



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KING'S OWN
SCOTTISH BORDERERS ASSOCIATION HELD AT STRANRAER
7 OCTOBER 2023**

Attending

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| Colonel AJ Loudon MBE CStJ | President KOSB Association |
| Lieutenant Colonel RS Combe MBE | Vice Chairman KOSB Association |
| Lieutenant Colonel CGO Hogg OBE DL | Trustee |
| Captain AJD Herberts | Trustee |
| Major Lance Thornton | Association Executive Officer |

Branches

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| Mr Bryan Stuart | Stranraer |
| Mr Ronnie Hill | Northern Ireland |
| Mr Ronnie Rae | Dumfries |
| Mr Scott Murdoch | Lanarkshire |
| Mr Bill Heaney | Berwick |
| Capt Alex McBroom | Pipes and Drums |

Members

There were a total of 41 members in attendance.

Apologies

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| Major AG Horsburgh | Trustee |
| Major EFR Scroggie MBE | Edinburgh Branch |
| Maj IDH Gibbs | London Branch |
| WO2 Gerry O'Neill | Museum Officer |
| Capt TH Duff | Treasurer |
| Mr Brian Cruickshank | Riders Branch |

1. Chairman's Welcome

AL welcome all to Stranraer. It is good to move the AGM around the Branches. Thanks to the Stranraer Branch for hosting. As an ageing group many of our number are sadly passing. A loyal Borderer, Brig Allan Alstead, is currently in hospital and is not very well; his loyal service to the Regiment also included saving us from amalgamation in 1994, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous KOSB Association AGM held on Saturday 22 November 2023 were read and passed as a true record.

Proposer: Bryan Stuart
Seconded: Ronnie Rae

The Regimental Council minutes from 29 July 23 were also passed as a true record.

Proposer Alex McBroom
Seconded Bill Heaney

3. Matter arising

There were no matters arising as all points were to be covered during this meeting.

4. Accounts

AL stated that David Sturrock who has been unwell for a period has recovered but is unable to attend the meeting to brief on the financials.

Income is up slightly, as are expenses. The accounts show unrealised gains and losses - these are not cash losses. Although down on last year, this is not a concern as markets do fluctuate. Our expenditure currently exceeds our income, but this has been the case for some time.

The Museum fund is in a similar position to the Association fund.

All the funds are managed and signed off by GWA as the Independent Examiner.

It is hoped that markets will rise in the coming year, but they are subject to external forces beyond our control.

The COs fund at 1 RANGER was set up for 1 SCOTS with grants from the KOSB and RS Associations. With the change of Regimental title and the fact there are a very few Borderers in what is now a Tri service Regiment (although it still has a majority of SCOTS in it), it was felt that our contribution should be returned. A joint letter from AL and George Lowder RS asking for its return has been written to CO 1 RANGER with support from Regimental Col SCOTS. We as an Association will continue to support SCOTS where possible.

Meetings are being planned to seek to recover the money; we are determined to do so if at all possible. The money will be re-invested in our portfolio and used to support Association activities, including welfare cases for Borderers, and amounts to approximately £175,000.

The financial statements are attached to these minutes.

5. Branch Reports

The following reports were submitted and read out to the AGM:

London –

Nine members of the Branch met for our AGM in London in March. Membership stands at just over 30. Charles and Felicity Dobbie represented the Association at the Gallipoli Service at The Royal Hospital Chelsea at the end of April. We had reduced attendance at the Colonel's Rehearsal of the Trooping due to the requirement to buy seats in the stands as the stand were all higher this year and so we were unable to watch from the balcony of the Scotland Office, but we still had our reception there afterwards. We are now looking forward to the Remembrance weekend events starting with the Opening of the Field of Remembrance on Thursday 9th November and the Service and Cross planting on Saturday 11th followed by lunch in the Victory Services Club and we look forward to welcoming members of the association who will be down in London to march past the Cenotaph on the Sunday.

I am sorry not to be with you in Stranraer but hope you have a great gathering. Best wishes to you all from all members of the London and Southern Counties Branch.

