



**British Gurkha Veterans Association
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, 22 December 2019**

Meeting Start: 1825 hrs – Meeting Close: 1930 hrs

Attendance:

Om Grg MBE, Dilsing Limbu, John D Rai, Bhim Saru, Capt Bakhat Gurung, Sri Psd Limbu, Kumar Gurung, Chitra Rana, Hari Gurung, Mukti Gurung, Padam Gurung, Lok Bdr Gurung, Lal Bdr Gurung, Yeni Grg, Pampha Grg, Laxmi Rana, Sam Kumari Rai, Saraswoti, Santa Maya, Lalu Gurung, Mansubha Rana, Partap Sing Limbu, Dirgha Sing Gurung, Babir Gurung

Apologies:

- Mr Tula Gurung, Chau Gurung, Joseph Indra Rai, Lt Ram Rana, Nanda Gurung, Hangsing Subba, John Laverick, Tina Jackson, Hari Ghale and Madan Rai
- The general secretary began the meeting by requesting all respective members to take the chairs and went through the agendas. The outcome was as follows:

Ser	Description	Action	Remarks
1	Welcome speech	Vice President – John D Rai	The Vice President Mr John D Rai welcomed and thanked everyone for their time to attend the meeting on the day. He also mentioned the importance of the meeting and reasons why.
2	Welcome to New members	President and Gen Secretary	A total of 10 new members those joined in 2019 were welcomed with khada by the President. List of new members were: 1. Chau Gurung,

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Hari Ghale 3. Chitra Rana 4. Thakkar Rai 5. Dalman Rai 6. Dilsing Limbu 7. Mrs Susma Limbu 8. Mrs Krisna Kumari Limbu 9. Bindra Bahadur Rai 10. Shanta Bir Gurung
3	Finance update	Bhim Saru – Gen Secretary	Gen Sec gave an update on money collection which were, £450 for Monument and £300 for Gurkha Welfare Trust. Money were collected by Mr Andy Taylor and Mr John Laverick.
4	Project updates Website ID Card printer	Gen Secretary - Capt Bhim Saru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Gen Secretary briefed on past and on forthcoming projects that are going to be built in coming few years' time. - Informed about the new website and told that everyone could check their subscription online. - Informed that the purchase of ID car printer was still on hold and would be decided soon. - Updated on the list of names those are willing to buy the memorial benches. So far the priority list is as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John D Rai 2. Maj Padam Gurung 3. Capt Bakhat Gurung 4. Dilsing Limbu 5. Korby Veterans Association 6. Far East Malaya Borneo Association - He also emphasised that the priority of selling a bench would go to the active members of the BGVA first and, then sister associations and finally it will be option to all on first come first serve.
5	Overview of BGVA Formation of New Monument Committee	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr president gave a short overview on how the BGVA is doing and importance of having the association stronger. His briefing mainly focused on the effort some elderly has put in and thanked them for their continuous hard work. - He briefed on the need of new monument committee and highlighted why it would be necessary to have a committee in longer run. He also mentioned that he would include some members from the wider community to strengthen the committee.

6	Constitution update	Senior Vice President - Dilsing Limbu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senior Vice President thanked everyone for their support to the association and mentioned that members of the association were key players for making the association better and stronger. - He informed the completion of the constitution which is written in Nepali. He also reiterated that there would be no easy change once it is written for the sake of small changes.
7	Any other business (AOB)	Floor / all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisor Capt (Retd) Bakhat Gurung asked the committee to raise the point on the need of benches along the canal. He said a lot of people would love to rest while on the walk if there were some benches installed. He also said he was happy to donate few benches himself if that project was to go ahead from the borough.
8	Overall summary and conclusion of meeting	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The President thanked once again and closed the meeting at 1930 hrs.