

09 June 2008

**BGWS MEETING HELD IN OAK FARM COMMUNITY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY
31 MAY 2008 AT 1400 HOURS – RECORD OF DECISIONS**

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1	<p><u>GUF (UK)</u> The Gen Sec thanked all attendees. He stated that GUF (UK) had been invited as guests via email and phone. Maj(Retd) Damar Ghale had agreed but subsequently the team changed their mind at the last minute.. The Chairman explained the purpose of inviting GUF (UK) to our meeting which were two folds:</p> <p>a. Follow up on our informal meeting and provide further update reference our legal case received recently from our solicitor.</p> <p>b. To discuss openly and clear any misunderstanding (if any) with our members directly on a one-to-one basis, to witness the transparent and democratic conduct of our meetings.</p> <p>He confirmed that BGWS will make allowances to GUF(UK) to view all legal documents relating to our litigation case to the team ie Steering Committee who had been unanimously voted by all Gurkhas irrespective of individual organisation (Senior member (Maj(Retd) D Ghale, Capt(Retd) G Ghale, Capt(Retd) I Grg, Hon Lt L Grg). This would provide GUF(UK) the relevant information to brief one and all on 8 Jun 08 and on the best choice available decide the way forward. BGWS extends their welcome to one and all Gurkha as we are fighting a GURKHA CASE and the only one that that importantly includes PRE 97 personnel. For this very reason the Chair stated it would be inappropriate for BGWS to attend the meeting as an organisation, although all members wishing to attend were encouraged as individuals. This would allow free discussion between GUF(UK) and those in attendance. The Chairman did give the floor the preference should they wish to hand over the case but this was totally and strongly opposed. The Chairman explained that our solicitor’s busy schedule barred him to attend weekend meetings. So any meeting will be during a weekday and in the evening. Once confirmed all will be called for ASAP – watch this space!</p> <p><i>(After note: The Chairman with a few members attended the hearing for the MOD vs Kamal, Sambdr and Kumar legal case which took place on 3-4 June 2008. The case was well presented and the Judge’s verdict will be made in 4-6 weeks period.)</i></p>	All
2	<p><u>Treasurer’s Update.</u> The Treasurer read out the statement of our current fund. He stated that to date, £13,319.70p has already been used for solicitor fees. He warned that this was just a tip-off the iceberg as our solicitor fees will definitely increase as our case progresses. He said that we must be prepared to face a huge solicitor bills and must devise a plan to start building up our fund. Mr Gajbir Thapa (M/No: 309) proposed that we open a separate account and call it ‘Litigation Fund’ for the purpose of covering all solicitor’s bills and asked that individuals contribute £100 each. His proposal was agreed by all. The Litigation Fund once set up will be advertised on our website. It will show two lists of contributions made from both Members and Non-Members. Details to include Army No, Name, Ex Regt, Location, M/No (if applicable). It will also list those approached but denied contribution. <i>Payment to be made by cheque only and collection with immediate effect and receipt will be issued accordingly.</i></p>	All

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3	<p><u>Farewell.</u> The Chairman thanked the following for their immense contribution to the Society and wish them (Ramesh and Dinesh) well in their new employment:</p> <p>a. Mr Dinesh Gurung and Mr Ramesh Tamang – Staff BGWS. b. Mr Ratna Limbu – Area Rep Maidstone</p> <p><u>NRN (UK).</u> The Chairman congratulated Mr Tharka Sen on being elected Executive Member.</p> <p><u>Obituary – Late Mrs Mina Sahi.</u> The Gen Sec sadly announced that Mrs Mina beloved wife of Mr Chandra Shahi who was battling cancer, succumbed to her illness on 23 May 08 in India. A minute’s silence was observed in her memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chandra and his three children in this very difficult time.</p> <p><u>HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge / Application for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal.</u> The Gen Sec reminded members that the application forms are readily available from the office.</p> <p><u>Discipline – children.</u> The situation has improved since the last meeting but just last weekend the same children were again involved in confrontation with the local children. The Police are looking for witness and are seeking further information leading to this mishap. The Chairman reiterated that whilst sometimes it is beyond parental hands, he highlighted the importance of keeping close tabs of their children’s behaviour and especially their whereabouts after school. The Chair continues to assist everywhere possible and is happy to provide support approaching the local authorities and direct them to the agencies available that can help</p> <p><u>BGWS Annual Get-Together cum BBQ (Saturday 5 July 2008).</u> The Gen Sec informed everyone that this year’s event will take place in Ashford (Chart football ground, Kent, TN23 3DH commencing from 1000 hrs). BBQ ticket is priced at £7.00 each. He stressed that Area Reps must encourage members to attend and maximum BBQ tickets sold beforehand.</p> <p><u>AOBs – Proposal from the floor.</u> Maj(Retd) Suryapsd Upadhyia spoke on the importance of spreading our legal case information to each and everyone, far and wide. This will ensure that others are in the full picture of our legal case via the MoD and crush any misconception they may have regarding our Society. He then proposed that the Society also invite the near-retiring Gurkha Officers and Other Ranks to become members of the Society by writing to them personally by the Chairman for Officers and Gen Sec for Other Ranks. (Chair comments: Invitation letter is a good idea, but should anyone be missed it may carry the wrong message. Individuals, gaunlehs, or numberis are urged to inform the misinformed and invite them, the Chair is more than willing to run a briefing session, to a group or individually)</p>	All
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5	There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1545 hrs.	

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