WILTSHIRE SCOUT COUNCIL
Thursday 18th July 2024
Annual General Meeting Minutes

	The meeting was opened at 19.30 by the Chair Justin Purkis.
1	**Welcome** - The Chair gave a warm welcome to everyone. A special welcome was given to:- Our President Mrs Sarah Troughton Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Dr Olivia Chapple High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Catherine Roper Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Cllr Ian Hopkins Mayor of Devizes, Bridget Wayman Leader of Wiltshire Council, Graham Brant Regional Lead Volunteer for Scouts, Joanne Manship and Shirley Eve CC and President Wilts Girl Guides South. Danny Kruger MP joined us later.
2	**Apologies** had been received from The Bishop of Salisbury, Mrs Jenny McKay, Steve Willcox, Ruth Sara SW Region Girl Guiding, Ted Pomeroy, Caroline Holmes, Rob Woods, Isobel Guttridge, Cindy &Roger Demain-Griffiths, Paula Redway, Lesley Uzzell, Amanda Wilkes, Sarah Kamphaug, Ann Lovelock, Jill & Mike Terry, Sharon Gaitskell,
3	**Reflection** by County Lead Volunteer Theme – 'A bundle of sticks'
4	**Governance** **a. Approve the Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023** The County Trustee Board reviewed the minutes of the last AGM at their meeting held on 26th September 2023. The minutes were available in the room, also on our website. The Chair put forward that these minutes are taken as read and ask the County Scout Council to agree they are a true record of that meeting. *There were no objections.* **b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules** In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the County Trustee Board continues to adopt the full County model constitution from Chapter 5 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules [POR]. A copy of this is available on The Scout Association website. **c. County's financial year** The Chair asked that the County Scout Council members note our charity's financial year is 1 April to 31 March. **d. Agree number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board** Following good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total. This includes ex-officio and co-opted Trustees. The County Scout Council must agree the number of people to be appointed to the Trustee Board. The Trustee Board recommends that 11 people are appointed. The Chair proposed the County Scout Council approves that recommendation. *There were no objections*. **e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the County Scout Council [excluding this AGM].** The County Scout Council must agree its quorum – the minimum number of County Scout Council members that must be present at County Scout Council Meetings. The Trustee Board recommends the quorum should remain at 25 people. *There were no objections.*

5 **Appointments**

a. County Chair
For this the County Lead Volunteer took the chair. Following an open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board, and Justin Purkis's willingness to continue as Chair, the recommendation to the County Scout Council is that Justin Purkis should be appointed as County Chair for a period of 3 years.
*There were no objections***.**

b. County Treasurer
Following an open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board, which included a review of the necessary skills required for the role of Treasurer, the recommendation to the County Scout Council is that Richard Holmes be appointed as County Treasurer for two year.
There were no objections.
Paul Ingram will continue to support Richard and the Board as Treasury Administrator.

c. County Trustee Board
Following a review and selection process by the Trustee Board, the recommendation to the County Scout Council is that the following people should be appointed as members of the County Trustee Board for the following terms:-

Roger Reeves – 1 Year [Roger is also Chair of the Wiltshire Scout Centre Sub-Committee]
Tom Dobson – 1 Year
Dave Waspe – 2 Years
Tom Roberts – 3 Years
Dan Bavister – 3 Years
There were no objections.

Ex-officio members of the Board are:
Steve Barley [County Lead Volunteer] and Mollie Neville [Youth Lead]

Trustee Board's administrator – Sue Rose

The Chair noted that the Board also has two vacancies for 18-24 year olds which we will continue to search and advertise for.

