



**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**  
**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Sapper W Woodburn</b>	<b>Chairman 2012</b>
	<b>Sapper I Pearce</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>Sapper H Walker</b>	<b>Chairman Elect 2013</b>
	<b>Sapper SGH Sinclair</b>	
	<b>Sapper J Charlesworth</b>	
	<b>Sapper J Wilks</b>	<b>Honorary Auditor</b>
	<b>Sapper RF Wilsher</b>	<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>
	<b>Sapper J Evans</b>	
	<b>Sapper C Peacey</b>	
	<b>Sapper D Hamilton</b>	
	<b>Sapper C Holman</b>	
	<b>Sapper J R McLennan</b>	<b>Honorary Secretary</b>

**Introduction.** Sapper Bill Woodburn, Chairman The Blythe Sappers 2012 welcomed Council members to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting.

**Item 1. Apologies:**

1. Apologies for absence had been received from: Sappers J Moore-Bick, Pearce B, B Barton, W Shackell, I Stewart, J Fitzmaurice, JD Lewins, MHS Muller.

**Item 2. Approval of Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.**

2. The Minutes of the 16<sup>h</sup> Meeting of Council of 1st June 2011 were agreed & signed.

**Item 3. Matters Arising**

3. There were no matters arising.

**Item 4. Summary of Decisions taken by Management Committee.**

- a. **BS Adventurous & Challenging Pursuits Fund.** The Chairman introduced the topic informing the meeting that it had been decided to write to the new Corps Treasurer to state the policy of how BS grants may be used. The BS do not help towards “training”.

b. **BS Honorary Treasurer.** The Chairman informed Council of the intention of the BS Hon Treasurer to stand down at the end of the year after valiant service for which the Council and BS has been much appreciated.

c. **BS Sponsored Talk to Troop Commanders.** The BS Management Committee has agreed to fund and sponsor a lecture to the Troop Commanders and is regarded as a good way to expose the BS to the younger Corps. The first on will be on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept and be about a venture to Mount Everest to recover the body of the mountaineer Mallory. It will also be an opportunity to inform the Corps Colonel of the ability of the BS to help the Corps where there is a need and for us to encourage closer connection with the Corps. The evening will be introduced by an Officer of the Blythe Sappers.

d. **Chairman's BS Representation.** The Chairman informed Council of his representation of BS at both the REA Centenary Drumhead Service at the Corps Memorial Plot at the National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield and also presented the Blythe Sappers Association Football Cup to 21 Engr Regt (Ripon) who beat 24 Cdo Engr Regt 1-0. It was a very good game and played in the best of sportsmanship and esprit-de-corps.

5. **Item 6 Review of Reports by Regimental Colonel.** The Corps Secretary informed Council of the changes to the Corps Structure, the demise of EinC(A) and the move to Combat Capability Directorship. The Corps Colonel is now a very important position in the Corps and is the premiere post in the Corps. HQ RE at Chatham is very similar and expect there to be some additions over the coming months with the addition of some of the Staff from Minley. It is also worth mentioning that the RE Museum has recently received a sizeable bequest of £900K and a donation of a million pounds over 5 years.

6. **SOFA Accounts 2011.** Council was informed by Sapper Wilsher, Honorary Treasurer, that the accounts had generated income of £32,587 over the year with expenditure £32,044 and the bank balance is £5,450 with no creditors or debtors. During the year we had made grants of £1K to each of the Forces Children's Trust, the Army Widows Association and The Not Forgotten Association. The Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits Fund held by the Corps Treasurer stands at £3,826 having made only one grant in the 2011 for £500 to Ex Market Star.

7. **Membership.** The Membership Secretary informed Council that we have 333 elected Members (some yet to pay). In the past year we have elected a total of 24 new members and 3 resignations and 8 deaths. Sapper Peacey asked for a new list of Members for the website and was informed that this had happened the previous day. The Chairman also said that recruiting from the senior serving officers is on-going. Council thanked Sapper Wilsher for all his work and diligence on the accounts.

8. **Discussion for Chairman for 2013 & 2014 & 2015.** Sapper Hookey Walker is confirmed as Chairman in 2013 as approved in the last AGM. It was suggested that Sapper Scott Robinson be asked if they would consider being Chairman in 2014.

**Carried**

9. **Attendance Arrangements for Today's Luncheon.** There will be 76 attending with 16 guests and 3 new members to rise. The guest speaker is Major General Mungo Melvin. Members will also be encouraged to attend the Guest Night on 4<sup>th</sup> Aug.

10. **Any Other Business.**

- Sapper Hamilton thanked the Management Committee for their work and efforts in keeping the BS as a viable organisation.
- He also exhorted the continuing need to recruit new members from across the Corps and all must continue to talent spot for new members.

11. **Date for the Next Council Meeting**      The date for the next Blythe Sappers Council Meeting will take place on **29<sup>th</sup> May 2013** at 1100hrs.

