



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

Member of the Public Service Pensioners Council  
Member of Age Concern Forum

## SHEFFIELD BRANCH

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### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - The Showroom and Workstation, Paternoster Row, Sheffield

**1. Members Present**

Ian Allen, Bev Bridge, Peter Baggaley (Chair), Dave Beaumont, Douglas Binnington, Brian Clarke, Alan Liversidge, Dave Lockwood (Treasurer), Rod Mansell, Ken Mettam, Ted Mullins (Secretary), Tony Mulcrone, Terry Smith

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Ron Joynes and Eric Copley

**3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed:** Ken Mettam **Seconded** Doug Binnington

**4. Chairman's Report**

The was no report by the Chair

**5. Secretary's Report**

Since our last AGM, we have sadly lost two of our long-standing members, Brian Scruton and Eric Wharam, and I am sure they will be fondly remembered by all of us who knew them.

I am pleased to report that the Sheffield Retired Firefighters with 241 members are at present the largest group within the No. 3 District of NARF. Whilst it is sometimes said that more should attend meetings, it should be remembered that meetings are not everyone's cup of tea, and heaven only knows what we would do if they all turned up. However, seeing as they do not, and we still are able to attract members, it must mean we are doing something right.

During the period April 09 to April 10 the website has proved and invaluable tool of communication with a total of 174,557 hits.

Following the Treasury's concocted figure based on the Retail Prices Index for 12 months to September 2009 which indicated that inflation was negative (-1.4%) our pensions were frozen for the 2010-2011 pay period. This non-increase, whilst lamentable, is a warning that the employers who have taken our money since we commenced our service, and spent it. They are now having difficulty with the fact that their side of the bargain was to pay it back to us in the form of a pension. With the present thoughts being that to ease the National Debt burden the country needs to ease its public sector finances, we need to be constantly vigil regarding the safety of our pensions.

On a lighter note, we have now been at this venue since late 2008, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at the Showroom and Workstation for putting this facility at our disposal their continued hospitality.

Finally thank you all for attending our meetings and I hope that you all remain in good health until the next AGM.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

### **6.1 Membership**

That current branch membership stands at 241 with an overall South Yorkshire Membership of 522

### **6.2 Sheffield Branch Balance Sheet 2009**

The Treasurer present the 2008 balance sheet to the meeting, and it was accepted as a true record by the members present.

### **6.3 Current bank Balance**

£915.40

## **7. Election of Officials**

The following branch officials were elected:

Chair	P. Baggaley
Vice Chair	K. Mettam
Secretary	T. Mullins
Treasurer	D. Lockwood
District Rep	T. Smith
Auditors	D. Binnington and A. Liversidge

## **8. Sheffield Branch Constitution**

It was unanimously agreed that the Sheffield Branch Constitution be adopted forthwith.

**Proposed:** Ken Mettam **Seconded** Brian Clarke

## **9. Date, time and venue of the next Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the 2010 AGM would be held on the 18 April 2011 on the same night as the Ordinary Branch Meeting.