

Type 21 Club Committee Meeting
Premier Inn, Cribbs Causeway
22nd April 2017 – Minutes

1) Present:

David Woollard, Cliff Cowling, Peter Mosse, Paul Gower, Peter Godwin, Rattler Morgan, Gareth Thomas, Morgan Phillips

Apologies:

Mike Townson, Richie Gough, Steve Parker

2) Chairman's Welcome (Morgan):

Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for coming.

3) Acceptance of previous Minutes:

Gareth to double check previous minutes and resubmit them via email, all matters arising were included in the Agenda – **Action GT**

4) Treasurer (David Woollard):

Club Funds at start of accounting year 1st January 2017 **£6,175.20**

Costs to date this year

FI 35 th Anniversary Wreaths x 2 (Ply &FI)	42.00
Administration – Cttee Mtg room hire & catering	<u>150.24</u>
	192.24

We started 2017 with a healthy bank balance and the indications are that our expenditure this year will be more than covered by the anticipated net income from this year's reunion.

We should be able to maintain this year's reunion price at £20.00

Dan Doxsey has again agreed to manage the detailed accounting of reunion payments.

I am indebted to Cliff Cowling for his auditing of the 2016 accounts.

The 2016 accounts are tabled for acceptance by the committee.

The Charity Chest stands at £3,020.02 which includes £9.04 interest earned in 2016.

We could transfer a further £500 to the charity chest leaving just under £2,500 in the main account.

Our financial policy remains to maintain at least £2,000 in our main account with the balance being available for charitable causes.

Total Bank Balance at 31 March Statements	<u>£6,175.20</u>
(£192.24 payments not yet reflected)	

DF Woollard

It was agreed by unanimous decision to transfer £500 to the charity chest from the main account - **Action DW**

Accounts for 2016 accepted: **Proposed PG, Seconded PM**

5) Arrangements for this year's reunion:

Friday

- St Levans booked, visit needed next month: **Action DW, CC**
- 6.30pm start for those meeting and greeting
- 7.30pm for members

Saturday - AGM/Reunion

- Rolling deposit at RBL Crownhill, visit next month: **Action DW**
- 10am Committee Meeting at RBL
- Reports to be sent to Gareth a week before Meeting to avoid delays during meeting – **Action ALL**
- 12pm AGM
- 7.30pm Reunion
- Normal welcome and remembrance at the Reunion, with the bar shutters closing at appropriate times for this to happen. Lounge will be open to those who wish to find somewhere quieter. Photography will continue to be done by Paul Diamond, with the Club paying for any expenses for Paul
- It was agreed that the Buffet has improved over the years, but the type of plates used still an issue to crockery to be suggested when DW visits RBL.
- Raffle Ticket Strips to be £2.50. Prizes to be first come first win. 6 x Wine (Case) to continue as a prize. Members to look into extra sponsored prizes if possible **Action ALL**
- Name Tallies to keep as is.
- Event Brite ticketing: This online form of payment/ticketing system was discussed, with both DW and PG giving their experience of the set up to the Committee. It was agreed that this needs to be looked into for this year's reunion, if not then definitely next year (2018). This will need coordination between PG and DW in terms of the emails/membership list.

Proposed MP, Seconded CC with final decision by DW. Action – DW/PG

Post meeting note: Eventbrite ticketing will be used for 2017 with ticket sales starting 1 June and a bulk email invite to all on the database during May, with special consideration given for those not on email

Change of Location?

Location of Reunion was discussed, mainly due to conversations from members on Facebook. The RBL is the cheapest option in Plymouth, plus we help the RBL, so they help us.

With regards to St Levans, this may need changing due mainly to the health of the Landlord, and the possibility of a change of ownership. Drake was discussed, but this is now a security nightmare so dismissed. Alternative locations to be looked into starting now. **Action CC**

6) Publicity (Paul Gower & Steve Parker):

PG - Events will be less this year, with the events at Plymouth, Sultan, Collingwood, Yeovil and RAF Harrowbeer only being considered. Events up north being looked into. Some events have been cancelled or reduced this year, with the Carrier Programme taking precedent. A call to arms to be sent out – **Action PG & GT (if needed)**

SP (via email) – I have sent out press releases to the normal suspects for Remembrance 2016. I believe that we got some coverage, sadly the Plymouth Evening Herald did not print anything – I sent the release to the defence Editor but she did not write the Remembrance coverage and I suspect did not pass on the details.