Edinburgh –

As in previous years we have concentrated on encouraging Borderers from Edinburgh and the local area to gather for our monthly Borderers Breakfasts. There is a small group of regular attenders and others who attend when they can. These gatherings are a useful way for Borderers to keep in touch and to socialise in a very relaxed way and to discuss matters of general interest. It is also a useful means of finding whether any of our number are in need of any assistance.

So far as events are concerned, we make a point of encouraging attendance at the main events of military significance taking place in Edinburgh:

- a. Armed Forces Day.
- b. The Opening of the Garden of Remembrance in Princes Street Gardens.
- c. Remembrance Parade and Service at Edinburgh City Chambers.

We encourage those attending to gather after these events for refreshments. We are usually joined by fellow Borderers who have come to Edinburgh to attend these events.

Our present Committee is:

President: Mike Tierney

Chairman: Russell Combe

Secretary and Treasurer: Euan Scroggie

Our secretary emails KOSB Association Information to a total of 67 email addresses. Many of these are Borderers living far from Edinburgh who are most unlikely to attend events but appreciate being kept informed. Those who attend events number about 15, with 10 regularly attending our Borderers Breakfasts.

Lanarkshire –

The Branch has 66 members, the branch has around 35 members who are at meetings/Events or in comms with the secretary, we have had four new members since last Association AGM.

Meeting attendance is good and sometimes not a lot there, but members have family, work and other commitments. We held the Lanarkshire branch AGM in June 2023.

2022 the Lanarkshire branch held the KOSB association AGM at Motherwell united service club Motherwell following that we had Remembrance parade and Christmas function.

The Branch President is still Rob Jeffries who was happy to carry on, the branch Chairman Craig Fretwell has now stepped down, Junior Reid has taken over as Branch president. Treasurer and secretary remain the same. Members of the Branch paraded at Berwick for Minden, Hamilton freedom march and Armed Forces Day Glasgow with standard. We have Remembrance parade on the 12th of November 2023 in Lanarkshire.

The branch has Christmas function on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at the Motherwell United services club. We are also looking to see about a games day to be held at Motherwell united services club one every two/three months to try and get more people to attend.

Stranraer –

Remembrance Sunday with the service at the high Kirk followed by a parade around the town, including horses and old military vehicles.

Shoe box appeal as well as laying wooden crosses on the graves of the Borderers.

for the work we did on Remembrance etc the branch received a letter from the Lord lieutenant.

We attended the 70th anniversary of the princess Victoria's memorial where we provided a speaker and also a piper.

Our Xmas party was in January this was due to everywhere being booked as covid restrictions were well and truly over in Stranraer and they like to party.

We assisted the RBLs in organising a Burns Supper for them.

Scottish night was a great success where we had the opportunity to present plaques and donations to all that helped on the night.

Tractor rally around wig bay and the ryls joining in with the military vehicles.

6 SCOTS supported with the Branch attended the blue light services event at the cultz.

Kings Coronation parade at castle green was a great event.

AFD Stranraer the branch took lead in organising the stall holders and were supported by 6 SCOTS, John Forsyth Parade commander where all services took part in the parade for the flag raising.

Donated funds to the women and cancer Wigtownshire.

Wigtown shire yesteryear transport on Rugby Park.

Girvan World War one event at Doune Cemetery,

Girvan Lowland Gathering all services in attendance.

Freedom of Dumfries parade alongside 2 SCOTS pace was a bit fast apparently.

Val Robson was invited to the AFD in Dunfermline and was well hosted.

Breakfast club original café closed, so we now have a new one which is very well attended each Saturday, we also gave the old breakfast club a presentation.

Minden Parade weekend where 5 members of the Branch made the long journey and where in attendance all weekend.

Garliestone Mulberry Harbour where the Chairman laid a wreath along with several Branch members.

Mr Tom McCreath of home farm Garliestone did a speech at the Mulberry harbour parade where he stated he had served with the Seaforth and KOSB Reserves, he had lost all his Head dress etc, so the guys selflessly gave him a Glengarry a tie cock feather and tie pin, he was over the moon Tom is 94.

