

## **Sheffield and Rotherham Meeting Minutes of 15th October 2024**

### **Item 1. Welcome by Chair and Valedictions**

### **Item 2. Members present:**

Ted Mullins; Mick Hurst; Arthur Levick; Nigel Kind; Harry Wright; Mick Mottram; Stuart Hobson.

Item 3. Apologies for Absence: - Bev Bridge and Alan Turton.

Item 4: Reading of last Branch Meeting and Matters arising:

Proposed as a true record: Stuart Hobson

Seconded by Nigel Kind

### **Item 5: Matters Arising: - Documentation from Head Office.**

Mick Hurst brought the Branch Secretaries' attention to the fact that Bob Smith memorial was discussed at last meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024. It was mistaken by the Secretary Arthur Levick as being buried amongst the discussion about Nigel Kind, NARF Plaque, the Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Emblem, and the FBU plaque and he cannot recall a definite date being mentioned, that the new Parkway Station was holding a service for those who died at the BSC Shepcote Lane incident. His apology was accepted, but the record of meeting stay as they were accepted as a true account of meeting.

### **Item 6: The Chairman's report which was very thorough.**

### **Item 7: Branch Secretary Report:**

Nigel Kind updated his progress on the memorial plaque for the South Yorkshire Area. A great deal of time was taken over on this subject and agreed that further discussion would be needed with other branches before a final decision is made.

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024: Golden Anniversary of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service celebration event.

The Chief Fire Office Chris Kirby invited previous service personnel to a social gathering to commemorate the event. Those who did attend were treated royally and a buffet was to match any top Hotel. I wish more would have made the effort the Branch Secretary said, but added he sent an article to the NARF magazine to thank Chief Office and those who did attend this historical occasion.

Last the branch listened to Arthur Levier explain about the Effingham Gasworks Commemorative Application. He told of a meeting at Sheffield Town Hall with Stephen Burke, Civic Office Manager, Sheffield City Council. That the Council would like to have an official organisation backing the claim along with the letters of proof that the incident did occur. He further told us that an application for support had been sent to NARF and SYCFRS Chief Fire Officer C. Kirby. Other bodies have been approached but no response as to date.

### **Item 8: Treasurer's Report:**

Finances are reasonable for the size of a Branch with 274 members. The treasure told of new application forms being updated and NARF South Yorkshire Branch. Subscription run at £8.40 (£0.70 pence per month) used in following manner

£1.40 per year used to assist in maintenance of group

£7.00 per year paid to the National Association to assist them in promoting and fulfilling the aims of the Association. (BARGAIN)

Item 10:

Brian Oliver of Barnsley suggested a joint get together which had unanimous agreement, these we believe will include wives and Partners invitations.

Item 11:

Next Branch meeting will be held at Eyre Street Fire Station Sheffield on, 21/01 2025 at 19:30 hours.

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