

6th Whitley Bay (St Mary's) Scouts
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th July 2018

1. **Group Chair Clare Marriott welcomed** everyone to the meeting including District Chair John Jeffs and the Vicar of St Mary's Church, the Reverend Canon Rachel Wood.
2. **Approval of membership of the Group Scout Council.** It was agreed by the Meeting that all those (110) named on the admissions sheets tonight represent the Group Scout Council for the purposes of this Meeting. Proposed by Clare Marriott and seconded by Group Secretary Ian Lamont.
3. **Apologies for absence** were received from District Commissioner Michael Munro, Elected Member Andy Cooper, Noah Gell and Tim Gell, Ewan McQueen and Isabel McQueen and Rebecca Mould.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th July 2017** (circulated by e-mail beforehand and on display at the meeting). Proposed by Ian Lamont, seconded by Clare Marriott and approved by the Meeting.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 18th July 2017.** None.
6. **Approval of the Treasurer's Annual Report and Accounts** (Circulated by e-mail beforehand and on display at the Meeting). Proposed by Group Treasurer Julie Stafford, seconded by Clare Marriott and approved by the Meeting.
7. **Nomination of Clare Marriott as Group Chair** by Group Scout Leader Scott Blackett. Approved by the Meeting.
8. **Approval of the proposal defining a quorum for the Group Scout Council and for the Group Executive Committee.**

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 Chair, Group Secretary and Group Treasurer and
at least 2 from the Group and Section Leaders and
at least 2 Elected Members.

Proposed by Ian Lamont, seconded by Clare Marriott and approved by the Meeting.
9. **Election of Group Secretary.** Ian Lamont was proposed by Clare Marriott, seconded by Julie Stafford and approved by the Meeting.
10. **Election of Group Treasurer.** Julie Stafford was proposed by Clare Marriott, seconded by Ian Lamont and approved by the meeting.
11. **Election of members of the Group Executive Committee**
 - a. There are to be up to 6 Elected Members. Proposed by Clare Marriott, seconded by Ian Lamont and approved by the Meeting.
 - b. Andrew Cooper, Sheridan Doyle, Alastair Elliot and Sarah Weddle have all been proposed by Clare Marriott and seconded by Ian Lamont. There being no nominations from the floor they were re-elected by the Meeting
12. **The nomination to the Group Executive Committee** by Group Scout Leader Scott Blackett of Kate Stobart as St Mary's Representative was approved by the Meeting.
13. **Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts.** David Stafford proposed by Clare Marriott, seconded by Ian Lamont and approved by the Meeting.

14. Report by St Mary's Church, the Sponsoring Authority.

The Rev'd Canon Rachel Wood, Vicar of St Mary's Church told the meeting how she basked in the glory of all the various groups who meet in the Church Hall and was especially pleased about their attendance at Church services where they were always welcome.

15. Presentation of the Group Reports by Scott Blackett. In presenting the reports which were handed out at the meeting Scott expressed his pride in the Group leadership team and its achievements in the 11 years he had been Acting GSL and the partial year as GSL. He thanked all the Adult and Young Leaders and the parents for their work and support for the Group. The 6th Whitley Bay was a great Group to be involved with and it had a fantastic year with more to come in the next twelve months. The popularity of the Group can be seen in the waiting list for entrance stretching to 2022.

16. A presentation on Give as You Live was made by Tony Bennett pointing out the various promotional items prepared by Andy Cooper and stressing that this was a potentially a great source of income for the Group at no cost to the donors. There are 112 members in the Group and with only 24 people signed up so far there is scope to increase this income stream.

17. Presentation of Excellence Awards. These were made to Beavers Marcus Box and Leoni O'Connor, Cubs Felix Chapman and Senna Gorvett and Scouts Freddie Sharpe and Finn Marron.

18. Address by the District Commissioner Michael Munro. Michael had apologised for his absence due to holidays but wished us well for our AGM. District Chair John Jeffs reported that it had been a great year for the District including an excellent Gang Show. He expressed his thanks and congratulations to the Group for the fabulous job it had done in the past year and praised it for not causing any issues at District level.

19. Group Chair's closing remarks. Clare expressed her thanks to all the young people in the Group for making this such a successful year. She also thanked St Mary's for their continuing support and Julie Stafford for preparing an excellent buffet for us to enjoy later. During the year, Clare became aware of the high regard in which the Group leadership team was held by the parents so she organised a collection among the parents to enable the team to enjoy a treat together as a thank you for their efforts. The money and a suitable card were presented by the young people who also expressed their thanks. Scott then made a presentation to Susanna Buckley thanking her for more than eight years' service to the Group as a member of the Executive Committee and latterly as an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader.

This concluded the formal part of the AGM and was followed by a DVD showing some of the highlights of the past year and then by an excellent buffet.