

**Ministry of Defence Police
Retired Officers' Association**

RULES

1. The objects of the Association are to promote and sustain friendship among its members.
2. Membership of the Association shall be open to all retired members of the Ministry of Defence Police, their spouses or partners.
3. A Life Membership fee shall be £20 for each person. In addition there will be an annual contribution of £5 per annum per family household or such other sum as is determined from time to time by the AGM subject to approval by a two-thirds majority of members present. This annual contribution will be based on one per family household. The annual contribution determined by an AGM shall continue to apply until changed by a later AGM. Any proposal to increase the annual contribution shall be notified to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the AGM. **Non-payment of the Annual Contribution will mean that such members will not receive copies of 'Talk Through' and the ROA Newsletter.**
4. Each year there shall be Reunions of the Association held at the MDP Training School or any other suitable place as decided by the Committee.
5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall take place at the same time and location of a Reunion.
6. At the AGM the Chairman shall declare all offices vacant (except President of the Association) and elections of the following honorary officers shall ensue, in each by a show of hands, unless a ballot be demanded – President who shall be the serving Chief Constable of the day, Chairman and Vice- Chairman, Secretary and assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Four Committee Members who shall be retired MDP Officers.
7. Each member shall have one vote and the Chairman may exercise a casting vote if the occasion demands.
8. At any Committee meeting one officer and three Committee members shall be sufficient to form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to rescind the membership of any person or persons, if there appears to be good and sufficient reason, or to make any decisions for the good of the Association on matters not covered by these rules, provided such powers, if and when exercised, be referred to the next meeting for confirmation. The Committee shall also be able to co-opt members when necessary.
9. The MDP 'Talk Through' and MDPROA Newsletter shall be accepted as the official sources of dissemination of all matters connected with the Association.
10. The Secretary and Treasurer shall account for all monies received and spent on behalf of the Association and shall cause a balance sheet to be drawn up and audited and placed before the AGM. Committee members may claim reimbursement of travel costs when attending ROA Committee meetings, except the Annual General Meeting/Reunion.
11. These Rules shall become effective and may only be altered when approved by a two thirds majority at an Association meeting, NOT a Committee meeting with not less than 30 days notice in writing having been given to the Chief Constable and Members of the Association.