

# Minutes of the Northamptonshire County Scout Council Annual General Meeting on the 29th September 2018



## The Sir John Lowther County Scout Training Activity Centre

**Present:** Karen Tonks (County Chair), Dean Smith (County Commissioner), Tim Kidd (UK Chief Commissioner), Paula Evans (Regional Commissioner), David Laing (HM Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire) then as taken from the attendance sheets: County: G. Simmons, D. Manciocchi, L. Jones, G. Dowling, T. Knott, M. Reilly, H. Whiting, C. Butlin, S. Lewis, H. Cameron, C. Stephenson, D. Bromley, K. Briers, N. Powell, M. Minney, J. Timmins, G. Timmins, T. Althorpe, K. Shackleton, N. Grove. Daventry District: J. Driver, P. Richardson, I. Lockley. Glendon District: D. McNally, L. Creasey, R. Creasey, S. Brear, C. Eaton, S. Langley, V. Brown, H. Brown, R. Wilson, L. White, G. Patrick, K. Osborne, D. Storey, A. Chapman, L. Richardson, R. Bathe, C. Smith, T. Smith, T. Wayman, J. Clark, A. Aldersley. Grafton District: J. Hazell, J. Hazell, A. Oram, M. O'Connor, B. Tiller. Nene Valley District: R. Brass, L. Jones, F. Harris, D. Medler, M. Howorth, J. Burton, P. Evans, M. Hunt, S. Robinson, P. Robinson. Northampton District: M. Dyer, E. Farr, S. Shrivs, J. Sharman, J. Brooker, M. Brooker, A. Brooker, S. Tilley, C. Baxter, T. May. Wellingborough District: C. Haybyrne, P. Morrall, P. Shefchick, D. Edwards, B. Townson, D. Jones, J. Marriott, J. Rudge, M. Rudge, J. Paton. Invited Guests: A. Johnson, S. Kendall, Cllr R. Dallyn, Cllr J. Burton, L. Burton, Cllr P. Conquest, J. Conquest, Cllr L. Jones.

**Apologies:** P. Hollobone, M. Ellis, S. Mold, A. Leadsom, P. Bone, A. Lewer, T. Pursglove, Cllr M. Griffiths, Cllr D. Coleman, C. Heaton-Harris, Cllr M. Ward, D. Pinnington, G. Miles, S. Petrossian, K. Simpson, C. Adams, C. Jervis, S. Graves, C. Lomas, C. Jewell, K. Moore, T. Law, W. Hazell, J. Francis.

### 1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the AGM especially David Laing Lord Lieutenant and Tim Kidd UK Chief Commissioner.

### 2. Apologies

There were no other apologies from the floor of the meeting.

### 3. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, having been made available prior to the meeting were taken as ready, their adoption was proposed by Tony Knott and seconded by Caroline Jewell. The proposal was put to the meeting and passed with a show of voting cards.

### 4. Annual Trustees' report

For the report of the Trustees' the Chairman reported on a second Scouting year of the new team heading up the County with a lot of the Groundwork completed and have seen projects and activities bear fruit.

The Finance and General Purposes sub-committee has focused on developing and documenting the policies necessary for good governance and financial management. These include the County Financial and Budget Policy, County Events Financial and Budget Policy, Volunteers and Staff Expenses policy and Financial Approvals Levels of Authority. The Centre Management Committee have been maintaining and improving the facilities at the Sir John Lowther Centre, managing the financial position and improving the utilisation of the centre. The Chairman thanked the team of staff and volunteers for their efforts to increase income and reduce debts.

The Trustees have agreed spending on events and activities which have benefited young people in all sections. It was agreed that new Groups should not pay the County element of the membership fee in their first year of registration, the UK Headquarters element of the membership fee will be paid from the County's Growth Budget. It has also agreed to fund some long overdue refurbishment at the John Lowther Centre.

Looking forward there is to be a review of the Development Plan following the Launch of The Scout Association's Skills for Life Vision which will take us up to 2023. A long term development strategy for the Sir John Lowther Centre. Also looking at the opportunities and efficiencies Cloud Based Accounting could bring.

