

**MINUTES OF THE RAF CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AFCC AMPORT HOUSE – 27 OCTOBER 2017**

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 Dennis Clarke, Mike Hawes, Mike Hucker, Gareth Jones, Ian Lambert, Adrienne Stuart and Glen Bowie.	All.
2. Apologies for absence.	Apologies were received from: John Carvosso, Alistair and Helen Davies, Des & Jeanne Harvey, Malcolm Jones, Alan Knox, Chris & Elizabeth Ledgard, Richard Lee, Brian and Lottie McAvoy, David Maple, John Murrie, Herbie Stuart, Pete Mills and Sue Bailey.	Secretary
3. Minutes.	The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Malcolm Weisman, seconded by Brian Halfpenny, passed nem con.	Secretary
4. Matters arising.	The Chairman reported that RAF CE church registers are kept in the Public Record Office Kew (020 8876 3344). The Rev Eleanor Rance and Mike Snape (Durham University) continue to work on the history of the Branch but there is no significant progress to report. There will be a pamphlet by Mike Snape for the Branch's Centenary.	All
5. Chairman's Report.	The Chairman thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for their work over the past year. He announced that the RAF Chaplains' Branch Centenary Garden Party would take place at AFCC on 17 July 2018 and the Association's annual reunion on 16 July. Details will be circulated when they are available. A Centenary service for the Branch will be held at St Clement Danes on Sunday 25 November at 11.00am. The annual service to celebrate the formation of the RAF will be at St Clement Danes on 1 April which is also Easter Day. One hundred days later there will be a national service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey. Up to £3500 to be allocated for a display case in St Clement Danes to hold Branch memorabilia including the Changi Bible. The Chairman will speak to the Resident Chaplain. Proposed by David Mackenzie, seconded by Malcolm Weisman, passed nem con.	All Secretary Chairman
6. Secretary's report	The Secretary stated that membership stands at 84 members of whom 15 are widows.	
7. Treasurer's report.	The Treasurer presented the accounts with a balance of £4764.98 as at 15 August 2017. Regular outgoings were £53.93 to maintain the website. Roger Kenward asked the Officers to consider the possibility of Life Membership for Members.	Officers
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 but he commended them all to our thoughts and prayers. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bob Bailey, seconded by Joyce Mackenzie and passed nem. con	
9. Constitution and Election of Officers	The Chairman thanked the Secretary for his work during the past six years and also that of the Treasurer during his time in office. Stephen Ware volunteered to be the Secretary, proposed by Bob Bailey, seconded by John Morley, passed nem. con and was welcomed unanimously. The Chairman has someone in mind to be approached as a replacement Treasurer and if agreeable we will retrospectively elect him/her at the next AGM. It was suggested that the Chairman remain in post for the centenary celebrations in 2018 proposed by Brian Halfpenny, seconded by Robin Turner, passed nem con.	All Chairman
10. Any other business	The Chairman on behalf of the Association thanked Ian Thomas for the work he does in maintaining the Association's website.	All
11.	The next reunion and AGM will take place at the Armed Forces' Chaplaincy Centre, Amport House from Monday 16 to Tuesday 17 July 2018.	All

Ron Hesketh Chairman	David Mackenzie Secretary
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