

Liverpool North District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 19th October 2023 @ 7.30 pm

All Saints Parish Club - Oakfield, Liverpool

1. **Introduction and welcome.** Ken Williams, Chair welcomed members of the District Scout Council and Charlie Cunnane, County representative.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Keith Norton, Carol Barker, John Dean, Stephen James, Charlie Parry and Jean Kelly.
3. **Attendance:** the following groups were in attendance

All Saints Scout Group

1st WOTH Scout Group

2nd Fairfield Scout Group

3rd Knowsley Scout Group

5th WOTH Scout Group

7th Fairfield Scout Group

12th Fairfield Scout Group

15th Fairfield Scout Group

17th Fairfield Scout Group

Explorers

Network

District Team

Charlie Cunnane, County Youth Commissioner

4. **To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th September 2022.**

Proposer: Ken Williams

Seconder: Stephen Jones /show of hands.

5. Governance Topics

Ken stated to members present that this part of the meeting, is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

5a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Ken stated that in line with the recommendations from Scout Headquarters. I propose that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of POR.

Proposer: Chair Ken Williams

Seconder: Dave Glover

5b. Note the District's financial year

Chair - Ken stated that members of the District Scout Council are asked to note that our charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.

5c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trust Board.

Chair - Ken stated the District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that up to **6** people can be elected. I propose that the District Scout Council approves that recommendation.

Proposer: Chair Ken Williams

Seconder: Jack O'Donnell/show of hands

5d. Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council meetings of the District Trustee Board meetings of any sub-committee.

Chair - Ken proposed the District Scout Council must agree at the AGM the quorum. The minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the District Scout Council. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at **15** persons. The District Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.

Seconder: Craig Geraghty/show of hands.

5e. Chair - Ken proposed that the District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board meetings and any sub-committee meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at the Charity Commission good practice statement. The District Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.

Seconder: Vicky Kelly / show of hands.

6. Review of the previous year.

6a. District Commissioner's review of Scouting in the District.

Ken stated we have come to the part of the meeting giving us an opportunity to reflect on the activities of the past year.

Ken invited Helen Hannigan, District Commissioner to give the review.

DC report - is on website but highlights from the report what each section has done of the year, Jamboree big thank you to Vicky and Jack getting are young people home safe and King Scout presentation to Charlie Parry.

Special thanks to Stephen Parry for all that he has done on training, to Andrew Reynolds re grant and to John Dean who represented Helen at a fundraising event at Preston and Sue Moffat re her hardwork in bringing over the last year 29 new leaders to appointments.

Congratulations to Stephen James who with partner Leanne, who have a son Arlo, both mum and son doing well.

Going forward changes are coming and there is a presentation to GSL's on Saturday 11th November 2023 to which these changes will be explained.

Thank you to leaders who week after week are there offering support and guidance to our young people.

Thanks goes to Charlie Cunnane from County in attending. Most of all big thank you to All Saints for stepping in with the venue.

Ken thanked Helen for her review.

6b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts.

Ken stated the District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts has been received from the Scrutineer - Lee Wheeler.

Ken asked the District Treasurer, Dave Glover to give his report.

Copies of the financial report were in attendance at meeting and will be uploaded to website. The highlights from the Treasurer's report. Lots of funding, because of Jamboree.

Passed onto County £51,761.

Paid out £46,735.

Receipts this year £5,026.

Levy £20,216.

Dave asked if there were any questions. No questions.

Ken thanked Dave for his report and proposed to approve the financial statement 2022/23.

Proposer: Ken Williams

Seconded: Stephen Jones / show of hands

7. Making appointments

Ken notes to the District Scout members present that this part of the meeting sets the charity is to be well-led during the period until the next AGM. Particularly, the District Scout Council appoints Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

7a. To appoint District President and/or vice President

Ken notes that appointments as District president and/or Vice President are made by the District Scout Council.

Ken advised that Keith Norton, as President and that role of Vice President remains open.

Show of hands approved this nomination.

7b. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair.