The Branch attended the guard of honour at port William for the KOSB RBLB Biker Charity run, in shore lifeboat were invited along with the Newton Stewart RBLB the run raised £800 the cheque being presented 28th of October.

Chaplin's and Padres meeting at the Dumfries Veterans Garden.

The Branch also attended the Memorial for Quintin Santini at St Andrews cathedral Glasgow, he was killed on the Andora Star by a German Torpedo also Ralph Santini killed in action whilst serving with the KOSB in Caen France.

Rab Paddy Smith and Sparra Parker went to Gosforth Park Reunion for the Junior Infantry Battalion Shorncliffe Folkestone where they all joined at 15 in 1967.

Our Branch Padre Rev Pam Bellis is here today.

The Standard Bearer for the branch, Ronnie Thompson proudly took the Standard to all these events and continues to do so, the Main crew of Rab Paddy Smith, Mac McGilvery, Jim McCracken, John Forsyth, Raymond Phillips, Val Robson, and Piotr Lewicki attend mostly all the events.

Deaths,

Sadly we lost Peter Beeton this year a massive thanks has to go out to Alex McBroom and especially Kenny Alison for Piping at the funeral along with our Branch Piper Alan McMasters, the branch and other Branch members

provided a guard of Honour and also line the route for Peters funeral, and received a heartfelt letter from the family in the weeks that followed, also Roy Bulmer although not KOSB was a very active branch member, Jim McCracken's wife's Ella sadly passed away and Jock Smiths wife Ann, the Branch Provided Wreaths and presentation to all.

Members we have 24 with 4 new members.

Andy Griffiths Rab Dawson, Jamie Price and Jimmy Cosker this year.

Northern Ireland –

After having a break over the summer, the NI Branch are back in full swing and making plans for the rest of the year. We continue to meet every couple of months and are very privileged to be hosted in Palace Barracks, WOs' & Sgts' Mess. A relationship that has evolved over the years and we are forever grateful to the CO's and RSM's past and present for their continued support. Our Branch has grown over the past few years with a few new faces and a couple more in the pipeline - we have tried to maintain the Family Ethos that was prevalent throughout the Regiment. Unfortunately, as time passes, we have also had to say goodbye to a few members and their families. The Branch are there to support them all, as and when required. We have attended our usual Remembrance and Commemorative services this year, but we also travelled to Dublin for the Somme Commemoration in Islandbridge which is hosted by RBL Rol and remembers the fallen from the 16th Irish and the 36th Ulster Divisions. We also had a good showing at the AFD in Larne. We are always looking at new ways to promote the Branch and socialise. This year we have started our monthly coffee mornings and have had guest speakers from other veteran's charities at our meetings - the last of which was Mr Danny Kinaghan, the Veterans Commissioner for NI. We have more plans for days out and guest speakers for the future. With the Branch Christmas Dinner plans in place and Remembrance Day the next big event on our calendar, the Branch remains active and busy, and we extend an open invitation to you all to visit us if you are ever across the water.

Dumfries –

The Dumfries Branch has had a quiet year.

We had a good representation of Borderers for Minden Day celebrations this year.

We have held two collections raising approximately £800 which will be used to assist local veterans where needed.

We assisted the local Sea cadet unit Royal Marines Commando to purchase a new Standard, they had tried to get help from regular forces but were unsuccessful.

We have also purchased four side drums and one base drum complete with KOSB livery showing Battle Honours, these were purchased to be used for Drumhead Services in local churches where required.

Frank Roy has accepted certificates awarded for upkeep 're war memorials, these were then given to Headmaster of Troqueer primary school, whose pupils attend the memorial every year.

Frank has also fought for the name of a young local lady who lost her life working in a munitions factory, more details will be covered at AGM.

Just recently a Delegation from Norway visited Dumfries to celebrate a long-standing connection between the town and the Norwegian army during WW2, there was a flag raising ceremony, a commemorative stone unveiled, and a graveside service attended by Lord Lieutenant Fiona Armstrong.

Plans for further events on going.

