



## Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Brighton (Saltdean) SCOUT COUNCIL Annual General Meeting

Held on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm 2024  
in the Scout Hut, Longridge Avenue

### Present

Andrew Horne	Chair / Trustee
Lewis Cawte	Group Scout Leader / Lead Volunteer /Trustee
Jenny Umney	Treasurer/Trustee
Paul Clifford	Trustee
Victoria MacNeill	Cub Scout Leader
Sarah Clark	Beaver Leader
Michael Clark	Asst Cub Leader
Seymour Poraicu-Vaz	Scout Leader/Trustee
Alice Mitchell	Asst Cub Leader
Chris Denham	District Commissioner

### Apologies

Penny Walker	Trustee
Deena Seymour	Asst Leader

### Introduction and welcome

Andy welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and particularly thanked Chris for attending. He explained that this year there was a lot of procedure involved to ensure the group aligns with the Scout UK governance changes.

### Governance topics

The Board approved the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27/02/2024, subject to one amendment; 'national lottery' changed to 'national savings'

The Council agreed to adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR), specifically that we should adopt unchanged the model constitution in chapter 5 and confirm in these AGM minutes that POR 5.4, 5.5 or 5.6 is fully adopted as our constitution. These can be found on the Scout UK website.

The Council agreed to maintain the accounting year end of 31<sup>st</sup> August.

The Council approved the appointment of community members of the Group Scout Council - members are automatically all leaders/volunteers/parents/carers. The Council also agreed that any trustees not in above will also be appointed 'members'. The District Commissioners and District Chair will also be a 'member'

The Council agreed the number of members that will be appointed to the Trustee Board as a minimum of 5 and maximum of 12 Trustees.

The Council, after a discussion, agreed the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) would be 10.

### **Review of the previous year**

The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scout Group. Lewis thanked all those involved on the Group and gave a short update on what happened during the year.

The Chair, Andy introduced the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board 2023/24, including the Annual Statement of the Accounts. He particularly thanked the Group Lead Volunteer and the Section Leads for the great programmes of activities for our members. He also thanked all the Trustees, particularly Paul who is stepping down this year. Andy said there would be bigger celebrations at the Christmas meal.

The Group Treasurer, Jenny introduced the report on the finances of the group which are in a very health position. It was agreed that the Subscription paid by members would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council/Board.

### **Making appointments**

The Council recognised that the Group Scout Leader/Volunteer is automatically an ex-officio Trustee. The new POR stipulates that appointed Board Trustees are appointed by the Scout Council for an initial period of no longer than three years. The Council agreed the appointed and co-opted Trustees must serve no more than nine years over 3 terms. The Trustee Board can appoint co-opted Trustees during the year (but these would need to be appointed by the Council at the next AGM). There had been no applications from members to be Chair, Treasurer or Trustees.

Lewis, representing the Council asked Andy, the existing Chair if he would stand for up to a further three years, which he agreed. The Council agreed to this appointment. Andy said he would be content to serve for up to a further three years, but a search should begin for a replacement, and he would be happy to stand aside once recruited.

Andy recommended that the existing Treasurer, Jenny, be reappointed as Group Treasurer, The Council approved Jenny's appointment for up to three years. Jenny also said that she would continue for up to a further three years, but a replacement for Group Treasurer should also be recruited.

Andy recommended the re – appointment of all the other existing Trustees as members of the Group Trustee Board apart from Paul who is stepping down. Matt Bishop will also be removed as a Trustee due to work commitments. This was agreed by the Council.

Board Trustees are therefore:-

Andrew Horne

Jenny Umney

Penny Walker

Lewis Cawte

Seymour Poraicu-Vaz

Andy recommended that there should be no appointments as Group President and/or Vice Presidents. This was agreed by the Council

There was a discussion on the Quorum for Trustee Board decisions. It was proposed that the quorum for a meeting of a Group Trustee Board is one third of the appointed Trustees (ex officio plus appointed plus co-opted) plus one.

The Treasurer proposed that the existing Scrutineer be reappointed. The Council agreed with this appointment.

#### **Closing remarks**

Andy asked Chris for any comments. Chris, representing the District thanked Lewis and Andy, along with all the Leaders and their teams, and Trustees for their work over the last year. He updated the Council on some of the new changes that were currently being introduced.