Chair - Ken Williams stated he handed over the Chairmanship of this meeting over to the District Commissioner.

Helen Hannigan nominated Kenneth Williams - a show of hands stated approval.

7c. To elect the District Secretary.

Chair - Ken stated the District secretary is an elected appointment and has required Sue Moffat formally proposed and seconded.

Proposer Ken Williams

Seconded – show of hands to approve.

7d. To elect the District Treasurer.

Chair - Ken stated the District Treasurer is an elected appointment and has required Dave Glover formally proposed and seconded.

Proposer: Ken Williams

Seconded: show of hands to approved

Chair - Ken Williams stated the following roles are Ex Officio roles and therefore elected as Trustees.

- The District Youth Commissioner.
- The District Explorer Scout Commissioner
- The District Scout Network Commissioner

7e to elect persons to the District Trustee Board

Sue Moffat, secretary stated the following have been formally proposed and seconded.

- Dawn Mercer
- Carol Barker
- Andrew Taylor
- Stephen James

Ken requested a show of hands to approve their election.

7f. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Trustee Board.

Helen stated her nomination to the District Trustee Board are:

- Stephen James (elected)
- John Dean
- Dan Sedgwick
- Ben Dale
- Andrew Hughes (co-optive member).

Ken thanks the Trustees for their work during the year.

Ken stated the District Trustees are appointing the following person. Local Training Manager, Liverpool North - Stephen Parry.

7i. To appoint the Scrutineer

Dave Glover, Treasurer proposed Lee Wheeler as Scrutineer

Proposer: Dave Glover

Seconded: Gareth Briggs /show of hands

Ken stated Lee Wheeler has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role.

7J. To nominate representatives to the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

Craig Geraghty asked to be nominated to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

8. Ken welcomed Charlie Cunnane, County Youth Commissioner to address the AGM. Charlie expressed his thanks for being invited to attend our AGM. He reiterated what Helen said regarding “thanking the leaders for their time and commitment to our young people, as without you being here being the front line we could not offer an excellent set of skills to our young people”. Charlie went on to give thanks from County and said County will offer support any way they can.

Presentation from Bear Grylls shine a light - Scouting gives young people skills for life. Both for work and life. Presentation step up, speak up, be yourself, find yourself, open to all, brightest future.

Presentation re of Charlie Parry at County AGM, giving an account of his experience of being presented as King Scout at Windsor Castle on St Georges Day and is to attend Buckingham Palace in 2024 to receive his King Scout Award. A summary of Charlie’s speech is on the website.

Presentation from Harry Woodcock 15th Fairfield Scout Group re Jamboree (copy of report on website).

Harry mum read the report. In summary although the Jamboree hit the headlines and was a harrowing experience the scouts enjoyed it. Commenced trip 26th July 2023 met at the Liverpool World Museum and then off to South Korea. Initially, stayed in Seoul and saw the sights. Then off to the Jamboree. Arrived met lots of other Scouts from all over the world, swapped badges and tried to get to grips with the heat. UK contingent no longer participating in the Jamboree due to sanitary issues, typhoon and lack of organisation off to hotel where we carried on exploring and visiting lots of new places. Closing ceremony at Seoul world cup. “It was the best 3 weeks of my life. If you get the chance to attend a Jamboree ,I would recommend it was worth fundraising and really was an opportunity of a lifetime.”

9. **AOB:** Ken Williams asked if there was any other business before Helen presented the Awards

Wood Badge

- Colin Torres
- Hannah Stafford
- Kyia Emberton
- Ben Dale

Shout out from Helen for 2nd Fairfield Scout Group who are 90 years of age and are having a celebration on Friday 3rd November 2023 at old Swan Conservative Club. Tickets £5.00 adult. £2.50 for a child.

10. Closing remarks from Ken and Helen.
- Thank to All Saints for letting us use their hall.
 - Thank to Charlie Cunnane for attending.
 - Thanks to everyone for attending and refreshments will be served shortly, so please stay and mingle.