

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND: THURSO BRANCH

Ad hoc meeting, following the AGM, to discuss Branch and Committee officer nominations held on Thursday 10 February 2022 at 1930 hrs in the Lounge Bar, Legion.

Present: Simon Middlemas President (Temp acting chair)
Zena Latchman
Keisha Sutherland
Robbie Gray
John Blake
Karen Freeman
Joe McNeil
Ron Galloway
Dean Bowman
Willie Smith
June Love

Apologies: Robert Allan
Albert McIvor
Mike Ennis

1. INTRODUCTION

Simon Middlemas welcomed everyone to the meeting noting this was Zena Latchman's first meeting as member of the Committee. He noted the following:

- Aim of this meeting was to consider the committee positions and ensure these had identified resource.
- Tim Hooper had indicated a willingness to join the Branch Committee. Members agreed and therefore Tim Hooper was co-opted on to the Branch Committee.
- Simon would act as temp chair until such times a new chair was identified.
- Proposal for Club and Branch meetings to be held on same day. The Club had previously agreed to move Club meetings to a monthly basis and it was proposed that Branch meetings would be held 2-monthly and combined with Club meetings. This was agreed.

Actions:

- **Simon Middlemas to contact Tim Hooper to confirm co-option to the Branch Committee.**
- **Ron Galloway to provide June Love with Club meeting dates**
- **June Love to circulate Branch meeting dates to all Branch committee members.**

2. APPOINTMENTS

After discussion the following was agreed for the Branch Committee:

- President of Branch Committee: Simon Middlemas
- Branch Padre Ref David Malcolm
- Chair of Branch Simon Middlemas (temp) with support as follows:
 - Organisation of all remembrance parades: Dean Bowman

- Poppy collection and co-ordination: Joe McNeil/Ron Galloway
- HQ and area issues Simon Middlemas
- Vice-chair: Karen Freeman
- Branch secretary: June Love
- Branch Treasurer: Joe McNeil
- Sports Convenor to be agreed.
- Angling John Blake
- Welfare Lena Latchman
- Facilities Manager Simon Middlemas
- Fundraising Joe McNeil (with support)
- PR/Comms to be decided

Discussion also focussed on the Club Committee, noting that the incumbent chair would be stepping down in April 2022. The following was agreed:

- Club chair (temp) Simon Middlemas
with support from Joe McNeil/John Blake

Actions:

- **Robbie Gray to ask Albert McIvor if he would be willing to take up role as Sports Convenor.**
- **June Love to check with Alex Mather to find out if he is continuing on the Branch Committee.**
- **Simon Middlemas to speak to Tim Hooper to explore whether he would be available to support Comms/PR (including upkeep of website).**

Simon Middlemas
RBL Branch Committee, Temp Chair
14 February 2022