



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

**MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on
Wednesday 25th March 2026
at
The Holiday Inn, Chapel Lane, Walsall. B43 7BG**

Present

14 members were present

1.0 The President

1.1 In the absence of the President the National Secretary opened the meeting at 1400hrs and asked everyone to be upstanding to receive the Standard and to remember those of our colleagues who were suffering ill health or had passed away since the last meeting of the Association.

2.0. Apologies for Absence

2.1 Mr J.Littleton, Mrs M.Bailey, Mr S.Barker Mr H.Whitaker,

3.0 Minutes of AGM held on 3rd April 2025 at Village Hotel, Walsall

3.1 The minutes of the AGM dated 3rd April 2025 were read for accuracy.

It was proposed by Mr S.Walker and seconded by Mrs L.Bairsto that the minutes be accepted as a true record. **Carried Unanimously**

4.0 Matters Arising NONE

5.1 Presidents Address

The National Secretary welcomed those present at the AGM and thanked them for taking the time to attend. He read a message from the President regarding the declining membership in Branches due to a lack of people willing to stand as officers. A paper on the future of the Association had been presented at Council and would be circulated to all branches. In line with the Constitution he had decided to continue in Office for a further three years.

6.0 National Secretary's Report & Correspondence

The National Secretary reported that he had received no correspondence relating to the AGM.

7.1 Treasurer's Report

7.1 The treasurer submitted the 2025 accounts for approval. He confirmed the amounts in the Association accounts as follows:-

Current bank Account -	£19,871.44
Business Account 1year Bond -	£41,073.58 (matures Jan.2027)
Business 100 day notice account -	£36,144.05

The total currently invested is £77,217.90. I believe the reserves more than cover 1 years operating costs.

The support of advertising revenue from Bourne Media covers the cost of publishing 1½ issues of the magazine.

It was proposed by J.Needs and seconded by Mr C.Webb that the accounts for 2025 be approved **Carried unanimously**

7.2. Subscriptions

7.2.1 The Treasurer proposed no change to the annual subscriptions of membership to the National Association

7.3. Appointment of Auditors

7.3.1 The Treasurer recommended that the existing auditors Chipchase and Manners be retained as they were able to access the accounts remotely via our Sage accounting package. **Agreed.**

8. Confirmation of NARF Officials on National Organisations 2026/2027

The following officials were put forward for endorsement by those present :-

Mr. C.Webb	Age UK
Mr. M.Halley	Age Uk (Scotland)
Mr. C.Richards	NPC & Age UK (Wales)

The Secretary asked for a show of hands in favour – **Unanimous.**

10.0 AOB

There being no further business the National Secretary closed the meeting at 1430 and the standard withdrew.