



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Held on-Line via Team, 8th October 2025

Present

Mr J.Littleton LVP	President* and No 4 District
Mr J.Davis	Vice President
Mr. M. Halley	National Secretary/Treasurer* and No 9 District
Mr S.Walker	No2 District and Standard Bearer
Mr S.Barker	No 5 District
Mr C.Webb	No 6 District
Mr J.Needs	No 7 District
Mr J.Ford	No 8b District
Mrs A Newis	No 15 District
Mr I.Ferguson	Editorial Chair
Mr F.Byrne LVP	NPC Representative

Note *Dual Position

1.0 The President

1.1 The President John Littleton welcomed everyone. He reported that new website had gone live on 1st June and more pages would be added in due course. Approaches were being made to reform branches in Northamptonshire, Shropshire and Kent as well as hopefully Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The October Council meeting was being held on-line as an experiment.

2. Apologies for Absence

Mrs M.Bailey	Media Manager
Mrs L.Bairsto	No 2 District
Mr H.Whitaker	No 3 District
Mr J.Needs	No 7 District
Mr C.Richards	No 8A District
Mr A.Middleton	Shop Manager

3.0 Minutes of the October Council meeting held on 3rd April 2025

3.1 The minutes were read for accuracy.

Proposed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Mr S.Walker

Seconded: Mr J.littleton

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Carried Unanimously

4.0 Matters Arising. NONE

5.0 . National Secretary's Report & Correspondence

5.1 The National Secretary advised Council that correspondence had been received from east Sussex Ambulance service regarding the medal and bars problem

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6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 The Treasurer advised Council that the Association was continuing to be financially sound. The income from the advertising so far in 2025 was £4852.00

Balances on the accounts were as follows :-

Current Account : £22,917.18

Business 1 year Bond : £39,239.91 (matures in Jan 26)

Business 100 day Notice : £34,720.87 (interest added on 31/10/25)

The Treasurer reported that due to the uncertainty regarding a couple of branches he did not propose to invest further in the 1 year bond when it matured in January 26

7.0 Membership Secretary's Report

7.1 The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that he only received 10 returned copies of NARF News. He asked that Branches continue to keep details of members addresses as accurate as possible so NARF News returns continue to reduce.

7.2 The Membership Secretary reported that 19 new applications had been received from the website but only 3 had been returned so far. At the end of 2025 , three branches (160 members) would be closing due to lack of volunteers to take on secretary and treasurer.

7a Individual Membership report.

Alison reported that although a few members had passed on, the number of Individual members remains around 582

8.0 General Purposes Committee (GPC)

8.1 The General Purpose had not met

9.0 Editorial Committee Report

9.a The editor reported that the magazine was continuing to receive positive comments. He was encouraged by the number of articles submitted by members for publication in future issues and happy with the support of Creative Souls and the printers PCP.

It was proposed that the draft magazine would be sent too the shop manager and the President for ratification before going to print to ensure changes to the shop prices were amended to save losing money on postage.

9.b Website and Facebook.

Whilst Facebook continues to grow and be successful, It was hoped that more members would contribute items. Members are reminded that they **MUST** supply their Membership number as part of the application process. They were also reminded that failure to respond to written requests and to answer joining questions would prevent them joining the Facebook group. The procedure is to maintain security of the facebook page.

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10.0. Report of the NPC

10.1 NARF's representative F Byrne submitted an update on the reinvention of the NPC. Colin Richards reported on NPC Wales and Age Cymru. It was agreed that the National Secretary would write to the NPC regarding withdrawal of support and membership unless the NPC sorted itself out.

11. Age UK Report

Cliff Webb, reported that he had attended on line meetings where the following subjects were discussed : - tax free allowances and Digital exclusion in the elderly.

M.Halley reported that contacted had been re-established with Age Scotland

12. Shop Manager

12.1 The Shop Manager reported that sales were much the same as last year. He had changed to EVRI for deliveries as the Post Office were getting expensive and losing too many items.

13. Report of Firefighters Memorial Trust. (FMT)

There was no report from the FFMT. It was agreed that the secretary contact a Direct Member who was also a trustee so that the Association could maintain contact with the Organisation.

14.0 Any other business

1. The Secretary advised the meeting that the annual service held at the FF memorial in London was now being organised by the London Fire and Rescue Service. It was agreed to write to the Chief Fire Officer requesting the the Association receive an invite to the ceremony.
2. The Secretary queried the use of Branch secretaries private email addresses being published on the website (albeit with their agreement) He suggested that each Branch should have a Narf email address. It was agreed the President with issue guidance on how to create this.
3. Rewards for Rescue. The secretary had been advised of the organisation offering discount to emergency workers. It appears this is in addition to the blue light discount. The secretary had written to the organisation requesting full details before recommending it to the Association
4. A bench originally supplied by No 2 District, and sited outside Durham Cathedral had been refurbished and a donation made to the cathedral. It was suggested that an article in the next issue of Narf News might encourage other Districts to do likewise.

The Next Council meeting and AGM would be held on Wednesday 25th March 2026

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