

# **British Gurkha Veterans Association Monument Committee Meeting Pre AGM-Meeting Minutes** Sunday, 15 March 2020

Meeting Start: 1900 hrs - Meeting Close: 2033 hrs

#### Attendance:

Mr Om Gurung MBE 2. Capt Bhim Saru 3. Mr Tula Gurung 4. Mr Balaram Gurung 5. Maj (Retd) Padam Gurung 1.

Mrs Lalu Gurung 6.

#### **Apologies:**

Capt (Retired) Bakhat Gurung (Advisor) 2. Mr Dilsing Limbu (Sen Vice Chairman) 3. Mr Nanda Gurung – advisor 4. Mr Joseph Indra Rai 5. Mr Hangsing Subba 6. Mr Kumar Gurung 7. Mr John Dharma Rai

### **Executive Committee Member List**

Mr Om Gurung MBE 1. President 2. Senior Vice President Mr Dilsing Limbu Vice President 3. Mr John Dharma Rai 4. **General Secretary** Capt Bhim Saru 5. Secretary Mr Tula Gurung 6. Mr Balara Gurung Treasurer **Assistant Treasurer** Mr Atma Dil Rai 7. 8. Miss Chinarose Rai Photographer Media

9. Capt Bhim Saru / Mr Dilsing Limbu

Mr Josheph Indra Rai **Property Member** 10.

Mr John D Rai / Mr Mani Kumar Rai 11. Standard Bearer

Liaison Officers 12. Mr John Laverick 13. Official Collector - Mr Andy Taylor
14. First Aider - Mrs Tina Jackson

## Advisors

1.	Senior Advisor	-	Maj (Retd) Shri Gurung
2.	Advisor	-	Maj (Retd) Padam Gurung MVO
3.	Advisor	-	Capt (Retd) Bakhat Gurung
4.	Advisor	-	Lt (Retd) Ram Rana BEM
5.	Advisor	-	Mr Kamal Kumar Rai
6.	Advisor	-	Mr Tika Rai
7.	Advisor	-	Mr Siri Begha Limbu

Ser	Description	Action	Remarks
1	Website	Gen Secretary	Thanked to Capt (Retd) Bakhat Gurung for the article which is now live in the BGVA website.
2	Points from meeting held at Town Hall (5 March 2020)	Gen Secretary	- A meeting was held among the Highway Team Lead (Project and Programme Management) from Warwickshire Council, Cllr Bill Hancox, Cllr Jeff Clark, Matt Crossly (Open Space Officer) and Bhim, Tula, Dilsing and Joseph Indra Rai on behalf of BGVA and the outcomes/info were as shown below:
			a. There is a plan to build a bypass road to minimise the traffic volume at the roundabout where our current monument is located. Because of this plan we were asked to postpone the current project until the final confirmation was received which is likely to happen by the end of this summer.
			b. <b>So what</b> ? If this project goes ahead it will impact on the current monument by resulting to relocate somewhere within the Riversley Park. They have also informed that they will take care of all the cost that may need if the monument must be relocated.
3	Memorial Benches	Gen Secretary	List of names those are willing to buy the memorial benches:  1. John D Rai (Not paid)
			2. Maj Padam Gurung (paid to Balaram Gurung)
			3. Capt Bakhat Gurung (paid to Bhim in cash)

4	ID Card printer		<ul> <li>4. Dilsing Limbu (paid to Bhim in cash)</li> <li>5. Lt (Retd) Ram Rana (bank transferred to Bhim's Account)</li> <li>6. Capt Bhim Saru (Not paid)</li> <li>7. Nanda Gurung (Not paid)</li> <li>8. Korby Veterans Association (Not heard)</li> <li>9. Far East Malaya Borneo Association (Not heard)</li> <li>- Due to spread of the coronavirus, everything has slipped. As a result, the date for the benches to arrive to us is expected by mid-April but may be delayed again.</li> <li>- Printing of ID card now postponed until further notice. So far approx. 85 members have taken their id cards</li> </ul>
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	President	The following decisions are made:  - 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary is to be now cancelled.  - All invited guests will be informed by emails and publish on the website and newsletters.  - Installation of benches as well as the construction of Monument wall are to be put on hold until the final confirmation from Warwick Council is obtained.  - Benches to be securely stored in safe location when they arrive while waiting for the confirmation from Warwickshire council.
6	Any other business (AOB)	Floor / all	Coronavirus:  A team of volunteer taskforce to be established to assist the BGVA members to assist in medication and booking appointments with the doctors and nurses when needed.
7	Overall summary and conclusion of meeting	President	The President closed the meeting at 2030 hrs.