



**British Gurkha Veterans Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, 02 August 2020**

Meeting Start: 1830 hrs – Meeting Close: 1945 hrs

Attendance:

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| 1. Mr Om Gurung MBE | 2. Mrs Dilsing Limbu | 3. Mr John Dharma Rai | 4. Capt Bhim Saru | 4. Mr Tula Gurung | 5. Mr Balaram |
| Gurung | 6. Chau Gurung | 7. Mr John Laverick | 8. Mrs Tina Jackson | | |

Apologies:

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| 1. Capt Bakhat Gurung (Advisor) Kumar Gurung | 2. Maj Padam Gurung (Advisor) | 3. Mr Hangsing Subba | 4. Mr Joseph Indra Rai | 5. Mr |
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Executive Committee Member List

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| 1. President | - | Mr Om Gurung MBE |
| 2. Senior Vice President | - | Mr Dilsing Limbu |
| 3. Vice President | - | Mr John Dharma Rai |
| 4. General Secretary | - | Capt Bhim Saru |
| 5. Secretary | - | Mr Tula Gurung |
| 6. Treasurer | - | Mr Balara Gurung |
| 7. Assistant Treasurer | - | Mr Atma Dil Rai |
| 8. Photographer | - | Miss Chinarose Rai |
| 9. Media | - | Capt Bhim Saru / Mr Dilsing Limbu |
| 10. Property Member | - | Mr Josheph Indra Rai |
| 11. Standard Bearer | - | Mr John D Rai / Mr Mani Kumar Rai |
| 12. Liaison Officers | - | Mr John Laverick |

13. Official Collector - Mr Andy Taylor
 14. First Aider - Mrs Tina Jackson

Advisors

1. Chief 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 |
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| 1 | Welcome | Gen Secretary | - Welcomed and thanked everyone. |
| 2 | Discussion agendas | Gen Secretary | - Discussion agendas: 1. End of Contract of BGVA Office on 30 th of June 2020: Discussion on whether the office would be needed and if so, how would the association pay. 2. New tenant's point of view on renting out the office to BGVA Concern on Guard of Honours raised by Capt Bakhat Gurung via a text 4. Updates on memorial benches 5. Discussion on letter received from the Chairman of Gurung Samaj (Letter is filed on BGVA Folder). |
| 3 | Decisions points from Ser 2 | All | 1. All executive committee members agreed to keep the office. 2. New Tennant Mr Chau Gurung also agreed to rent the office out to the BGVA unless the circumstances massively change on both sides. Mr Chau agreed to produce an agreement documents as well as revise the term and condition which would include the monthly rate and length of contract etc in due course. It was decided that once the agreement document is ready it would be checked by both sides and taken to the general members for further discussion. 3. The President answered the concerned raised by Capt Bakhat Gurung with the following points: a. Firstly, the guard of honour is presented to a member of the BGVA as long as the situation permits and also upon agreement from the family. b. Secondly, not everyone is entitled to be a part of member of guard of honour beside the executive committee members and advisors. He also elaborated that it has been |

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| | | | <p>always a tradition in BGVA to follow this rule since it was established in 2009 and advised everyone to follow it.</p> <p>c. All executive committee members agreed with Mr President.</p> <p>4. The General Secretary read the letter received from the Chairman of Gurung Samaj. All members decided not to discuss as that deemed not necessary.</p> |
| 4 | Memorial Benches | Gen Secretary | <p>List of names those are willing to buy or have already paid for the memorial benches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John D Rai (Not paid) 2. Maj Padam Gurung (paid to Balaram Gurung) 3. Capt Bakhat Gurung (paid to Bhim in cash) 4. Mr Dilsing Limbu (paid to Bhim in cash) 5. Lt (Retd) Ram Rana (bank transferred to Bhim's Account) 6. Capt Bhim Saru (Not paid) 7. Mr Nanda Gurung (Not paid) 8. Korby Veterans Association (Not heard) 9. Far East Malaya Borneo Association (Not heard) 10. Late Hastabir Gurung (Paid in cash to Capt Bhim) 11. Late Lok Bahadur Gurung (Not paid yet) <p>- Due to the spread of the coronavirus, everything has slipped. As a result, the date for the benches to arrive to us is expected by mid-August or September but may be delayed again.</p> <p>- He said a total of £8000.00 has been already transferred to the company and there is approx. £2000.00 remaining balance which will be paid upon delivery or when the date of delivery is fixed.</p> <p>- He informed that he had already emailed to the council to discuss on the location of benches but due to the pandemic they had not come back.</p> |
| 5 | Any other business (AOB) | All | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr President stated that there was no diary date for next AGM due to the pandemic. He stated that he would call for AGM as soon as the situations is returned to normal. 2. Senior Vice President suggested that the BGVA would have to conduct social functions more often to generate the money in order to pay the rent. 3. Mr President informed that he had spoken to the senior community leader of Nuneaton and Bedworth Council to look onto financial help to the BGVA but said he had not heard anything back. |
| 6 | Overall summary and conclusion of meeting | President | The President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2030 hrs. |