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RAFA Global Branch 1370 Minutes of committee meeting held on the 20th June 2021 at 1900 hours

Attendees: Mr Steve Mullis
Mr Andrew Thomson
Ms Nicky Loveday
Mr Gerwyn Thomas
Mrs Mazza Holland

Item 1: Apologies:

- i) Mr Damian Harris, Mr David Routledge, Mr Graham Croft

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting (16th May 2021).

- i) The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as a true record

Item 3: Matters arising from the last minutes.

- i) The Secretary asked for clarification on a point made by the welfare officer in the last minutes. In reference to the food parcel system which is now completed, in future a food parcel will be purchased from Morrison's with basic foods as may be required.

Item 4: Chairman's report

- i) The Chairman reported that things were quiet and had generally nothing to report. However as per the suggestion agreed by the committee last month to donate a membership to a 100 year-old gentleman it was generally agreed that he should first be asked if he would actually like this. *Chairman will action*

Item 5: Treasurers report

- i) As the Treasurer was unable to attend, the following figures were supplied by the Secretary as per an email sent to him:

Community £3027.96

Welfare: £461.41

Two payments into the Community Account in May and June:

- a. 26 May - Easy Fundraising £18.83.
- b. 11 Jun - I Clarke for £23.00.

Item 6: Welfare officers report

- i) Nil to report, continuing to work in the background on welfare cases as normal

Item 7: Secretary's report

- i) The Secretary reminded all of the importance of the recently sent DPA forms, some of which have not been returned. As these are a legal requirement he emphasised the return of these as soon as possible

Item 8: Wings report

- i) As the Wings member was unable to be present there was nothing to report

Item 9: Social report

- i) As per the last minutes, the suggestion to visit the Arboretum at some point in the near future, has now been taken up by the Social member to investigate further and with a view to arrange.

Item 10: Any other reports

- i) The Membership representative supplied the following figures for the branch:

Total: 572 members

Comprising: 308 ordinary

155 lifetime

43 associate

66 Give as you earn

- ii) The Chairman reminded all at this point that the problem with members being transferred over to our Branch without ours or their knowledge and without details has now been settled with HQ. They accept full responsibility for the situation and members will now be asked if they wish transfer, as well as ensuring they have details to enable contact and be able to reply to this end. Any members who do not want transfer or cannot be contacted will be reverted to the HQ roll. The Membership Secretary requested that he also be informed to enable him better to keep better track of the situation

Item 11: Other Notified items

- i) Nil

Item 11.1: Items raised by members

- i) Nil

Item 12: Any Other Business

- i) The committee would like to remind all members once more that the committee are here to answer requests/open to suggestions etc. This has been emphasised in the past of which all committee members names and contact details are on the website.
- ii) The Social member mentioned that she had recently qualified as a Welfare support officer for the British Legion in Chipping Norton. She suggested that if our Welfare officer wished she would be willing to assist in her area and up to an hour away. This suggestion was appreciated by our Welfare officer, however would also need to pass the relevant certificates for RAFA. The social member will liaise to this end.
- iii) The Chairman suggested that next year an AGM will more than likely take place face to face rather than virtually. Valley was the chosen venue for this prior to lockdown and he believes that this would be suitable again as we still have the invite. He asked the Secretary to arrange a suitable weekend i.e. meet on the Friday, AGM on the Saturday, depart on the Sunday.

As there was no other business for discussion the meeting was closed at 1955 with the date of the next meeting 26 July 2021 at 1900 hours



Andrew Thomson
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