

**MINUTES OF THE RAF CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AFCC AMPORT HOUSE – 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

| Item   | Discussion & Decisions  | Action                     |
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| 1. Opening Prayer.                                   | The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer and a silence was observed in memory of members who had died in the past year. Members noted with regret the deaths of John Bright, Stephen Davies, Rabbi Isaac Newman, Irven Wilson, M G Roberts and Edward Rainsberry.  | All.                       |
| 2. Apologies for absence.                            | Apologies were received from: Bridget Kidd, Keith Berry-Davies, Roger Kenward, Joan Roberts, Chris Ledgard, Graham Corderoy, Ron Hesketh, Sue Sladen and Sheila Jenkyns. The meeting expressed their good wishes to all members who were at present unwell, including Mary Renowden, Graham Corderoy, Chris Ledgard, and Keith Berry-Davies and wished them all a speedy recovery.  | Secretary                  |
| 3. Minutes.  | The Minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting.  | Secretary                  |
| 4. Matters arising.                                  | No matters arising.   |                            |
| 5. Chairman's Report.                                | Having served for 5 years in total as Secretary and Chairman, Robin Turner announced that he was standing down to allow for a more staggered replacement pattern of the Association officers. The meeting expressed its gratitude for all his efforts and especially his part in the revival of the Association. He gave his thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer for their support during his time and wished the members well for the future.  | Chairman                   |
| 6. Secretary's report and news of members.           | The Secretary reported on the updating of the membership list to 86; 55 are on line. It was noted that Pat Holland would celebrate 50 years as a CA officer next year, and in Scotland Jackie Petrie and Duncan Shaw would retire next year from full-time ministry. They would be invited to become members. A letter inviting all serving members of the Branch, especially new ones, to join would be drafted and submitted to the Chaplain in Chief for distribution ASAP. All agreed.  | Secretary                  |
| 7. Treasurer's report.                               | The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Association were healthy. The meeting was asked to approve retrospectively a donation of £200.00 to H4H. Agreed unanimously. The setting up of a discretionary welfare contingency fund of £2000.00 which would include a donation of £1000.00 from the Chaplain in Chief was proposed by Malcolm Weisman and seconded by Ray Hubble and was agreed unanimously. Brian Lucas proposed and Malcolm Weisman seconded the accounts which were accepted unanimously with thanks to the Treasurer.   | Treasurer                  |
| 8. Constitution amendments and Election of officers. | It was proposed that the position of President should be offered to the incumbent Chaplain in Chief to strengthen communication with serving chaplains and the Branch. The present incumbent was happy to accept and proposed that Herbie Stuart be made an Honorary Life Vice-President. Seconded by John Morley, all agreed nem con. There will be a formal proposal in time for next year's meeting to ratify. Brian Halfpenny proposed and Ray Hubble seconded Bob Bailey for the position of Chairman. Passed nem con. Bob Bailey proposed and Malcolm Weisman seconded Brian McAvoy for the position of Treasurer. Passed nem con. Robin Turner proposed and Bob Bailey seconded David Mackenzie for the position of Secretary. Passed nem con. Robin Turner proposed and Malcolm Weisman seconded Tony Fletcher as committee member with particular care for widows. Passed nem con. Brian Lucas proposed and Brian Halfpenny seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers and wished the new ones well. Passed unanimously. | Chairman                   |
| 9. Website Presentation, revised badge and motto.    | The Secretary presented the new website which had been built and developed brilliantly by Ian Thomas to whom thanks were due for his work. Secretary to convey. The address is: <a href="http://www.rafchaplainsassociation.co.uk">www.rafchaplainsassociation.co.uk</a> . All approved it, the new badge and motto, and the revised headed paper with the addition of the officers' phone numbers. The annual cost would be in the region of £25.00.   | Secretary, Website Manager |
| 10. Regional prayer services                         | Regional prayer services were proposed to be held quarterly at cathedrals across the country in support of the injured, the bereaved, the fallen, and their families and friends during the current conflicts. A number of members were happy to undertake the duty. Approaches would be made in the name of the Association to bishops. "Prayers for Heroes" is a possible title. The Chaplain in Chief will pursue the idea with his opposite numbers.  | Secretary                  |
| 11/12. Any other business and date of next meeting   | To avoid possible controversy, David Barnes felt it would not be appropriate to publish the costs of the conference and dinner on the website. All agreed. The dates for next year's meeting were announced as Tues 23 – Wed 24 Oct 2012. Suggestions for a speaker were sought. Costs were not known at present, but should be broadly similar to this year.   | Secretary                  |

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| Robert Bailey<br>Chairman | Brian McAvoy<br>Secretary |
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