

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND
HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS AREA COUNCIL

17 Huntly Street,
Inverness.
31st July, 1974.

Telephone 33743.

Dear Sir,

A Quarterly Meeting of the Highlands and Islands Area Council the Royal British Legion Scotland will be held in the Cummings Hotel, Church Street, Inverness on Saturday the 10th August, 1974 at 11am., when it is hoped you will be able to attend.

Annexed is the Agenda.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. Bussey
Area Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Silent Tribute
2. Chairman's Remarks
3. Apologies for absence
4. Representation
5. Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20/4/1974.
" " " Executive Meeting " " " 20/7/1974.
6. Business arising therefrom
7. Finance Report and Minute of 15/6/1974.
8. House Report " " " 11/5/1974 and 27/7/1974
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Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, the Highlands and Islands Area Council the Royal British Legion Scotland held in the Cummings Hotel, Church Street, Inverness on Saturday the 20th April, 1974 at 11am.

Present

Major General I.A. Robertson, CB., MBE., MA., President
S/Ldr. J. Breakey, DFC., Vice President
Col. Hon. A.C. Campbell, Hon Vice President
P. Barnett, Esq., " " "
R. Walker, Esq., Chairman (in the Chair)
Messrs. J. Urquhart, J.R. Rosie, T.E. Munro, Kirkwall, Capt. H. Allan, C. Butler
W/Comdr. R.D. Romanis, R.F. Fraser, Nairn A.A. Logie, K.M. Davidson, Forres
Capt. T.A. Stevenson, G. McIntosh, J. Butcher, J.R. Ross, Invergordon, A. Fraser,
A.R. Henderson, G. Innes, W.A. MacLeod, Inverness A.R. MacLaren, J. Morrison,
North Skye, I. Walker, J. MacKay, W. Bain, Creich Kincardine, D. Omand, Latheron,
W.J. Grant, Strathspey, A. Craven, A. Lawson W.J. Strachan, J. Gault, Lossiemouth
Capt. A.C. Drought, Fortrose-Rosemarkie, R.K. Morgan, Wick, J. Healey Lochalsh,
W. Gordon, D.M. MacKenzie, J. Dick, W. Davie, Thurso, R. Sellar, Capt. G. Offin,
Tain, I.A. Sutherland, K. MacKay, K. Grant, D. McTavish, Dingwall, J. Morrison,
Lewis, I. Milne, Beauly.

Associate Members - Messrs. D.C. Campbell, J.A. Grant, A.W. Davis, Inverness,
W. McPhee, Lossiemouth.

In Attendance:- J.G. Bussey, Area Secretary.

Silent Tribute

On the call of the President, members stood and observed a Silent Tribute to their fallen comrades.

Chairmans Remarks

The Chairman extended a welcome to all delegates especially those attending for the first time and those from a distance. He also explained the rules of debate and the position regarding Associate Members and the procedure for the recovery of expenses in attending the meeting.

Apologies

Brig. S.P. Robertson, Hon Vice President
Major G. Green, MBE., MC., TD., Hon Vice President
Col. W.D. Johnston OBE., TD. " " "
Col. C.H. Wallace DSO. " " "
Messrs. Major P.D. Kellie, W. Fraser, MBE., Strathpeffer, Major J. MacKenzie
Major B. Manson, Wick, W.J. Dingwall, Inverness.

Representation

The Secretary reported 52 delegates present and 18 Branches represented.

Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 2/2/1974 were approved on the motion of R.F. Fraser, seconded by W.J. Strachan.

Royal British Legion Scotland

Major General Robertson outlined proposals and regarding the future organisation within the Royal British Legion Scotland and the possibility of less Areas and full time Area Secretaries' being employed, particularly as it would be more economic to have less Areas, Branches were asked to discuss the possibilities of reorganisation within the movements and also discuss the question of Associate Membership as these points would crop up at the Annual Conference in general discussion and express their views.

