

**MINUTES OF THE RAF CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AFCC AMPORT HOUSE – 22nd OCTOBER 2015**

Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action
1. Opening Prayer.	The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer and a silence was observed in memory of former chaplains and members of the Branch who had died in the past year. Members noted with regret the deaths of John Daimond, John Dixon, Jan Taylor, Joan Jones (wife of Gareth Jones), and Jane Fletcher (wife of Tony Fletcher)	All.
2. Apologies for absence.	Apologies were received from: Gill Brian, John Carvosso, Chaplain-in-Chief, Dennis & Hilda Clark, Helen Davies, Rhoda Drummond, Adrian Gatrill, Tony & Nicola Gilbert, Ian & Melanie Greenhalgh, Des & Jean Harvey, Mike & June Hawes, Roger Huddleston, Mollie James, Sheila Jenkyns, Pat & Bill Holland, Howard John, Gareth Jones, Malcolm Jones, Roger & Ann Kenward, Alan Knox, Chris & Elizabeth Ledgard, Brian & Joy Lucas, Richard Lee, David Maple, Pete Mills, John & Kathie Morley, Chris Mortimer, Janet Noble, Pauline Parnell-Hopkinson, Mary Renowden, Herbie and & Adrienne Stuart, John Vaughan-Griffith, Joan Wilson, Susan Wilson.	Secretary
3. Minutes.	The Minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Sue Bailey, seconded by Malcolm Weisman, passed nem con.	Secretary
4. Matters arising.	The Chairman reported that The Branch Prayer list was now being sent regularly from Chaplaincy Service via the Secretary and that the Gallery on the website was available to view.	
5. Chairman's Report.	The Chairman thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for their work over the past year. He intimated that he and the Chaplain-in-Chief will meet in February 2016 to discuss ways of increasing membership of the Association. He would welcome suggestions to take to this discussion.	Chairman All
6. Secretary's report and news of members.	The Secretary stated that membership stands at 85 members of whom 14 are widows. New members are John Carvosso and Jonathan Chaffey.	
7. Treasurer's report.	The Treasurer presented a verbal summary of about £4,000.00 in the account; outgoings will be £50.00 each to maintain the website and for buying wreaths for New Entrant Chaplains to lay at the Menin Gate. Proposed by Malcolm Weisman, seconded by Bob Bailey, passed nem con. Full details of the accounts will be published on the website.	Treasurer
8. Welfare Officer's Report	The Welfare Officer has been in touch with the widows and others. Their details are not being made public with these minutes. A vote of thanks was given to Robin Noble for his continuing work followed by a prolonged round of applause.	Welfare Officer
9. Constitution and Election of Officers	The Chairman gave his thanks for the Secretary's work during the past year and in the absence of any volunteers to replace him David Mackenzie was asked to continue until the next AGM when the Chairman hoped to have found a volunteer to act in this role. Proposed by Ray Hubble, seconded by Robin Noble, passed nem con.	All
10. Any other business	1. Ray Hubble wished to place on record the initiative of Padre Ten Cannon when he arrived as Principal of the RAF Chaplains' School in the 1970s and his introduction of the Chaplains' Wives Conferences which has engendered the fellowship experienced today by those wives present at this meeting. 2. The Chairman reminded Members to submit photographs for the Gallery for the website via Ian Thomas at imt50@hotmail.com	All
12.	The next reunion and AGM will take place at the Armed Forces' Chaplaincy Centre, Amport House from Wednesday 26 to Thursday 27 October 2015.	All

Ron Hesketh Chairman	David Mackenzie Secretary
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