

# ***FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION***

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## **Special Committee Meeting held via Internet Zoom Conferencing On the 26 June 2024 Notes**

**Participants:** Dave Smith (DS) Jim Moulson (JM)  
Peter Murray (PM) Alan Key (AK) Mick Wyatt (MW) Mike  
Foote (MF)

Apologies

Jeff Cooke

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:00 and thanked all for giving up their time to participate, particularly AK who was recovering from Sepsis. He advised that he had only booked one slot, which would be 45 minutes

1. The Chairman called the meeting to discuss the AGM/Reunion for 2025. AK advised that discussions had taken place with the appropriate management team at the Holiday Inn, Southampton and was able to advise on an approximate costing and dates for the event. The cost for a double Room would be £195 pp and a single room would £165 pp. Car Parking would be £12.50 per night. The AGM lunch would work out at £22 pp. AK thought the final cost would be approximately £35 more than this year. More detailed information would be presented by AK later.

2. On the costings outlined it was agreed that we should return to the Holiday Inn, after some discussion it was agreed that the event should be held over the Friday and Saturday nights of 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May. The hotel would only be booked for those two nights, anyone wishing to stay on the Thursday on Sunday would need to make their own arrangements. A subsidy for the wine and the AGM buffet, would be borne by the Association. AK pointed out that the Hotel would be undergoing a refurbishment and would be completed on 1<sup>st</sup> May. JM asked what would be the repercussions for the hotel if the reopening was delayed? AK said that the hotel would have a watertight contract with the contractor for any compensation, the Holiday Inn were sure that it would open on the due date.

3. The Chairman would put something together for the website as soon the final figures were received and would consider advertising in the Navy News, sometime in the Autumn.

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4. **Post Meeting Note DAEDALUS COMMEMORATIVE STONE.** Following a number of meetings, the Project Team have along with the local Councillor and the Daedalus Development Group have agreed in principle that the Stone should be sited on the airfield close to the perimeter fence by the Control Tower for public viewing. A mock-up of the stone is attached, along with other associated Enclosures. As you can see good progress is being made. As the Lee/Stubb Branch of the RNA are looking for a grant of £5K from the HQ I believe it would be appropriate the FAAA should pledge £5K, the FAAOA are expected to grant something and all Associations of the FNF are to be asked to contribute towards the project, which I believe is worthwhile. So, I will be looking for support!

5. **AOB** MF advised that the Channel Dash Memorial service will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025. Further info will be forwarded in due course.

JC attended the Tarrant Rushton D Day service along with the Standard Bearer.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35