National Council Delegate

The Chairman raised the question of the appointment of Cmdr. J.J. Hughes as a National Council delegate and that Cmdr. Hughes was no longer a member of the Thurso Branch, after discussion it was agreed to appoint a replacement and Mr. K.M. Davidson agreed to continue to represent the Area for a further year. It was further unanimously agreed that only those delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or the written authority of a delegate in his absence would be proposed for office to represent the Area.

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Finance Report

Mr. A.R. Henderson, Finance Convener gave a full report of the Area and House finances, and also gave a review of the donations received to date and of the substantial increase in these. He also reported on the need to review the Area Secretary's Salary and review the existing pension arrangements of the Matron and Secretary. The Convener further reported on the National Council Meeting and the appointment of Admiral J.R. Henderson as the National President, he gave a report of the National H.Q. finance and gave the National Council views on the Area Secretary's Salary structure and the proposals for reorganising the Areas. The Council agreed to review the Area Secretary's Salary and review the existing pension scheme for the Matron and Secretary.

House Report

Mr. J. Gault, House Convener gave a full report on the work of Royal British Legion House, he explained that it had been a difficult winter for the staff with a lot of illness and 3 deaths and the strain imposed on the staff. Matron had taken a holiday and had benefited from this. A new resident Mr. J. Bowie had settled in the house and that a programme of renewal of paint work and carpets was being carried out. A Mini Bus was being presented to the House on the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Section Conference at Inverness. Mr. P. Barnett had written an article about the House and that this was being published in the 'Claymore' Magazine. The Chairman thanked the Convener for his report and reminded delegates to forward any applications for residents in the house to the Secretary.

Sports Report

Mr. W.A. MacLeod Sports Convener gave a report of the Area and National Sports. At the Indoor Games the winners were Darts Forres, Dominoes, Billiards Inverness, Snooker Inverness. In the National Competition Strathspey Branch had won the Curling Competition and Forres the Darts doubles Competition. Details of the Area Angling and Golf Competitions had been sent to Branches and also details of the open Golf Competition being run by the Strathspey Branch. The Standard Bearing Competition was being held in the Rose Street Drill Hall, Inverness that afternoon and he thanked Mr. A. Fraser for all the work he had done in training the Competitors. He also informed the meeting that in the proposed Area Club Committees this Area were not taking part as it was felt unnecessary and geographically expensive. Mr. A.A. Logie spoke of the excellent hospitality and arrangements made by the Border Area in the recent National Indoor Games finals. The Chairman thanked the Convener for his report and asked as many delegates as possible to attend the Standard Bearing.

Life Membership

It was agreed to recommend Mr. J. MacKenzie Lochalsh Branch and Col.G.M. Spence Lossiemouth Branch for Life Membership of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

Annual Conference Resolutions

Annual Conference resolutions on the provisional Agenda were discussed and it was agreed that the following resolutions would be supported Resolution 1 on the Constitution, Resolution 3 to 17, Resolution 19, agreed to leave to delegates, and against Resolution 1, 2 and 18.

Royal British Legion Housing Association

Major General Robertson President spoke of the need to proceed with Sheltered Housing in Scotland and to support this work and hoped that all Areas would support the Royal British Legion Housing Association in this work. After discussion it was agreed that when more information was available further discussion would take place.

Haig Bermersyde Trophy

Chairman asked that as many branches in the Area as possible support entries for this competition.

North Skye Branch

Mr. A.R. MacLaren informed the meeting that a plaque inscribed with the Names of those in North Skye who had lost their lives in the Korean War had been placed by the North Skye Branch in the Portree High School, and also thanked the Secretary for his help in a recent welfare case.

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Health Councils

Major General Robertson spoke of the need for Royal British Legion Scotland to be represented in the new Health Councils being formed and to express the Legions views on these Councils. At present the Area was represented by S/Ldr. J. Breakey on the Regional Hospital Board. The General Secretary had written to the Health Council requesting Legion representation and branches would be asked to nominate members to represent the Area on these Health Councils.

Date & Place of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Saturday, August 10th, 1974 in the Cummings Hotel, Church Street, Inverness at 11am.

Vote of Thanks

This being all the business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

.....Chairman.