The Chairman thanked the Trustees who give their time and advice to ensure that the Executive and Sub-Committees work with Leaders and Commissioners to make Scouting bigger and better in Northamptonshire.

## **5. Treasurers report**

The Annual Charity and Accounts Report for the year was presented by the County Treasurer, Geoff Simmons, who gave a brief outline of the years Financial Statements. The Summary of the Accounts was available to everyone at the meeting and he advised that a full copy of the Accounts would be available on the County website.

## **6. Proposal to adopt Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

Vincent Burgess proposed the adoption of the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements and was seconded by Michele Hunt. This was approved by a show of voting cards.

## **7. Proposal to appoint independent examiners for 2018/2019**

Harry Whiting proposed the appointment of independent examiners Jane Francis, Absolute Accounts, for 2018/2019 and this was seconded by Sandra Lewis. This was approved by a show of voting cards.

## **8. Approval for County Commissioner's nomination of County Chairman**

The County Commissioner's nomination of Karen Tonks as County Chairman was approved by a show of voting cards.

## **9. Election of County Treasurer**

The election of Geoff Simmonds as County Treasurer was proposed by Vincent Burgess, seconded by Mags Minney and approved by a show of voting cards.

## **10. Election of Deputy County Treasurer**

The election of Glyn Timmins as Deputy County Treasurer was proposed by Jonathan Hazell, seconded by Harry Whiting and approved by a show of voting cards.

## **11. Election of County Secretary**

The election of Mags Minney as County Secretary was proposed by Lee Jones, seconded by Gillian Dowling and approved by a show of voting cards.

## **12. Receipt and Election of District Representatives to the Executive Committee for 2018/2019**

The approval of the District Representatives to the Executive was proposed by Chris Butlin, seconded by John Masters and approved by a show of voting cards. The members are Daventry – John Driver, Glendon – Tony Filsak, Grafton – Mike O'Connor, Nene Valley – Tony Knott, Northampton – Karen Simpson and Wellingborough – John Rudge.

## **13. Election of Young Persons Representatives to the Executive Committee for 2018/2019**

The Chairman thanked Holly Barnes and Calum King for their contributions last year. This year the nomination is Stephanie Harding this was proposed by Daniel Manniochi, seconded by Greg McClean and approved by a show of voting cards.

## **14. Approval of County Commissioner's nominations to the Executive Committee**

The Chairman thanked Shannon Petrossian Salmasi for her time on the committee but who has decided to stand down. The nominees to the County Executive are Debbie Bromley, Henny Cameron, Mark Mulcahey, Richard Paragreen, Julie Timmins and Anna Swann.

## **15. Notification of co-opted members to the Executive Committee**

Notification was given of co-opted members to the Executive Committee these are; Bob Peden, Gillian Dowling, David McInally, Jade Ackers.

## **16. Approval for Nominated members of the Executive Committee to be members of the County Scout Council**

Approved by a show of voting cards.

## **17. Election of Northamptonshire County Scout Council representatives to the Council of The Scout Association**

The election of Lee Jones and Daniel Manniochi was proposed by Geoff Simmons, seconded by David Jones and agreed with a show of voting cards.

## **18. Date of the 2019 Annual General Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to be held at The Sir John Lowther Centre.**

19. This closed the formal meeting

**20.** Lord Lieutenant David Laing and Dean Smith presented Queen Scouts Awards to Jack Brooker, Ami Chapman and Sarah Robinson.

**21.** HM Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, David Laing gave a short speech.

**22.** The County Commissioner, Dean Smith gave his report.

**23.** The Regional Commissioner, Paula Evans gave a short speech.

**24.** The UK Chief Commissioner, Tim Kidd gave a short speech.

Tim Kidd and Dean Smith then made the following presentations:

- A new Award for the Young Leader Champion: Daniel Bathe.
- Wood Badge to Lynda White.
- Long Service Awards for 15 years' service to Steve Tonks and 25 years' service to Carole Stephenson.
- Award for Merit: Tom Althorpe, Jonathan Hazell.
- Bar to the Award for Merit: Karen Tonks.
- County Commissioners' Award: The Media Team – David & Jennie Curtis, Kelly Mercer, John Rudge, Andy Hunt, Kay Aitken.

**25.** The County Commissioner then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.