

CUMBRIA BRANCH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Penrith Rugby Club

MINUTES

Date of meeting **Wednesday 12th March 2025**

Time **10.30**

Location **Penrith Rugby Club, Penrith**

Minute taker **Secretary**

Chair **David Drinkald**

Attendance

Name		Position	Present (P) apology (A)
David Drinkald	W	Chair / Ass Treasurer	
Martin Pickering			X
James Wilson		Vice Chair	
Kate Rowley	W	Secretary / treasurer	
Adrian Mason	W	Dep Secretary	
Jim Irving			
Jim Messenger			
Ali Dufty			
Linda Maxwell			
Kate Sutton			
Dave Shirley			
Raymond Gregory	W		
Lance Hindle			Apologies given
Bob Johnston			Apologies given
Sandy Smith			
John Falvey	W		Apologies given
Dave Taylor			
J Bell			
P Berry			Apologies given
		W indicates welfare officer	
GUESTS			
Richard Critchley		President	
Alan Lees		CEO	
David Allen		Police, Fire and Crime, Commissioner	

1. **Welcome by the Chair** **David Drinkald**
2. **Respect for deceased members**
3. **Apologies – noted**
4. **Declaration of Interests - none**
5. **Minutes from previous meetings 13th March 2024- previously circulated**
6. **Election of Chair** **David Drinkald**
7. **Election of secretary – Kate rowley**
8. **Election of Dep Secretary – Adrian Mason**
9. **Election of Vice Chair – Jim Wilson**
10. **Election of Treasurer – Kate Rowley/Dave Drinkald**
11. **Treasurers report** – report by David Drinkald – verbal report given
Accounts to be signed by Chair and Secretary - done
12. **Address by the President of the National Association of Retired Police Officers**
Richard Critchley. His address included an update on Widows Pensions and Incorporation. There is a great deal of work being carried liaising with MP's and government departments.
13. **Update by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Retired Police Officers Alan Lees. This included the following** – the Covenant, Support after leaving the police service and transition into retirement, all matters of welfare and membership.
Both addresses were well received by those present, and included questions asked on the following: should the name of the organisation be changed from 'retired' to 'ex police officers'. The national office has given thought to this, this led to a discussion regarding when ex officers could join Narpo.

RULE – 8.1 full membership is open to a former Police Officer who have served in a Police Force and who have met the minimum, service, age or ill health requirements that **would ENTITLED to a Police Pension** and who have not been dismissed or required to resign from a Police Force by reason of misconduct.

Cumbria does allow those entitled to a Police Pension to join the branch – we were one of the branches who contacted many members who resigned after giving birth and who had not yet received their pension. We made it known to them that they could join our branch.
14. **.Address by David Allen Cumbria Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner** – David who is a member of the Cumbria Branch spoke about his career after leaving Cumbria and role as the PF&CC and the way he saw the role progressing. A very interesting presentation.
Concerns were expressed by member regarding the time it takes, and advice given to the public reporting incidents to the control room. David said he was aware, and the situation was being monitored and would be addressed.

15. Welfare to note - booklet now available and all those present were given a copy, this is sent to all new members and has been an item on our newsletter. Both the Bereavement and Welfare booklets are now on the Cumbria website

Welfare work carried out on behalf of Northampton. The chair mentioned one of our committee members who visited a colleague from Northamptonshire who was in a hospital in the County. The visit and his help was much appreciated by Northampton branch.

Bereavement involvement – The change of telephone number for XP~S the Pension Provider had changed; this would be circulated to members. Attendance at funerals – David Drinkald updated the work he had done to ensure that whenever possible a police presence in uniform would attend ex officer’s funerals. He thanked David Allen for his help in this matter

16. Charity donations – Adrian mason reported that money raised at coffee mornings in Kendal totalled £1500, this had been handed to local charities. Recently £400 has been handed to members of the Motor Neurone Association.

17. lottery winners – regularity of draw – summer and Christmas

18 Annual Conference - It was noted that Cumbria would have 8 delegates and observers attending the National Conference in Blackpool this year.

19. Any other business – there was no other business

20. Date of next AGM meeting - **20th March 2026 – VENUE TO BE NOTIFIED**

A hot meal was served following the meeting

Date	Venue	Time
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Proposed Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Penrith Rugby Club	11am