



Minutes of the Burton Upon Trent District Scout Council
Annual General Meeting
3pm Saturday 7th October 2023
At 24th Burton Scout Headquarters
As part of the Adults Day.

1.	Welcome The Chair thanked Rolleston Scout Group for hosting the AGM and the Adults Day and everyone for attending the meeting. The Attendance of Richard Williams the County Lead Volunteer and Elizabeth Birch, the County Chair was appreciated. There were 23 people in attendance, plus 4 Explorer Scouts. (see appendix 1). The meeting began at 3:05pm
2.	Apologies See appendix 2 for a list of 11 apologies received prior to the meeting and 9 received today.
3.	Approval of minutes of 2022 AGM The minutes of last year's AGM have been previously reviewed by the District Trustee Board, are available on SharePoint and are available to review at the meeting. I propose that the minutes are taken as read and ask the District Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting. The proposal was seconded by Amy Hollis and approved by a show of hands
4.	Receive & Consider the Trustees Annual Report & Accounts to 31 March 2022 The District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and the report on the accounts has been received from the Independent Examiner.- Thomas Haslehurst of Haslehursts Chartered Accountants. The Treasurer sent the following report for consideration in his absence: "The District remains in a strong financial position with District funds remaining at around 100k held. District loans to the 24th and 22nd continue to be repaid. HQ no longer have a high interest account to gain interest on surplus working Capital, I have now opened an account with Lloyds earning interest whilst we discuss the best route going forward. Could I also remind all Groups that their Audited accounts should be sent to me as soon as their AGM has taken place. The accounts have been approved by the Trustee Board and I would therefore like to propose that the 2022-23 accounts are now adopted, I would also like to propose remaining with our current auditors Haslehursts." There were no questions raised pertaining to the Treasurer's report or the accounts.
5.	Approval of the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chair

	Paul Creaser, Acting District Commissioner, nominated Nigel Evans to continue in the position of District Chair for a further year. This was seconded by Margaret Clarke. Nigel was elected unopposed and humbly agreed to continue for a further year.
6.	Election of District Secretary The post of District Secretary remains vacant. There were no volunteers from the floor. (Note, following the Transformation process, this post may not be a Trustee and make recruitment easier.)
7.	Election of District Treasurer Nigel E thanked Nigel S for his excellent job as Treasurer throughout the year. Nigel S has expressed an interest in standing for a further year and this proposal was seconded by Margaret Clarke. There were no further nominations, and all agreed that Nigel Saunders should continue as District Treasurer.
8.	Treasurer's nomination for Independent Examiner Nigel S has nominated Haslehursts as the Independent Examiner for the forthcoming year. All were in favor.
9.	Election of Officers Following discussions with the DC and confirmation from the Trustees, and in the light of further changes required as part of the Transformation process before the next AGM, it was decided to continue with the current elected, nominated and co-opted Trustees for a further year. Therefore: The following are elected as Trustees: - Cllr Beverly Ashcroft - Mr. Rob Leadbeater - Mr. Alex Hall The DC's nominations as members of the Executive are: - Mr. Chris Harlow – Deputy District Commissioner - Mrs. Angela Burns DDC - Mr. Graham Jacks ADC Int. Co-opted to the Executive was: - Mrs. Jeanne Fairfield – Chair of Adult Appointments sub-committee The Council approved this by a show of hands. It is also prudent, with regard to Transformation and diligent governance, to co-opt a finance support administrator to work closely with the Treasurer for the remainder of the financial year. I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Katie Creaser will join the team as a co-opted member with immediate effect.
10.	Re-adoption of the District Constitution. It is a requirement of an AGM to adopt or re-adopt the constitution. Burton District uses the standard constitution as outlined in POR. A copy is available for reference here today. It is also allowable to write and agree your own constitution. As part of the requirement, we approved by a show of hands, the following:

