

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RAF HALTON
APPRENTICES' ASSOCIATION – 21st OCTOBER 2014**

Present:	D Grant	Chairman
	P West	Deputy Chairman
	D O'Brien	Office Manager
	A Whittaker	Treasurer
	D Larkin	Archivist
	A King	Membership Secretary
	A Parrott	Trading Co-ordinator
	P Milner	Branches Secretary
	R Priest	Halton Grove Manager
	B Smith	Member
	L Shardlow	General Secretary

Item 1 – Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed those members attending plus Paula Rogers from AudioPod. There were apologies from J Styles, A Farley and P Brown.

Brian Rogers, Assistant Curator at the Trenchard Museum was also in attendance as an observer of the proceedings.

The Chairman then gave a short introduction to the scope of the meeting.

Item 2 – Summary of the Meeting

Paula Rogers then gave an audio/visual presentation of the study she had been carrying out on behalf of The Association for the Heritage/Legacy Project since July 2014.

The Chairman then presented his Heritage Study Analysis to the Council for this to be regarded as a starting point for the the future of the Heritage/Legacy Project. The presentation is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

Council debated the Chairman's analysis and the resource implications of taking this forward. The Archivist queried the value of using the ring-fenced funds to buy in a Project Director. The Chairman explained the implications of how best to manage the project and the impact of failing to move forward.

Council agreed that on the basis of the analysis and debate the F&GP was best suited to take on the task of managing the initiative and appointment of a Project Director.

The above was proposed by Barry Smith and seconded by Ron Priest and carried unanimously by the Council.

Denis O'Brien summed up the importance of the project as quoted below:

'Trenchard's vision enable Engineering Apprentices to fulfil their potential by providing them with the opportunity to fully develop their Ability, Application and Aspiration in the pursuit of Excellence. These values hold true today as they did in the 20th Century, when they produced the finest Engineering School in the World. Our purpose is to remind others of our achievements. Our narrative of the past will be illustrated by important events and personal accounts of Apprentices' life and career experiences; and our future will be sustained by the Awarding of Scholarships/Bursarys to be known as the Trenchard Award Scheme.

In very few words what does this all add up to.....

It took boys like us from an ordinary background and make us into extraordinary people. 'We are Proud to be known as Trenchard's 'Brats'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1300hrs.

D Grant
Chairman

L J Shardlow
Secretary