I intend to send out a release early May reference Falklands 35 reunions – ALA, ARD, ACT, and ANT are having said events. I put a request on the T21 Facebook site for info and these are the only responses.

I will be laying a wreath as part of the ALA reunion weekend at 1200 Saturday 27th May at the memorial on the Hoe. I will put a dit on the T21 FB page about this and also invite any T21 club members to attend if they so wish. Again, I will get something out to the press. After that, the next thing is the Navy News T21 reunion dit. When do you think this is the best month to have it in the NN – July or August? (**Note: during meeting was decided to get this out next month with view to get published due to start time**). I will also get something out in PLY/PORTS press to advertise as always. Then we get back into Remembrance! Re: Falklands Wreath, as you know I arranged with you to send the wreath to the Senior Naval Officer CBF1 to arrange the laying of the T21 wreath down south. It may be prudent to write to them requesting that this arrangement be made permanent. With the turnover down there it may be best to get something in writing in the “Remembrance Pack”. Lorraine Coulton, HMNB Devonport Press Officer, is the wife of ex LMA Brendan Coulton who was on ALA down south. In October she will most probably be at the reunion and I will see if she can either put something out nationwide via the MOD network, or, if we pay, find out how much, to publicise the T21 Club.

7) Ladies Night/Cruise (All)

The Cruise idea was dismissed. A proposal by IOW Tours was discussed, with the following as a potential: Aztec Hotel (Bristol), weekend after April Easter Hols finish (27 – 29th April 2018) with potential costs being £149 per person for 2 nights, £89 per person for 1 night, £35 Gala Dinner Only (based on current costs this year (2017)), or same weekend but at Tillington Hall Hotel in Staffordshire costs to be confirmed. Staffordshire option allows us to get more central to the UK and for those members who have asked in the past to have something central. Committee all agreed to do something, final decision being ideally Staffordshire as preferred location – **Action PGower**

8) Merchandising (Morgan Phillips):

Naval Stores to be implemented ASAP – **Action MP**

9) Welfare (Gareth Thomas):

There are no major Welfare cases to report about, however, since the 2016 Reunion, it is with a heavy heart that I report the following have crossed the bar.

Phil Auty

Lauchlan McLellan

David ‘Fez’ Parker

Paul Pedrick

Ian ‘Soapy’ Watson

Ian ‘Dicky’ Baird

Reunion to Reunion Crossing the bar list to be added to FB – **Action GT**

It was noted that 34 cards remain with Gareth, and that we need to keep an eye so to order further supplies from Piccolo. Piccolo now in new hands. – **Action GT**

Cliff informed everyone that 6 areas is covered for wreaths. F.I’s still an issue but it was decided to contact CBF1 to organise permanent laying of wreath, a wreath will be sent in advance. **Action DW & CC**

Veterans Gateway was explained by Peter M, a leaflet was handed around.

10) Pakistan Naval Command T21 Pages

It has been suggested that the T21 has separate pages within FB and/or on the T21 Website to represent the Club now within the Pakistan Navy. **Action - PG and GT to talk to RG**

11) AOB

- a. **Cenotaph** – It was suggested that the 21 Club represents itself at the bi-annual Parade at the Cenotaph which is organised by the RNA. It is less formal and easier to attend, is held on the last weekend of September. **Action – PG to speak to RG**
- b. **COs** – It was suggested that the COs' lunch occurs in 2018. **Action – PM/MP**
- c. **CONA** – 21 Club is part of the Confederation of Naval Associations, and it was suggested that we try and be represented at the meeting – **Action – GT/MP**
- d. **President** – Sir Rob has not yet had his hip operation but remains in good spirits. It was decided that the minutes of the meeting would be posted to him as soon as they are ready. **Action - PM to give GT the address.**

Signed – Morgan Phillips, T21 Club Chairman

Signed – Gareth Thomas, T21 Club Assoc. Secretary