Berwick –

The Berwick Branch has had another quiet year, with Branch Members taking part in a small number of events.

The annual Branch 'Raising of The Regiment' Dinner, in the Marshall Meadows Manor House Hotel, took place on Saturday 18th March 2023 with an attendance of 27 Borderers, wives and guests. We had excellent entertainment in the form of a number of Pipers & Drummers from the KOSB Association Pipe Band and everyone enjoyed the evening. The next dinner will be held on Friday 22nd March 2024 and the organisation of that will begin soon.

The annual Minden Parade took place on Saturday 29th July 2023 and there were almost 200 Borderers marching through the town. The number of Borderers unable to march but still joining the parade in The Barracks is growing each year and it is hoped that they continue to make every effort to be there in future. The next Minden Parade will take place on Saturday 27th July 2024 and it will be interesting to see what form that parade will take, due to the planned changes in The Barracks.

The Branch was represented by the Branch Secretary, Branch Treasurer, Colin Hogg, who read the tribute and Eric Hanlon, with Kevin Turnbull playing his Pipes, at the annual Piper Laidlaw VC Commemoration in Norham on Monday 25th September 2023. The rain stopped just as we got on parade!

The Branch has a total of 63 members although many are suffering from health issues which prevent them from taking part in events. It was good to see Jimmy Mercer at the Minden Parade and he was in good form, enjoying a chat with many old friends. The Branch Chairman, Bob Bolton, is currently recovering from an operation on his ankle which is keeping him "Confined to Quarters." We hope that he gets well soon.

The Branch Secretary is grateful for the help he received from Branch Members, as well as a few others, who volunteered to provide Front of House cover in the Regimental Museum over the summer months. It is fair to say that some of these volunteers will not return to provide that same help whenever the museum opens again in a few years.

"Once A Borderer, Always A Borderer!"

Riders –

Sadly, due to previous commitments, and surgery recuperation, there will be no representation from KOSB RIDERS BRANCH at the meeting.

Work on the stone for the Arboretum is ongoing. Currently waiting on a date when it will be completed and ready for collection.

Would it be possible for RHQ to investigate the construction of the plinth/base for this, and how long this would take. Pat McIntyre will find out who needs to be contacted for this when he is down there on the 7th Oct.

As a branch we will continue to support charities and organisations, such as Erskine Hospital and Armed Forces Day parades etc.

Pipes and Drums-

The branch has been fully established since Aug 2022. Although the youngest branch in the association, we have really put ourselves out and about with numerous regimental events (Minden 22 & 23, dinner nights, reunions), charity gigs, Borderers' funerals/remembrance, weddings and parties. At each event we have made all efforts to promote the regiment as a whole and individual Borderers. I think we have made quite a significant and positive contribution to the name, ethos and morale of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. One of our aims is 'to positively promote the King's Own Scottish Borderers, predominantly through music', which we have achieved many times over the last 15 months.

Our other aim, 'To be a welcoming and supporting group for all, veteran or otherwise' has also been achieved. We are a tight knit group, who are patient and understanding with each other. As a branch, we have supported those who might not have been feeling the best. Individually and confidentially, we support each other very well. It can be a struggle organising a new branch and band - everyone has their own lives to live and it can be difficult to get on parade but if we help even one person to feel a bit better, all the jumping over hurdles is worth it.

Individually, around half of our members play with or help other pipe bands. As a group, we are closely affiliated with the Eyemouth RBL/Bewick RBL Pipe band. We have a fantastic relationship with their team and have already built great relationships with them. Long may this continue.

We are quite a small branch - many more ex-pipes and drums would be more than welcome to join us - they don't need to be playing anymore!

6. Regimental Council update

AL briefed that the Regimental Council is a forum in which Branches to raise issues or concerns, it has proven to be a positive vehicle for discussion. The meeting is held on Minden Day ahead of the parade, and those members with questions should staff them through their Branches to the EXO for inclusion at

the meeting. The meeting is chaired by the President with Trustees present. The constitution was re written in Jan 2019 and remains extant.

