

Minutes of Pontefract & Castleford Scout Council Annual General meeting held on 20th September 2021 on Zoom.

Present 10+ members were present.

No apologies had been received.

The Chairman mentioned the recent death of the Wetherby DC Simon Aitcheson.

- 1) **Welcome** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) **Dc's Nomination for Chairman** The DC nominated Bill Holmes to serve for a further year. This was approved.
- 3) **Minutes of the AGM 28th September 2021.** These were unanimously approved.
- 4) **To receive and approve the Annual Report** This was unanimously approved.
The treasurer explained items relating to the accounts.
Because of Covid there had been very little business conducted. 2 groups did not pay their membership fees on time but they have now paid. The Exec are about to set next years' budget.
He reminded groups that they are required to submit their accounts and examiners report to the District in accordance with POR.
The Explorers report had arrived late. It had taken several days to arrive by e-mail.
The current balance as of today is £35929.10
- 5) **Election of Officers Secretary** Brenda Graham was re- elected.
Treasurer Tony Parkinson was re – elected.
To elect one member to the District Executive for 2 years There had been no nominations received.
- 6) **To appoint the DC's Nomination to the Executive Committee** Julie Martin was nominated and approved.
- 7) **To Appoint an Independent Auditor** Dave Milner was approved.
- 8) **To Appoint a person to be Badge Secretary** Matt Harris was approved
- 9) **To elect 2 members to the County Scout** Andy Weissenborn & Chris hand were approved.
- 10) **To receive the following Policy Documents approved by the District Executive** 1) Updated District Constitution in relation & 2) Terms of Reference for the Explorers Sub. Committee. These were approved

- 11) DC's Report** This was given by Tim Johnson, Acting DC. It had been a difficult year with 30% of the membership lost and also 3rd Featherstone had closed. Scouting had continued under difficult conditions. A big thanks was expressed to everyone who had enabled Scouting to continue. Two thirds now back meeting with more joining. It had been agreed that this meeting would be held on Zoom. Camps and Activity days also held remotely. Leaders have got a lot out of it. A few groups did manage to meet briefly face to face. The District team had worked very hard. Hopefully moving forward there will be some normality. There is quite a bit of training that needs to be done. Everyone was thanked for what had been done to keep scouting going. New Explorers, leaders and helpers joining. Together we can all make Scouting. He thanked everyone again.
- 12) Address by the County Commissioner** The County Commissioner was unable to join the meeting.
- 13) Reflection** This was given by Matt Harris. He mentioned that that thank you stood out in Tim's report. Children had missed out in the last year but Scouting had continued. It is for us all not just children. Everyone is incredibly grateful for all that has been done in the last year. There had even been fun on Zoom
- 14) Date of the next Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council.** This will be held on Wednesday 21st September 2022 (later changed to Monday 19th September 2022 at Christ Church Xscape.)