The Chair thanked the Trustees and administrators for their work during the year and said it continues to be a pleasure and privilege to work with them.

d. Appointment of County President and/Vice Presidents
The County Scout Council also appoints the County President, and as such the Trustee Board proposes Mrs Sarah Troughton for re-appointment.
There were no objections

e. Appointment of Auditor
The Trustee Board proposes that Monahans continue in the role of Auditor, and to provide accounting support. The Chair confirmed that they are qualified to undertake this role.
There were no objections

f. Elect County Representatives of the County Scout Council to represent the County on the Council of the Scout Association
The Chair stated that under Rule 6.5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules, we need to elect County representatives to the Council of The Scout Association.
We need to elect 1 member and a 18-24 member to the Council of The Scout Association, in addition to the County Lead Volunteer. Mollie Neville and I have been proposed for election.
There were no objections

6	**Review of the Previous Year** **a. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the County Trustee Board including the Annual Statement of Accounts** The Chair presented the Annual Report of the County Trustee Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts. The County Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and received the report on the accounts from our Auditors Monahans. The Report and Accounts comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission and the Scout Association. Copies were available in the room, also on our web-site. The Chair pointed out that the County remains in a financially healthy state and continues to be in a position to be able to support Scouting in Wiltshire and its development. The total income and expenses for the year, and changes from previous years, reflects the relative timing of membership levy, receipts and payments in respect of the 2023 World Scout Jamboree, and the return to full scouting post pandemic. It also reflects that we have been able to continue to keep the membership levy at the same level for a number of years. It also includes the ongoing cost of supporting development, which whilst we continue to apply for grants and support, the County is willing and able to support financially. You will hear more about this work shortly. We maintain sufficient reserves to continue our activities but also to develop the Wiltshire Scout Centre – and thank you for those that completed the survey on what you would like to see – the committee are actively pursuing options and ideas, so please look out. It would also like to remind everyone that Wiltshire Scouts continue to get a 50% discount on the hire of the Centre and camp site. We have had no questions raised on the Report ahead of the AGM but I would like to invite questions from the floor regarding the Trustee Annual Report and the Annual Accounts. There were no questions. The Chair ended by thanking Paul Ingram for all the work he has done in the year to support and prepare the accounts. **b. County Lead Volunteers Review** The County Lead Volunteer read though his Report, which included a list of those who have received Awards, taken from this year's Role of Honour. Copies were available in the room and also on our web-site. The CLV then introduced a Presentation by members of the Roverway 2024 Unit. This is a European event for Explorer Scouts and Girl Guides aged between16-22 every 3 to 6 years. Rover 2024 will be taking place in Norway from 22nd August. A small number of adult volunteers will also be going as members of the International Service Team. The Unit introduced themselves and talked through their journey and experiences so far. The CLV then introduced a Presentation by members of the Growth Team. Mel, Local Growth Officer and Anna and Cathy Local Growth Assistants. They talked about the Projects they had been working on around the County. Their focus is on opening more new Sections, recruiting and promoting Young Leaders and attracting more adults from across our communities. The Chair thanked the CLV and those who had given a presentation, adding that we have achieved a huge amount this year, to which we should all feel proud. Also congratulations to those who have received Awards, which recognised all the hard work you have done. Our County Lead Volunteer is on the list of recipients and I just want to add my congratulations on his Award of Silver Wolf [one of the highest Awards in Scouting and recognises significant contributions.] Well done and thank you.
7	**Regional Lead Volunteer's Remarks** Graham stated that we are coming into a new era in scouting, and going to get a brand new Adult Leader Scheme. He thanked Steve and Justin for all they do and said that he is always proud to come to Wiltshire.

8	**President's Remarks** The High Sheriff thanked Steve and Justin and added that it was in 2017 when she first attended an AGM as President. She believes it is very important for families to be part of Scouting. She added that now Bear Grylls has become a Scouting Ambassador and lives in Wiltshire, maybe it is worth asking him to attend a Wiltshire Scouts AGM.
9	The Chair thanked everyone for attending and also everyone who had contributed to the event. However any celebration is always tinged with sadness as we remember the people who cannot be and are no longer here, so let them be in our hearts and minds as we go on our way. Flowers were presented to Mrs Troughton and Dr Chapple by Alex Young and Oliver Lancaster.
10	**DATE OF NEXT A.G.M. – Tuesday 22nd July 2025**