	1. The quorum for next year's AGM and subsequent meetings of Burton District Scout Council will be 15. (Seconded by Pat Mann). The Chair reiterated who constitutes the District Scout Council. 2. The trustee board quorum will be 50% of its number, plus 1.(Seconded by Jeanne Fairfield) This makes the trustee board quorum 8. 3. The number of elected trustees to the board is 3. 4. The quorums for trustee board sub-committees can be determined as required. There are currently no sub-committees.
11.	District Lead Volunteer's Report . Paul verbally summarized the written report below: "What a year. Lots of amazing Scouting with so many opportunities for young people around Burton. From Squirrels at the age of 4 through to Network up to 25. Several momentous moments in the UK this year including the late Queen's passing, where Scouting was heavily involved at her lying in state in London. The new Kings coronation where our very own Robyn Bottrill and Heather Hardy helped at Gilwell Park and London where the celebrations were happening. Burton District supports many District activities across the year, from camps to activity days which are well organized and well attended. Thanks must go to those that have helped facilitate these. All across the District many great activities happen, week in, week out. While I haven't been able to see many of these happening, I hear about them and hear amazing things. Leaders going the extra mile to give our young people opportunities they wouldn't get elsewhere. A huge part of Scouting are the nights away experiences we offer. Nearly all sections across Burton offered nights away to their section members. Staying away from home, sharing accommodation, looking after yourself, teamwork, so many skills for life. It was great to see and hear about the international opportunities young people from Burton had this summer, Korea, Kandersteg and France – with the UK/County trips and the 4th taking Scouts away which is amazing. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped with Rangemore this year – from the management team to anyone that has helped with tidying/cleaning/cutting the grass and all the other jobs that need doing to keep the site looking good. I have felt very welcome across the District, so thank you to all. I have done my best and hope that I have helped as many people as I could have done. I am sad to be stepping away from Burton! Huge thanks to Nigel Evans for his help steering the ship, to Angela Burns for her tireless efforts with appointments and all people queries, to Chris Harlow for his diligence with sorting NAN forms and supporting compliance and to Nathan for helping us do our best to keep Scouting shaped by young people." Paul's report was warmly appreciated.
12.	Awards and Presentations. The Chair, following a brief recap of how much 'transformation' we, as a movement have already experienced and all by this person, presented Rae Bradshaw with his 60 years long service award.

	Rae said a few words in thanks. The County Commissioner was invited to say a few words. A summary is as follows: Richard thanked all volunteers who continually support and deliver fantastic programmes. Burton is a thriving District. Now, as Acting District Lead replacing Paul, he hopes to support all and be invited to events, activities and get to know the Groups. He asked us to pass on his thanks to all the leaders for all they do . Richard concluded by thanking Graham Jacks for hosting this eventful day.
13.	A view from the Chair. At last year's AGM I commented on change, being resilient, evolution, and how we should embrace it because we are a scout movement. Twelve months on and we are in the midst of 'transformation'. But it was ever thus, from big hats to berets to no hats our movement moves on. However, forthcoming developments are adult based and hopefully will make things easier to become an adult volunteer and support and retain volunteers along the scouting trail. We say a big 'Thank you' to Paul who has supported us admirably as our acting District Lead Volunteer over the last year and now moves on to the challenge that is Lichfield. We welcome Richard, our County Lead Volunteer who will be acting District Lead until we find our new DL via the search process. So, I'm looking forward to next year as our adults and young people deserve the opportunities, we offer them all through Scouting in Burton District.

AGM concluded at:- 3.42pm

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed.....District Chairman

Dated.....

District AGM

Attendee list.



Name	Role	Group
Nigel Evans	District Chair	
Joy Selvy	ACSL	17th
Lisa Parkhurst	Section Leader	21st
Margaret Pyle	Acting GSL	21st
James Parkhurst	Deputy GSL	21st
Maike Taylor	BSL	24th
Amy Hollis	BSL	13th
Christopher Harlow	DDC	
Graham Jacks	GSL	24th
Margaret Clarke	GSL	13th
Jenny Farmer	BSL	11th
Pat Mann	Acting SL	22nd
Ross Higgs	ADC (Dev) & SL	12th
Jeanne Fairfield	Trustee	
Chris Griffin	ESL	
Simon Irwin	DSNC	
Brian Reeves	Guest	
Richard Williams	County Lead Volunteer	
Paul Creaser	District Lead Volunteer	
Angela Burns	DDC	
Rae Bradshaw	SAS	
Magdalena Tutt	Parent	
Melania Tutt	ES	
4 not listed	ES	



District AGM Apologies list.

(those giving prior notice to AGM on 7th October)

Name	Role	Group	Name	Role	Group
Liz Cramp	ACSL	11th	Ian Taylor	CSL	17th
Pete Steadman	GSL	12th	Gill Steadman	BSL	12th
Judy Lawford	Treasurer	4th	Steve Plumb	ADC (Cubs)	
Alison Gordon	BSL	24th	Nathan Heath	Dist Youth Com	
Jeanie Mann	Treasurer	22nd	Cllr Bev Ashcroft	Trustee	
Andy Gadsby	GSL	16th			



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Name	Role	Group	Name	Role	Group
James Stafford	DESC		Niall Bradley	ESL	
Jason Hollis	SL	13th	Robyn Bottril	ESL	
Keith Mann	Group Chair	22nd	Alex Hall	ESL	
Jonathan Large	ESL		Mari Ward	ESL	
			Alex Kurz	ESL	