7. Benevolence

CH briefed that we had 46 cases last year with the Regimental Association contributing £5000. Funds are raised by almonising with other service charities, all this is coordinated by SO2 Welfare at HQ SCOTS Mr Barry Wylie. This process ensures that the veteran requesting help gets the maximum possible. There are 30 cases so far this year where around £55,000 has been requested, and the KOSB contribution has been £3.5k. We are averaging 14 case per quarter however they are increasing. The main bids for assistance concern debt, purchase of white goods, and health.

It is important to remember that the process starts with a call to SSAFA; if you cannot do that the EXO should be informed.

CH then updated on the health of Maj Jamie Tweedie, who is unwell; his stitches have been removed and he is upbeat. We wish him well in his recovery.

Andy Middlemiss briefed on SSAFA more generally - there are around 1400 cases in Scotland at cost of £1.7 million. We are always looking for case workers and, if you have the time, please volunteer.

8. Living Barracks update

AL reminded the meeting of the “Living Barracks” partnership - English Heritage, The Maltings, Northumberland County Council, and KOSB. There are regular meetings of the Partnership Board as well as other teams discussing the shape of the project. All the KOSB personnel are volunteers giving up their own time without reward to work on our new Museum.

Currently work is ongoing designing space in the East block for the museum (to house the KOSB, Burrell and Town collections), office and storage requirements and a veterans welfare hub. The West range and clock block are still earmarked as private accommodation; it was noted that this was the responsibility of EH and not the Partnership Board, and that we have no input, and it will be quite a way off.

All involved in delivering the project are professionals, we are working with them to deliver the KOSB Museum. We must manage our expectations regarding what we can display, as we have many more items than can be shown; we will only display a selection to tell our story, and the contemporary environment will be thematic.

We are checking our collection with a view to moving into temporary location in D Block (West Range) from May 2024 until the new Museum is ready late 2026.

GH being unable to attend, **PMcC** and **AH** briefed the AGM on work being conducted in support of the Living Barracks Project. The Museum Committee has become increasingly engaged in this work.

Higher-level Matters. **AH** briefed the AGM on some higher-level matters relating to the Project.

- He reminded the meeting that the KOSB held two seats on the Project Management Board; Association Chairman and AH.
- The Association would retain its own office and welfare space. On current planning this will amount to 4 rooms. (see brief on SJKT below).
- Our Museum would retain broadly the same footprint in terms of square footage. **AH** explained that in addition to our KOSB-specific provision, KOSB items would be found in other areas of the museum offer. This would include areas aimed at telling the wider story of the Borders as well as an area where the link between The Barracks and Berwick would be explained. This will have the effect of increasing our footprint. The XO asked for reassurance that all appropriate measures would be put in place in respect of security and tracking of objects belonging to our collection. It was stressed that the KOSB will not support any activity that does not meet modern museum standards.
- **AH** briefed that while some key decisions were still to be made, the Association should be in no doubt that the ownership, interpretation and curation of our collection would lie in our hands alone.
- **AH** briefed that we would have dedicated office space and a dedicated footprint.
- **AH** briefed that access to our footprint would remain free to members of the KOSB Association.

Museum Committee matters. **PMcC** briefed on matters relating to work conducted by the Museum Committee.

Nissen Richards. **PMcC** briefed that the KOSB played an active role in the selection process that saw Nissen Richards appointed as the project's Museum Designers. Nissen Richards is a very successful company that has been involved in several high-profile museum projects including The Imperial War Museum, The National Portrait Gallery and The Wordsworth Trust's Dove Cottage. The value of the initial design phase is in the region of £250,000. **PMcC** and **AH** held a meeting with the company at Berwick on 02 Oct 23. Our current thinking is based around the idea of the Regiment as a family. All Borderers, irrespective of their geographic origins are members of that family, as are their families. We have a duty to support our family and it is the sense of family and duty to the Crown that underpins all that we did and all that we continue to do.

