



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at The Holiday Inn, Chapel Lane, Walsall. B43 7BG

Present

18 members were present

1.0 The President

1.1 The President Mr John Littleton opened the meeting at 1400hrs and asked everyone to be upstanding to receive the Standard and to remember those of our colleagues who were suffering ill health or had passed away since the last meeting of the Association.

2.0. Apologies for Absence

2.1 Mrs M.Bailey, Mr I.Ferguson, Mr J.Ford, Mr H.Whitaker, Mr C.Richards,

3.0 Minutes of AGM held on 14th April 2024 at Village Hotel, Walsall

3.1 The minutes of the AGM dated 14th April 2024 were read for accuracy.

It was proposed by Mr S.Walker and seconded by Mrs L.Bairsto that the minutes be accepted as a true record. **Carried Unanimously**

4.0 Matters Arising NONE

5.1 Presidents Address

The President welcomed those present at the AGM and thanked them for taking the time to attend. He indicated that changes to the website and ID cards were progressing well.

6.0 National Secretary's Report & Correspondence

The National Secretary reported that he had received no correspondence relating to the AGM.

7.1 Treasurer's Report

7.1 The treasurer submitted the 2024 accounts for approval. He confirmed the amounts in the Association accounts as follows:-

Current bank Account - £17,346.19

Business Account 1year Bond - £33,572.97

Business 100 day notice account - £34,720.87
In January 2025 (£1818.87) interest was added to the 1 year bond and a further £4000 invested.
The total currently invested is £74,113.00. I believe the reserves more than cover 1 years operating costs.

The support of advertising revenue from Bourne Media covers the cost of publishing 1½ issues of the magazine.

It was proposed by J.Needs and seconded by Mr C.Webb that the accounts for 2024 be approved
Carried unanimously

7.2. Subscriptions

7.2.1 The Treasurer proposed no change to the annual subscriptions of membership to the National Association

7.3. Appointment of Auditors

7.3.1 The National Secretary recommended that the existing auditors Chipchase and Manners be retained as they were able to access the accounts remotely via our Sage accounting package.
Agreed.

8. Confirmation of Ballot Results on name change of the Association.

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| A) Retired Fire service Association | 76 votes |
| b) Fire and Rescue Association | 43 votes |
| c) National Association of Fire and rescue Personnel | 40 votes |
| d) Fire service Association | 18 votes |
| e) National Association of Retired Fire Service Personnel | 187 votes |

The Association will therefore be known as “ **The National Association of Retired Fire service Personnel** “

9. Confirmation of NARF Officials on National Organisations 2023/2024

The following officials were put forward for endorsement by those present :-

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| Mr. F.Byrne | PSPC, NPC, |
| Mr. C.Webb | Age UK |
| Mr. M.Halley | Age Uk (Scotland) |
| Mr. C.Richards | NPC & Age UK (Wales) |

The President asked for a show of hands in favour – **Unanimous.**

10.0 AOB

New ID cards would be supplied on Driving Licence style cards

The new website was being updated with the new logo and would be live shortly.

Hereford and Worcester Branch queried about the” Bell Ceremony”. This would be investigated and the result published in due course.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1445 and the standard withdrew.