**Sapper John R McLennan**  
The Blythe Sappers,  
Honorary Secretary

September 2012

**Sapper Bill Woodburn**  
Chairman  
The Blythe Sappers

May 2013

**Annex A**  
**The Blythe Sappers Council Mtg**  
**Held on Wed 30 May 2012**

**THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL  
ACTIVITIES**



**Year ended 31 December 2011**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Lunches Fees		23,161.51	17,134.04
Lunch Refunds			50.05
Dinner Fees		4,700.00	3,044.24
Subscriptions		3,265.00	3,215.00
Overpaid Subscriptions	1	30.00	20.00
Joining Fees	2	90.00	130.00
Sweepstake Ticket Sales		1,167.00	750.00
Donations to AT & CP Fund		-	-
Bank Interest		-	6.00
Not Forgotten Assc, Restoration Ministries			-
Donations & Honorariums Debtor	3	173.50	95.80

<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32,587.01</b>	<b>24,445.13</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Lunches		22,259.50	16,732.85
Lunch Refunds		324.00	289.30
Guest Night Dinner costs		4,285.74	2,594.22
Guests Lunches/Dinner	4	648.00	617.55
Dinner Refunds		126.00	114.00
Refund Subscriptions		-	-
Sweepstake Prizes		300.00	310.00
Army Widows Assoc, Forces Children's Trust, Not Forgotten A	5	3,000.00	1,050.00
Sundries	6	69.81	70.75
Donations/ Honorarium: Adv & CP Fund/ A&N Club	7	150.00	100.00
Committee Exp/Room Hire		409.18	378.20
Treasurer Expenditure	8	134.91	169.91
Secretary Expenditure	8	337.38	420.06
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32,044.52</b>	<b>22,846.84</b>
<b>Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the Year</b>		<b>542.49</b>	<b>1,598.29</b>
Net movement in funds		542.49	1,598.29
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Balance as at 01 January		4,899.06	3,300.77
		<b>5,441.55</b>	<b>4,899.06</b>
Adjustment		9.33	
<b>Balance as at 31 December</b>		<b>5,450.88</b>	

All income and expenditure arises from the continuing activities of The Blythe Sappers. There are no recognised gains or losses in the current or preceding year other than shown above.

#### THE BLYTHE SAPPERS

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011**

**2011**

**2010**

#### CURRENT ASSETS

## DEBTORS

Cash at Clydesdale Bank	5,450.88	4,899.06
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<b>Total</b>	<b>5,450.88</b>	<b>4,899.06</b>
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>5,450.88</b>	<b>4,899.06</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,450.88</b>	<b>4,899.06</b>
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### Bank Reconciliation

Statement as at 31 December 2011	5,450.88	4,899.06
Cheques not presented NIL		-

<b>As shown in account</b>	<b>5,450.88</b>	<b>4,899.06</b>
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Approved by The Blythe Sappers Management Committee  
at the Management Committee Meeting on 29 February 2012  
and signed on the behalf of the Committee by:

*Bill Woodburn*

**SAPPER C W WOODBURN**  
Chairman

*Roy F Wilsher*

**SAPPER ROY WILSHER**  
Honorary Treasurer

Originals signed:

**DATED 29 FEBRUARY 2012**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
Year ended 31 December 2011

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

## Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. Income and expenditure has been accounted for on an accruals basis.

## Fund accounting

The Blythe Sappers Association's funds comprise general unrestricted funds that are dispensable at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of the objectives of The Blythe Sappers. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investments.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No Council or Committee Members, nor connected person or party, received any remuneration from The Blythe Sappers during the current or preceding year.

## NUMBERED NOTES

1. **Overpaid Subscriptions.** Sprs Sanburg, Wilson M,McAlpine
2. **Joining Fees.** 9 New members
3. **Donations.** From various Blythe Sappers.
4. **Guest Lunches.** Four Guest Speakers and Hon Sec and Hon Treas's lunches
5. **Donations.** Forces'Childred's Trust, Army Widows Association, Not Forgotten Association
6. **Sundries.** Engraving of salver for outgoing Chairman.
7. **Adv and CP Fund Grant. / Honorarium**
  - a. In 2011 there was no allocation to the Blythe Sappers' Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits Fund
  - b. The total donated to the Fund to date is £31,950 (2010 £31,950).
  - c. One A&CP application was approved in 2011, a grant of £500200 was made.
  - d. The balance of the Fund granted to RECCT as at 31 Dec 11 stood at £3826.40
  - e. Christmas gratuity to A & N Club staff
8. **Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer expenditure** Travel,postage, copying and stationery

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts for the year 2011 together with supporting papers. I am satisfied that the accounts have been properly maintained and that the foregoing statement of income and expenditure gives a true and fair view of the transactions during the year and of the financial state of affairs of The Blythe Sappers as at 31 December 2011

Original signed by:

*John B Wilks*

Date: 29 February 2012

**SAPPER JOHN B WILKS**  
Hon Independent Examiner