing orders where still active and appropriate to our member's needs. He also advised that non-financial members would be contacted and that they would be asked to confirm if they wished to continue on being members that they would need to bring their subs up to date. Ian Longworth asked if the members outside the area had paid their subs. Jackie advised all out of area members paid better than the local members.

### **4. Correspondence and Email**

### **5. AOB**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2025 hrs.

*Dates of next meetings: TBC*