

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NO 201 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION HELD AT
201 SQUADRON, ATLANTIC BUILDING, RAF LOSSIEMOUTH, ON 17TH Oct 2025**

The following Association Committee members attended the 2025 Annual General Meeting and fifty six members listed at the end of these minutes.

Chris Birks (Chairman)	Joe Kennedy (Secretary)	Neil Campbell (Treasurer)	Rosie Hall (Facebook)
Justin Morris (Social Engagement)	Flt Lt Stephen Cassidy (Sqn Liaison Officer)		

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1	Chair/Sec (CB/JK)	Welcome. Apologies	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the members. He expressed his thanks to Wg Cdr McCartney for permitting the Association to visit the Squadron and noted that the relationship between the Association and the Squadron continued to develop positively. Apologies had been received from the members listed at the end of the minutes; however, of note, Andrew Roberts had expressed his sadness at not attending as he was having to attend a meeting about the Shackleton Association which was in danger of disbanding. Paul Warrener had also sent apologies and wished to thank all those who had sent their condolences after the recent passing of his wife, Sheila.	
2	Sec (JK)	Off Task	The following Association members had passed away since the last AGM in May 2024: Ivor Gibbs, Dick Gould, John Eastwood, Dave Aram, Sheila Warrener. The passing of the following former members of 201 Sqn had also been notified: Gerald Broad, Harry Hickling, John Horrocks, Keith Loosely, Pete Marks, Rab Butler.	
3	Chair/Sec (CB/JK)	Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Chairman advised that the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed by email previously and that all actions had been complete or were ongoing. CB outlined the outcomes of the following actions: Membership options for serving Sqn members to be explored by committee. It is now written into the Association Charter that serving Sqn members would automatically become members of the Association while on the Sqn. They would then be offered the option to maintain membership on payment of the normal lifetime fee relevant at the time. 100th Anniversary Rosebowl Award - Sub Committee to be formed between representatives of the Sqn, Association and Guernsey to discuss options and progress the agreed solution. The 100th Anniversary gift from the Association to the Sqn would in future be awarded annually to a Guernsey resident who was judged by the Sqn Commander to have made the most positive contribution towards the Sqn. Ideally, an	

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			Association representative would present the Award with the Sqn Cdr during the Sqn's annual Guernsey visit. Minutes approved – David Newth (P) / Rosie Hall(S)	
4	Chairman (CB)	Chairman's Update	CB reported that the previous year had been very positive for the Association, with membership continuing to grow. Since the last AGM in May 2024, Association members had supported celebrations in Guernsey in both September 2024 and September 2025. In November 2024, the Squadron had celebrated its 110th Anniversary, and Association members had been extended an open invitation to attend the party on base, an invitation which many were able to accept. As a measure of the strengthening relationship between the Sqn and Association, framed prints of historical 201 Sqn aircraft, painted or drawn by Guild of Aviation Artists Paul Warrener and Neil Foggo (both former 201 Sqn members), had been presented to OC 201 by the Association. The relationship between the Sqn and Association has been enhanced over the past year by the valuable contributions of liaison officers Flt Lt (now Sqn Ldr) Dave Miles, Flt Lt Stephen 'Cas' Cassidy and Sgt (now FS) Kerri Madle-Simpson. Cas and Kerri have done an exemplary job in organising and facilitating the Sqn visit today. CB stated that members of the Association, together with OC201 and other Sqn members, would be attending the re-dedication of the Pembroke Dock Memorial Window at the PD Heritage Centre on 26th October 2025. Pembroke Dock had been the wartime home for a number of maritime Sqns, but 201 Sqn is the sole remaining active RAF Sqn represented on the window, and the Association had donated £600 towards the costs of the window's move from the RAF Museum at Hendon. Finally, since the last AGM, the Committee was saddened to learn of the illness and passing of the previous Committee member for IT, Dick Gould, in Dec 2024. Dick had been instrumental in updating the Association website, which had been suffering from a number of technical bugs, inactivity and lack of content for a number of years. The existing company who hosted the site also decided to withdraw support. However, the Association committee has recently welcomed Ben Sola as the new IT member, and we look forward to the website being refreshed and modernised to reflect the demands of all Association members.	

