

1 Welcome by the chair David Drinkald

2. respect for deceased members

3. Apologies Joe Fawcett, John Fawley

4.. Declaration of interests None Declared

5. Minutes from previous meeting 21st August 2025 – previously circulated

6. Election of Chair. No other nominations David Drinkald agreed to continue in the role elected unopposed

7. Election of secretary. - Due to current secretary standing down. (Kate Rowley who is remaining on committee} Joe Bell proposed by Jim Messenger and seconded by David Drinkald there being no other nominations elected unopposed. Kate Rowley was thanked by the Chair for her years of service and dedication to the role throughout her time as secretary. He further detailed that Kate had been made the offer of becoming a life member of the Cumbria branch which Kate had declined. Kate has agreed however to continue as editor of the Cumbria Narpo members newsletter.

8. Election of deputy secretary – Adrian Mason the current Deputy Secretary agreed to continue in the role. There being no other nominations elected unopposed.

9. Election of Vice Chair. - Due to the sad demise of current Vice chair Jim Wilson following sudden illness. Ali Duffy proposed for Vice Chair by Kate Rowley and seconded by Adrian Mason. There being no other nominations Ali Duffy elected unopposed

10. Election of treasurer. - There being no other nominations David Drinkald (Chair) agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer as well as Chair. There being no reason or objections to him holding each post was duly elected unopposed.

11. Treasurers report – report by David Drinkald – Verbal report given and accepted Accounts duly certified as correct and signed by Chair and Secretary.

David Further proposed that future consideration for widows to pay a nominal fee to enable branch to be aware of their demise and provide better welfare service be deferred to August meeting. – Agreed by committee to defer to august branch meeting

David also informed the committee that the cost of attending conference at Blackpool accounted for a third of that year's total subs income. He requested that members give this some thought and that we would discuss it at the August branch meeting. Possible options were to spend just one-night i.e. the Thursday, restrict the number of delegates attending, open to other ideas. Agreed by committee to defer to august branch meeting

With regard to the South conference this years being in Torquay it was agreed that the Secretary and his plus the deputy secretary attend. The normal attendance for the Southern venue going forward would be Chair and Secretary plus wives if appropriate. (DD is unable to attend this year.

14. Charity Donations Adrian mason informed the meeting of the continued success of Kendal coffee mornings with further £400. being paid to Motor neurone association and £400 to The great north air Ambulance during the past year. Due to there past venue no longer having kitchen facilities the venue of their coffee mornings having been moved to Skelsmergh community hall the events being open to all and not just Narpo members.

15. Cumbria Narpo lottery winners for spring draw being £100 Tony Brown Carlisle and £50 Jean marsh Kendal

16. Any other business - none

1040 Meeting closed

Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th August 2026 – Penrith Federation office