



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE RETIRED OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

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Due to the Covid19 Virus, which has swept the world I have felt it necessary to hold back on any decision that I, in full consultation with the Committee, feel should be made in respect to the 2020 AGM/Reunion due to be held in Harrogate. My rationale in reaching a final decision is as follows.

I must first and foremost consider the welfare of our members who wish to attend any AGM/Reunion. Many of our members do have underlying health conditions which would preclude them from attending in the current situation. Hence I currently hold a very small number of applications from members wishing to attend. We have also recently received cancellations from two members due to their concerns over their own personal health problems. I must be fair to the Hotel, who I have been in contact with, as they are being very fair to us. They have stated that whatever our decision is they will not hold us to any penalty clause in our contract. The numbers of members wishing to attend would likewise not make the 2020 AGM/Reunion a financially viable proposition.

We also in March lost our Treasurer Peter Haddock, who passed away suddenly in Tenerife. Due to the imposed lockdown it has been physically impossible to collect the financial records currently held by his daughter or indeed visit our bank. The offshoot of this problem is we do not have a Treasurer, although a Committee Member has volunteered, and likewise we cannot have our accounts audited. I do, however, have possession of the Association's Cheque Books and access to our accounts.

We have likewise been unable to organise a venue for our 2021 AGM/Reunion.

Having carefully considered all that has occurred in the past four months and events which have overtaken the ROA Committee I have decided to take the unprecedented decision to postpone this year's AGM/Reunion. I feel that as the hotel has been more than fair we will hold the 2021 AGM/Reunion at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate 8th to 11th October 2021.

All payments received from members in respect to the 2020 AGM/Reunion will be refunded.

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Chair MDP ROA.