



# 1<sup>st</sup> Doddington Scout Group 23/24 Annual General Meeting

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Venue: Copley Scout Centre, Thicket Path, Westwood Road, St Ives**

## Attendees

- Debi Winn (DW) Chair, Anne Appleby (AA), Treasurer, Alys Turner (AT) Group Scout Leader, Annabel Farlow (AF) Secretary, Matt Royston (MR), Grant Barlow (GB), Toby Farlow (TF), Dave Bridges (DB)
- 49 attendees (including those named above) from the Group's Scout Council

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## Minutes

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### Group Chair Welcome

- DW thanked everyone for attending the AGM despite the weather

### Apologies

- Chris Ward, County Commissioner
- Jonathan Harwood, Deputy Group Scout Leader

### Governance

- DW proposed signing of the 22/23 AGM minutes, AF seconded, Group Scout Council (GSC) agreed - **Passed**
- DW proposed adoption of the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) as the 1st Doddington Scout Group Constitution, AF seconded, GSC agreed - **Passed**
- Note that the Group's financial year dates are 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March – **Noted**
- Approve the appointed and community members of the GSC – **Not Applicable**
- Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board. DW proposed to follow POR with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12, AF seconded, GSC agreed – **Passed**
- Agree the quorum for future meetings of the GSC. DW proposed the number to be double the number of Trustees plus one, AF seconded, GSC agreed - **Passed**

### Review of Previous Year

- AT gave a brief overview of the previous scouting year
  - Celebrated 70 years of Scouting in Doddington in May 2023
  - Group continues to grow, have opened a second Squirrel Drey
  - Activities continue to be developed, significant increase in water activities in 2023/2024

- The year included the planning for the Belgium International, which took place in August 2024 (and will be discussed in next year's review)
- Number of adult helpers is also growing
- AA thanked all the adult team and all parents for their continued support for Scouting in Doddington
- The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Accounts and Reports at a Board meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- AA advised the following;
  - Income increased significantly due to receipt of funds for Belgium, fundraising and grants plus a donation from a previous leader and the sponsorship from 3 leaders sponsored walk.
  - District funds, which were provided to help promote scouting activities subsidised camps throughout the year and various section activities. District have kindly agreed that funds that were not spent in 23/24 can be used for activities in 24/25.
  - Expenditure also increased as the Group held and attended more camps, paid for more training, purchased more equipment and continued to maintain and improve the scout Centre.

## Appointments

- AT explained that as per the recommendation of the revised POR, a new open and transparent selection process had been developed and used to select the new Trustee Board for 2024/25. This involved applications from those willing to be Trustees highlighting their skills and experience. These applications were reviewed by an independent Review Board, who provided their recommendations. This process was reviewed and signed off by the Trustee Board at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- Following recommendation from the Independent Review Board, Annabel Farlow was nominated as Group Chair, GSC Agreed – **Passed**
- Following recommendation from the Independent Review Board, Anne Appleby was nominated as Treasurer, GSC Agreed – **Passed**
- Following recommendation from the Independent Review Board, Grant Barlow was nominated as Trustee, GSC Agreed – **Passed**
- It was noted that the selection process did not receive enough applications to meet the minimum number of Trustees under POR. Therefore, the Group aims to co-opt an additional Trustee in the year.
- AA proposed that Godfrey Smith remained the Independent Examiner for the Group Accounts, GSC agreed – **Passed**
- DW thanked all those who had served on the Trustee Board for 2023/24, especially those who were now stepping down;
  - Jonathan Harwood
  - Matt Royston
  - Toby Farlow
  - Dave Bridges
  - Debi Winn

## Close

- DW thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.