



**MINUTES OF THE REGIMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS ASSOCIATION HELD AT BERWICK  
30 JULY 2022**

**Attending**

Colonel AJ Loudon MBE	President KOSB Association
Lieutenant Colonel CGO Hogg OBE DL	Trustee
Major AG Horsburgh	Trustee
Captain AJD Herberts	Trustee
WO1 JD Gillie	Trustee
Lieutenant Colonel P McCutcheon MBE	Museum Committee
Major L Thornton	Association Executive Officer

**Branches**

Major EFR Scroggie MBE	Edinburgh
Mr B Heaney	Berwick upon Tweed
Mr R Smith	Stranraer
Mr B Cruickshank	Riders Branch
Mr R Hill	Northern Ireland
Mr S Murdoch	Lanarkshire

**Apologies**

Lieutenant Colonel RS Combe MBE	Vice Chairman KOSB Association
Major DP Sturrock TD WS	Trustee
Major IDA Gibbs	London
Mr R Rae	Dumfries

**1. Introduction**

**AL** introduced the meeting and welcomed everyone. It was explained that the aim of the meeting was to allow the Branches to raise issues and points with the Trustees.

**2. Presidents Message**

**AL** gave an update on the daily work conducted in the museum in support of the Association. The main focus of the Association is welfare and supporting our

veterans. All cases and requests for assistance are coordinated through RHQ SCOTS.

Other duties carried out by the EXO are the maintenance of the Regimental calendar and ensuring all activities and events run smoothly. There is also the production of the Chronicle, all Branches are encouraged to provide articles or stories for publication. The EXO also liaises with Branch Officials although the management of Branches is the responsibility of those Officials within the guidance of the Regimental Constitution.

Historical and family research is carried out by the Museum Officer, this provides a small income stream for the Museum.

**AL** also introduced the Barracks project and its progress, our Regimental red lines were reemphasised, we expect to have a new fully functioning museum under KOSB control and management by 2026.

### **3. Museum Project Update**

Grant Horsburgh gave an update on the proposed museum project and how a future KOSB museum may look. The full brief is attached.

Questions were raised by:

**Ronnie Hill** What happens when RHQ closes for 4 years?

**AL** A plan is being worked, which will see the museum contents put into storage and temporary office space for the EXO and MUSO to work from.

**PMcC** Added that a temporary “pop up museum” is being planned which can be moved around our area.

**Bill Heaney** Asked about a museum entrance fee and how the museum will be moved.

**GH** Explained that we are hiring 3 extra staff to assist with the move, cataloguing and conditioning of the collection this will include getting the property at 1 RANGER returned for checking as items will be required in a future Museum. Entrance fees and funding are at the discussion stage, however all visitors to the Museum will pay in the future model.

### **4. Branch points**

**Berwick BH** The branch has 63 members and 1 associate member of that around half are active.

The costs of the Minden parade can no longer be sustained by the Association, it is now time to have a ticketed event where all members and families must purchase a ticket. Members of the Berwick Branch are happy to do so. It is requested that a study is conducted to check the practicalities of a self-funding event.

**JD** Added that this is something that the Trustees will consider and tasked the EXO to look at a future plan.

**N Ireland RH** Also requested that a paid for Minden is needed to ensure its viability in future years, the NI branch supports the motion.

The branch meets on a regular basis in Palace Barracks and are well hosted by 1 RANGER. Sadly this year we have lost Big Ken Murphy.

Can subsistence costs be considered for travel to meetings etc, I was out of pocket due to storm Arwen last year and the cancelled AGM.

What has happened to branch grants?

**AL** No grants were issued due to COVID and branches being quiet, future plan is to give a grant for a particular branch event or activity

What is happening to KOSB property at 1 RANGER especially as the messes are transit/station messes with many visitors, is our property at risk?

**AL** Checks have been tightened, the EXO conducted a check in March. There is a plan to recover some items in the very near future, the Vice Chairman is visiting in October. 6 monthly checks will be conducted by 1 RANGER.

**Stranraer RS** The Branch supports the motion regarding funding/payment for the Minden day celebrations.

Like NI we have concerns that our Regimental property is at risk at 1 RANGER due to the unit being small and not always there to look after it.

One of our members Peter Beaton had a heart attack but is in good spirits and sends his regards to all.

Branch events have picked up since COVID restrictions ended.

**Lanarkshire SM** The Branch supports the motion regarding Minden, most will be content to pay. Events have increased since COVID although numbers are down slightly.

On Friday 29 the funeral of Jim McMullen was held, he was an active member and will be sorely missed by all.

As I have recently taken over can you confirm the procedure for becoming a Trustee?

**AL** This has been dealt with a letter was sent to Craig Fretwell detailing the procedure, the EXO will forward a copy to you.

**Edinburgh ES** The Branch supports the motion regarding Minden day celebrations. We have held a number of events including breakfast clubs. The Branch also attended the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for the Falklands War.

One of our regular members John Stoddart (Korea vet) died last month

**Riders BC** The branch now has 38 active members, we support the motion regarding Minden. The branch has procured a piece of granite to be made into a Regimental memorial at the National Arboretum, work is progressing regarding engraving and wording.

**AL** Before any commitment is made you are to forward the details of wording etc to the EXO for Trustee approval, thereafter an instruction will be required regarding a dedication service, pass all details to EXO.

## **5. AOB**

**AL** thanked all for their constructive comments and for making the effort to attend. The meeting will be held again at Minden 2023, before that the Association AGM will take place in Motherwell on 22 Oct 2022.

Meeting closed at 1000hrs.