Sir John Knott Trust (SJKT). The SJKT is a charity based in Newcastle. It has a keen interest in supporting work relating to military charities in general and Veteran Support in particular. The Project has made a bid to the Trust for £100,000. This is an important bid as it helps underpin our focus – and the

Project's focus - on a Veteran's Hub. **PMcC** and **AH** met with a representative on 27 Sep 23 and gave a brief in support of a written application. The visit went well, and we await the result of our sales pitch.

Work by Susan and Catherine. **PMcC** asked that the AGM acknowledge the very impressive contributions being made by Catherine and Susan who have joined the KOSB team on contracts paid for by the Project. Catherine has been working on the conditioning of items of our collection while Susan has been focused upon cataloguing and research. This work is essential as we prepare to store our collection. Both contracts have been extended.

The Volunteer Offer. **PMcC** briefed the AGM on work aimed at preparing a 'Volunteer Offer' that will be fit for purpose when we re-open. The Project has employed a consultant to produce a project-wide Volunteer Strategy, but our focus is quite clear: the offer that is going to be made to KOSB volunteers who wish to offer their time to the KOSB Museum. The 'offer' will consist of a range of roles and associated training. Roles will include staffing the Museum and hosting visitors (much as we do now), but also offer the opportunity to get involved in specific areas such as Research (family and Regimental history), Education, Outreach, Music and Arts. There may also be the opportunity to get involved in behind-the-scenes work relating to conservation, but it is acknowledged that this will require a much higher level of training and commitment. **PMcC** also indicated that planning must also include provision of opportunity for non-KOSB volunteers who wish to get involved in our offer. He made the point that we already use non-KOSB volunteers including one who has not had a military career. These volunteers are amongst our most committed. The recruitment of non-KOSB volunteers and especially ones who are young and live locally, will add considerable value once they have been trained. This approach will help underwrite museum support going forward. **PMcC** also briefed that an important aspect of the offer will be the method by which volunteers support work across our Regimental Footprint. There is a very real desire to build in the capability for volunteers who live and work at a considerable distance from Berwick to plan, organise and deliver Museum-related events and exhibitions across our Regimental Area. The AGM was asked to acknowledge the tremendous work that has been done by our current volunteers, especially the commitment of **Billy Heaney** who has shown a strong and critically important lead.

Call for Assistance. **PMcC** asked members of the Association to consider how they might help develop and support the work of the Museum Committee. The AGM was informed that a meeting to consider how best to achieve this was to be held on 11 Oct 23. **PMcC** asked anyone willing to become involved in the work relating to the design of the Museum to contact the EXO in the first instance. Nissen Richards want to speak to as wide a cross-section of Borderers as possible. **Hiram Dunn (HD)** also informed the meeting that we were seeking to collect interviews in support of an oral history project and that there may be the opportunity to give an interview at Minden 24.

Update Briefs to Branches. **PMcC** informed the AGM that the Museum Committee stood ready to offer update briefs to Branches. Bids should be placed with the XO.

Questions from the floor from **Alex McBroom (AMcB)** stating that the board were trusted to get the best outcome for the Regimental Museum and that there should be more engagement and advertising with Branches. He also asked about changing themes and displays.

HD replied that we have a large amount of property that cannot be displayed, items will be prioritised to tell our story.

AMcB also stated that the choice of private housing on two thirds of the site was not a good idea. **AL** replied this was part of the EH plan and further down the road.

AM mentioned that the town of Berwick needs to collectively 'up its game' in terms of supporting the project and encouraging people to visit the town, which in turn will sustain the "Living Barracks".

BH asked about gaps in the funding is there a plan to get all the money required.

AL replied the bid is a strong one with a high degree of success, all the signs are positive. Inflationary pressures have been considered. EH have a fund-raising team in place and are aware of possible shortfalls, they have a plan in place.

Hugh Docherty asked if we would disappear like the Cameronians?

AL replied no; the Cameronians handed their collection over to the local Council, we are not doing that, we are in a partnership and will retain control of our collection.

He also asked about maintenance costs and sustainability.

AL stated that a revised business plan was being worked up by Amion Consultants, and that the site will be self-funding and supporting.

AH thanked **Bill Heaney** for managing the volunteers through the summer season ensuring the Museum could remain open to the public.

