

# Annual General Meeting

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 19.30  
Racquet Club, Chapel Street, Liverpool

## Meeting Notes

### Attendance

47 Members of Merseyside Scouts  
David Steer KC DL (Chair) DS  
Chris Valentine-Burrows (County Lead Volunteer) CVB  
Mark Blundell (Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside & County President)  
Cllr Richard Kemp CBE (Lord Mayor of Liverpool)  
Cllr Cherry Povall (Mayor of Wirral)  
Cllr Ken McGlashan (Mayor of Knowsley)  
Cllr Jeanette Banks (Mayor of St Helens)  
Peter Oliver OBE DL (Vice President)

### 1. Introduction and Welcome

Chair

**DS** welcomed all attendees and give a brief introduction to the meeting and key governance highlights from the previous year.

**DS** thanked the staff of the venue for their hospitality.

### 2. Roverway Presentation

Roverway Unit

A presentation was given by members of the Roverway patrol that attended the event in Norway this year.

### 3. Our Year In Review

Leadership Team

The County Leadership Team presented the annual review highlighting the key points from the annual report

Youth Leads – Charlie Cunnane and Lucy James  
Programme – Barbara Hughes on behalf of Nikki Parr  
Adventure – Alistair Cubbin

Volunteer Development – Matt Jones

Transformation – Matt Jones on behalf of Calum Towers

Support – Chris Valentine-Burrows on behalf of Daragh O'Malley

County Lead Volunteer – Chris Valentine-Burrows

#### 4. Apologies of Absence

Chair

Apologies were received, and accepted, from the following:

- Joan Quaile
- Laura Pringle
- Chas Hawkins
- Julie Moss
- Jennifer Turner
- Ken Smith
- Alan Seeley
- Calum Towers
- Daragh O'Malley
- Nikki Parr
- Sam Robinson

#### 5. Governance Topics

Chair

##### **5a. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting**

**DS** proposed that the previous minutes be accepted. Seconded by Matt Jones.  
Accepted by the Scout Council.

##### **5b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules**

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

##### **5c. Note the County's financial year**

**DS** noted that the County's financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> February.

##### **5d. Approve appointed and community members of the County Scout Council**

**DS** informed the meeting that no additional nomination to the County Scout Council had been received.

##### **5e. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Board of Trustees**

**DS** proposed, on behalf of the outgoing board, that 6 people can be elected to the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Alistair Cubbin. Accepted by the Scout Council.

**5f. 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 Lucy James. 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 Lucy James. Accepted by the Scout Council.

## 6. Review of Previous Year

Chair

**6a. Annual Report of the Country Trustee Board, including Statement of Accounts**

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

## 7. Making Appointments

Chair

**7a. Elect Persons to Board of Trustees**

**DS** explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The board identified that a member trustee with specific knowledge in the facilities management and construction would be a beneficial skill set to the trustees to support the development of Tawd Vale. The Board took recommendations of names and informal approaches were made by the County Lead Volunteer, following informal discussions one suitable candidate was found and confirmed as being interested and meeting the desired experience. Chris Bliss was then presented to the board and the trustees co-opted Chris on to the board earlier this year. We will now seek approval for Chris's formal appointment this evening.

The recommendation to the County Scout Council is that Calum Towers, Chris Bliss, Lucy James, Mark Bennett, Mike Hussey and Wendy Graham should be appointed as members of the County Trustee Board for the period of one year.

The additional membership of the board is made up from the following member who have remained in their role or are Ex-Officio. David Steer (Chair), Sam Robinson (Treasurer), Charlie Cunnane (County Youth Lead) and Chris Valentine-Burrows (County Lead Volunteer)

Accepted by the Scout Council.

**DS** thank the outgoing trustees Peter Oliver and Alan Seeley. The chair passed on the thanks of the trustees for all their efforts over the past years. The meeting showed their appreciation by a round of applause.

#### **7b. Appoint Independent Examiner / Auditor**

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

Accepted by the Scout Council.

#### **7c. 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.

- Calum Towers
- Lucy James

Accepted by the Scout Council.

## **7. Closing Remarks**

Chair

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

**CVB** present the Building Brighter Future Across Merseyside plan

Meeting closed at 20.30.