



Airborne Engineers Association Scotland



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Chairman – **Douglas Archibald**

Secretary – **Gil Nicol**

Treasurer – **Craig Mc Quade**

Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting held at The Royal British Legion, Rodney Street, Edinburgh, EH7 4EL at 1300hrs on Sunday 20 May 2018.

1. **Members Present;** Doug Archibald, Gil Nicol, Craig McQuade, Mick Walker, John Donaldson, Gordon McLeod, Alex McWhirter, Bob Hamilton, Norrie Bishop, Ronnie Drummond, Andy Gemmell, Bob Masson and Ron McCartan.
2. **Apologies;** Andy Mullen, Brian Earl, Kim Panton, Willie Grant, Tom Ormiston, Eoin McIntyre, Eoghann maclachlainn, David Henderson, Alex Cockburn, Andy Paterson and all overseas members.
3. **Chairman's Welcome;** Doug Archibald welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. We have been informed that Bunny Brown (Birmingham Branch) passed away on Thursday 17 May 2018. Bunny had been ill for a long time. Our Secretary has already sent an email to Steve Brown expressing our sadness at this loss and also asking him to pass on our condolences to the family. We were informed after the meeting that his funeral will be held on Friday 8 June 2018. Once final details are available they will be issued to all members. A minutes silence was observed.

“We will remember him”
4. **Welfare;** (a) Brian Earl has suffered a stroke but is well on the way to a full recovery. He could not manage to the meeting as his wife Anne, who is in a care home, has had a fall and injured herself.
(b) Andy Mullen still has an ongoing problem with his legs
(c) Ronnie Drummond had been ill recently and it was good to see him at today's meeting.
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting – OGM 15 April 2018;** The minutes of the last meeting were passed as being accurate by Gordon McLeod and seconded by Andy Gemmell.
6. **Matters Arising;** No matters arising
7. **Secretary's Report;** (a) **Car Badges;** They are available from Dave Rutter at the AEA Shop costing £12.50 and £1.00 postage. If ordered in bulk we can save on the postage cost.
(b) **AEA Scotland Annual Lunch**—We have booked a room at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh for 1 September 2018 (1230hrs for 1300hrs). The price is £25.00 per person and if possible be paid for before or at our next meeting on 15 July 2018. There was a general discussion regarding inviting the widows of former members but as we could not arrive at a satisfactory conclusion it was agreed to suspend this invite and review at a later date
(c) **Cenotaph Parade, London – Sunday 11 November 2018.** No one is able to take up the

tickets on offer. John Ferry has been informed accordingly.

(d) 29 AEA—AGM & Reunion Gala Dinner – Friday 12 - Sunday 14 October 2018.—This event will be held at The King Charles Hotel, Gillingham Kent—details available from the Secretary

(e) Data Protection Act—Consent Forms have been distributed to all members and to date approximately 60% are complete. The remainder will forward details to the Branch Secretary ASAP.

(f) Erskine Homes; We received a letter from Erskine Homes requesting a donation. The sum of £50.00 was proposed by Mick Walker and seconded by Bob Hamilton. Our Treasurer will forward the cheque accordingly.

(g) Micky Yule; We have been approached by the President of the PRA Scotland and Northern Ireland to assist in the sponsorship of Micky Yule, a former 9 Sqn member, to attend the Tokyo Paralympics. This is not a scam as it has been authenticated by Kenny Rodgers (Secretary, PRA Lothian Branch). It was agreed that we will send him a £100.00 donation and we wish him all the best. Our Secretary will forward this request to our other UK Branches.

(h) Armed Forces Day, Edinburgh; Will be held on Saturday 30 June 2018, meeting at 1100 hrs at Charlotte Square, Eyes Right at Castle Street and ending at St Andrews Square.

- 8. Treasurer's Report;** - Our Treasurer has informed us that we are still in funds and looking financially healthy.
- 9. Webmaster's Report;** John Donaldson informs us that all is ok with our website and we are still receiving hits.
- 10. Future Meetings;** All future meetings will be held on the 3 Sunday of the month, every 2nd Month, commencing from 21 January 2018. Meetings will commence at 1300hrs with the exception of the A.G.M. which will commence at 1230hrs.
- 11. A.O.C.B; (a) Lt Colonel Chris Warhurst (Airborne Engineers) Army HQ Andover;** He is the gentleman in charge of all the equipment used by the Royal Engineers and gave us a presentation, after our May 2018 meeting, of his time in Afghanistan. This meeting commenced at 1500hrs and lasted for approximately 1 hour. Members of PRA Lothian were also be in attendance. Everyone who attended agreed that it was a very good presentation and Chris was given a hearty round of applause.
(b) Scott Wilson; We will be holding a remembrance service, on Saturday 23 June 2018, (1300hrs) at Edinburgh East Cemetery, Easter Road. Those who will be attending please meet up at the Drum Terrace entrance wearing, berets, blazer, slacks, regimental ties, etc. (no medals)
(c) General Service Medal (Aden); John Donaldson submitted the following report. Following two letters from Maurice Corry MSP, to the Secretary of State for Defence requesting that the GSM62 with Clasp South Arabia be awarded to those killed and wounded at Al Milah, Radfan, in 1965, and further, requesting that all those who served there be awarded medallic recognition. To date no replies have been received from the Secretary of State for Defence. If a reply was not received by 18 May 2018, a letter of complaint would be sent to the Cabinet Office.
- 12. Date of Next Meeting; OGM on Sunday 15 July 2018 (1300hrs) at R.B.L. Rodney Street, Edinburgh. The meeting was closed and a round of thanks was given to the Chair**