AL finished by thanking all the team who are working on the project daily; this is our legacy.

9. Disposal of Regimental Silver and Property

RC stated nothing of significance has yet been disposed of although there will be a requirement to do so in the future. Some items, which had been presented, such as silver cutlery and silver goblets to the Officers' Mess, have been offered back and returned to the appropriate individual who presented them. A couple of items have been re-purposed, such as a cross-country cup which is now the Major John Pullman memorial swim trophy. In broad terms, however, all the

KOSB silver and property is either a museum accessioned item or an item belonging to the Association. As we develop the plan for the museum the priority is to create the new display, but there will be much that isn't needed. It is still the intention to fill two display glass cases with our silver in the Edinburgh City Chambers, given our historic links with the City. This was inhibited by COVID and a change in the Lord Provost but will occur once we know what is needed for the refurbished museum. There is also the idea of a mobile collection, as mentioned earlier by **Peter McCutcheon**, to take around our former recruiting area. Many items will, however, be surplus and it remains the intention of the Trustees for Association members to have the opportunity to acquire items for a modest donation. Some more valuable items will be valued and sold or auctioned to raise funds for the Association. More information will follow in due course and there are a number of issues which need to be considered in finalising the categorising of items for disposal under the categories agreed by the Trustees.

- Decision on the items to be accessioned for display in the refurbished museum.
- The return of items currently on loan to 1 RANGER, formerly 1 SCOTS. This will include a visit to Palace Barracks Belfast to audit all KOSB property on loan.
- The development of a RHQ SCOTS policy and trilateral loan agreement between RHQ, antecedent regiments and the successor battalions, which is expected early in 2024.
- The resolution of the CO's fund matter, already covered by **AL**.
- A conditioning board for remaining items to determine which disposal category applies.

Items are categorised as Museum accessioned and Association property. Museum items are not usually disposed of, with the Association items those required for future displays or of significance will be accessioned onto the Museum account. The remaining items will be looked at with a view to long term loans to local Councils etc. All remaining property and silver will be sold to Borderers in the first instance to raise funds for the Museum and Association.

10 Financing of future Minden Parades

This year's Minden utilised the Cadet Drill Hall for our buffet, which proved very successful and considerably cheaper than the marquee option. It is planned to repeat this next year. There will be no cost to Borderers however we are all encouraged to make donations, if possible, on the day.

It was noted that some people were unfamiliar with the layout of the hall, and so for next year signage will be in place to direct Borderers.

11. Regimental Calendar

RC briefed on the Regimental Calendar, as well as our routine events there is the addition of two Battlefield tours to Normandy and Arnhem. All Branches are encouraged to enter their events to all Borderers informed.

12. AOCB

- Chronicle 2023, closing date 30 Nov, articles welcome from all, the chronicle acts as a Regimental archive.
- Minden 2024 planning for 27 Jul in Berwick.
- Museum fund raising to be confirmed and will be developed by the Board of Trustees.
- KOSB property at 1 Ranger. **RC** and EXO will visit in early 2024 to conduct checks. A new policy is being produced by HQ SCOTS detailing the procedure and responsibilities for antecedent property. Checks have also been completed at 6 SCOTS bringing all KOSB property to account.
- Association membership remains strong, **AL** asked that all Borderers are encouraged to join the Association.
- **Andy Middlemiss** gave an update on the planned Battlefield tour to Normandy in May 2024, there are still a few places available, get in touch with **AM** if you would like a space.
- **Frank Roy (FR)** of Dumfries raised a point regarding the names of women who were killed in support of the War being added to local War Memorials. You need to engage with your local Council as was the case recently in Dumfries when a lady killed in a munitions factory had her name added.
- **Frank Roy** also raised a point regarding his grandfather's S Africa medal which has went missing from the museum sometime after 2012, **AL** said he would investigate and reply to **FR**.

The meeting closed at 1300hrs. The next meeting will be held in Edinburgh and hosted by the Edinburgh Branch in Oct 2024 date to be confirmed.

L Thornton
Major
Association Executive Officer

Oct 2023