

Annual General Meeting

Monday 25th September 2023 – 19.30

Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel

Meeting Notes

Attendance

63 Members of Merseyside Scouts
David Steer (Chair) DS
Daragh O'Malley (Acting County Commissioner) DOM
Sam Robinson (Treasurer) SR
Carl Hankinson (UK Chief Commissioner) CH
Calum Towers (Trustee) – Minutes

1. Introduction and Welcome

Chairman

DS welcomed all attendees with particular note to Carl Hankinson, UK Chief Commissioner.

DS noted that the County Commissioner - Chris Valentine-Burrows is currently having a break from scouting due to ill health but noted his best wishes for the AGM and wished he could be present.

DS thanked the staff of the venue for their hospitality.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chairman

Apologies were received, and accepted, from the following:

- Sue Cadman
- Les Shaw
- Jennifer Turner
- Ken Smith
- Sue Taylor
- Kieran Murphy
- Andy Longstaff
- John Drysdale
- Andrew Moss
- Mike Constantine

- Alan Seeley
- Chris Valentine-Burrows

3. Approve Previous Minutes

Chairman

DS proposed that the previous minutes be accepted. Seconded by Alistair Cubbin. Accepted by the Scout Council.

4. Governance Topics

Chairman

4a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

DS proposed that the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules be adopted. Seconded by Sam Robinson. Accepted by the Scout Council.

4b. Note the County's financial year

DS noted that the County's financial year runs from 1st March to 28th February.

4c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Board of Trustees

DS proposed, on behalf of the outgoing board, that 5 people can be elected to the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Matt Jones. Accepted by the Scout Council.

4d. Agree the quorum for each of the County Scout Council meetings, of the County Trustee Board and meetings of any sub-committees

DS proposed, on behalf of the outgoing board, that the quorum should be set at 15 persons for the County Scout Council. Seconded by Barbara Hughes. Accepted by the Scout Council.

DS proposed, on behalf of the outgoing board, that the quorum should be set at one third of the board of trustees, plus one, for the County Trustee Board and meetings of any sub-committees. **DS** noted that this is aligned to the Charity Commission good practice statement. Seconded by John Cadman. Accepted by the Scout Council.

5. Review of Previous Year

Chairman & County Commissioner

5a. County Commissioner's Review of Scouting in the County

DOM presented an overview of Scouting within Merseyside from the previous year.

5b. Annual Report of the Country Trustee Board, including Statement of Accounts

SR presented an overview of the County's financial position as shown within the annual report. The report is noted by the Scout Council.

6. Making Appointments

Chairman & County Commissioner

6a. Approve County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chair

DOM proposed that **DS** continues in the role of County Chair, noting there were no other nominations for the role. Accepted by the Scout Council.

6b. Elect County Treasurer

DS proposed that **SR** continues in the role of County Treasurer, noting there were no other nominations for the role. Accepted by the Scout Council.

6c. Elect Persons to Board of Trustees

DS proposed that the following people are elected to the Board of Trustees.

- Mrs Wendy Graham
- Mr Mark Bennett
- Mr Phill Richardson
- Mr Calum Towers
- Mr Michael Hussey

Accepted by the Scout Council.

6d. Approve County Commissioner's nominations to the Board of Trustees

DS confirmed the County Commissioner's nominations to the Board of Trustees.

- Mr Alan Seeley
- Mr Charlie Cunnane
- Mr Peter Oliver OBE

Accepted by the Scout Council.

6e. Appoint Independent Examiner / Auditor

SR proposed that Andrew Moss is appointed as the independent examiner / auditor.

Accepted by the Scout Council.

6f. Elect Representatives of the County Scout Council to represent the County on the Council of The Scout Association

DS proposed the following people are elected as representatives of the County Scout Council on the Council of The Scout Association.

- Mr Daragh O'Malley
- Mr Charlie Cunnane

Accepted by the Scout Council.

7. Closing Remarks

Chairman

Carl Hankinson presented an update from UK Scouts.

DS thanked attendees for their time in attending and for all of the work that they do within their local teams.

Meeting closed at 20.30.