

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 18th July 2017

1. Welcome by Acting Group Scout Leader Scott Blackett. Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that he would be chairing the meeting as Chair Lindsay Reid was stepping down. He expressed his thanks for her dedication and service to the Group. He then handed over to Group Secretary Ian Lamont.
2. Approval of membership of the Group Scout Council. It was agreed by the meeting that all those (90) people who had signed the admissions sheets tonight represent the Group Scout Council for the purposes of this Meeting. Proposed by Scott Blackett and seconded by Group Secretary Ian Lamont.
3. Apologies for absence Lindsay Reid, Kathryn Lynn.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th July 2016. Proposed by Ian Lamont and seconded by Scott Blackett and approved by the Meeting.
5. There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 19th July 2016.
6. The Treasurer's Annual Report and Accounts as proposed by Group Treasurer Julie Stafford and seconded by Scott Blackett were approved by the Meeting.
7. Nomination of Group Chair. There were no nominations from the floor but subsequent to the meeting Clare Marriott volunteered to be Chair and was appointed by Scott.
8. Proposals regarding quora were proposed by Scott Blackett, seconded by Ian Lamont and approved by the Meeting as follows-
 - The quorum for a Group Scout Council meeting shall be 30.
 - The quorum for a Group Executive Committee meeting shall be 8 including-
 - at least 2 from the Group Chairman, Group Secretary and Group Treasurer and
 - at least 2 from the Group and Section Leaders and
 - at least 1 Elected Member.
9. Ian Lamont was re-elected unopposed as Group Secretary having been proposed by Scott Blackett and seconded by Julie Stafford.
10. Julie Stafford was re-elected unopposed as Group Treasurer having been proposed by Scott Blackett and seconded by Ian Lamont.
11. Election of members of the Group Executive Committee
 - a. There are to be up to 6 Elected Members. Proposed by Scott Blackett, seconded by Ian Lamont and approved by the Meeting.
 - b. Member nominations proposed by Tony Bennett and seconded by Scott Blackett were Lee Brook, Andrew Cooper, Sheridan Doyle, Alastair Elliot, Claire Marriott, and Sarah Weddle all of whom were elected.
12. There were no nominations to the Group Executive Committee by the Acting Group Scout Leader.
13. Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts. David Stafford was proposed by Scott Blackett, seconded by Ian Lamont and appointed by the Meeting.
14. Report by St Mary's Church, the Sponsoring Authority. Scott introduced Kate Stobart, Chair of the Parochial Church Council, who has taken over from Ann Dodgson as the Church's representative on the Group Executive Committee. Kate expressed the Church's pleasure at how the Group was thriving and its gratitude for the re-decoration and improvement of the Church Hall. She also introduced Rev'd Rachel Wood, the recently appointed Vicar of St Mary's.
15. Scott then commended to the Meeting the written Group reports which had been distributed. He also reported that the following people had left the Executive Committee during the year – Ann Dodgson, St Mary's Representative, Kathryn Lynn, Beaver Scout Leader and Mungo Nicholson, Elected Member. He expressed the Group's gratitude for the time and effort they had given to the Group. A DVD showing the Group's activities over the past year was then shown.
16. Presentation on Give as You Live. Tony Bennett and Andrew Copper then explained how easy it is to participate in this fund-raising initiative and encouraged all those present to sign up.
17. Presentation of Awards and Badges to all Sections including Excellence Awards to two Scouts (Dominic Marriott and Thomas Pringle) and three Cubs (Felix Chapman, Aiden Doyle and Thomas Weddle).
18. Tony Bennett then launched the plans for a Scout and Cub Camp in Summer 2018.
19. Address by the District Commissioner Michael Munro who congratulated the Group on its continued growth and wide variety of activities. He thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the 6th.
20. Scott then closed the meeting and invited all those present to enjoy the barbecue and refreshments being provided.