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3a	Sec (JK)	Sec's Report	- Membership total 398 (inc Hon and Associate) but not serving Sqn members (unpaid) Lost Track (emails etc) 22 36 new members since last AGM (May 2024) - The following were awarded Honorary membership: Barry Ashby, Heather Chan, Lloyd Gaudion, Di Gaudion - The following were accepted as Associate Members: Mike Snelling, Mary Snelling - The Association lost 4 members since the last AGM (see Item 2)	
3b	Treasurer (NC)	Treasurer Report	- NC reported the Association account remains healthy and will have approximately £2000 following the 2025 reunion and the subsidised dinner. - NC also reported that the Association account provider (Bank of Scotland) had unilaterally started to impose monthly charges for our Business account which amounted to £29.74 per annum. <u>Decision</u> 1. Chairman and Treasurer to identify a banking provider which does not charge for Business accounts. Account approved – Andy Stewart (P) / Phil Basey (S)	CB/NC 05/08/2026 Ongoing
3c	IT Manager (BS)	Website Update (provided by JK)	Appointment and handover. BS was appointed Association IT representative following the sad and untimely death of Dick Gould. He took over management of the website, which had seen limited activity since Dick had stepped down in autumn 2024 due to illness. Hosting and support. A key issue was that the existing webmaster and hosting provider had announced their intention to withdraw support for the site. Following discussions with the core Committee, BS approached Neil White, a former 206 Sqn AEOP who runs his own IT business and manages the 206 Sqn Association website. Neil had offered to take over hosting of the 201 Sqn Association site. Redevelopment. The Committee authorised BS to proceed with the hosting arrangement and to obtain a quotation for redeveloping the site. A quotation was received and approved by the Committee. At the time of the AGM, website development work was ongoing.	
3d	Facebook Coord (RH)	FB Update	RH reported the Assoc FB page had 539 active users, an increase of 47 (9%) since the last AGM. RH reported approximately 2-3 requests for access per month, although a number are spurious. RH often works with JK to confirm eligibility and maintain the private integrity of the	

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			page. RH requested that anyone with ideas for new content should contact her by Messenger.	
3e	Assoc Historian (PW)	Historian Update (provided by JM)	Following the sad death of his wife, Sheila, Paul Warrener will continue to support the Association. He remains a valued contributor to the Association Facebook page and continues to assist relatives of former 201 Sqn members with historical research. JM also supports the Squadron's history work, alongside Sgt Matt Atkin, the official Squadron Historian.	
4	Chairman (CB)	Association Charter	CB outlined that an addition would be made to the Association Charter to include the stipulation that although Association events should be self-funding, the Core Committee could use Association funds to subsidise them if costs were likely to deter attendance. An admin charge may also be levied on each attendee, if required. Charter approved – Sheena Baker (P) / Steve Oglesby (S) <u>Decision</u> 2. Chairman to update the Association Charter	CB 05/08/2026 Complete. Charter updated.
6	Chairman (CB)	Future Reunions	Questionnaire feedback. CB discussed future reunions and reported that 20 responses had been received to the recent membership questionnaire. The general view was to retain Guernsey as a reunion venue, while also considering a joint dinner with other maritime Squadron Associations at a central location in a future year. Options discussed. Attendees discussed a range of views and proposals, including a combined reunion or a future ISTAR/Maritime dinner that would reflect the RAF's evolving capabilities and the basing of new platforms. <u>Decision</u> 3. To maintain the current reunion venue rotation system of Guernsey, Lossie and Central England, but to keep the option open of a joint venture if demand from the membership was in favour. Nigel Davis (P) / Bob Hall (S) 4. 2026 Reunion to be held in Lincs area, venue TBD. Martin Robb and George Anderson volunteered to research venue options.	CB 05/08/2026 Complete. Petwood Hotel at Woodhall Spa selected.
7	Chairman (CB)	AOB	Mike Hill sent information that the Shackleton aircraft at the Gatwick Aviation Museum (www.gamc.org.uk) where he volunteered, was being moved to a new covered location,	

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			and he was requesting any memorabilia from the Shakleton era eg log books. Former Association Chairman Andy Stewart proposed a formal vote of thanks to the committee for all the work that had been done in the last year, and to Flt Lt Cassidy and Sgt Kerri Madle-Simpson who had organised the visit to the Sqn and RAF Lossiemouth. Vote of thanks Andy Stewart (P), Unanimous approval to proposal as lack of identified seconder Meeting was closed at 1400 Next AGM 2026 date/time TBD	

Members Present at the AGM			
Sir Geoffrey Rowland	Lady Diana Rowland	Air Cdre Garry Porter	Wg Cdr Rob McCartney (OC 201)
Andrew Stewart	Margaret Stewart	Karen Seward	Rebecca Sarre
Jim Reid	Pat Reid	Phill Basey	Jane Basey
Harry Nockolds	Hector Hillman	Alan Anderson	Brian Quintin-Baxendale
David Newth	Martin Robb	Doug Torrance	Fiona Wallet
Alan Wallet	Stephen Oglesby	Merv Riley	Gp Capt Nigel Davis
MACR Nick Hagen	Bob Hall	Elaine Parry	Dave Tennant
Gp Capt Morag Urquhart	Sheena Baker	David Irvine	FS Andre Govier
MACR Mike Sprigg	Richie Williams	John Walker	Bubba Hallinan
Dave Allen	Nige Hartley	Plus 18 serving members of 201 Sqn.	

Apologies Received			
AVM Andrew Roberts	Sir de Vic Carey	Michael Buehner-Coldrey	Ben Sola (IT)
Geoff Hanson	Paul Warrener	Mike Hill	Min Larkin
Terry Crane	Robin Woolven	Al McCollum	