

Forest of Dean District Scout Council

Minutes of AGM

on 14th March 2021 at 7pm on Zoom

(This was the 2020 AGM, delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic)

ATTENDANCE		
PRESENT	Gary Law	District Commissioner
	Andrew Morgan-Watts	District Chairperson
	Paul Hill	District Treasurer
	Rosie Marks	District Secretary
	Archie Barrell	District Youth Commissioner
	Lily Hough	District Youth Commissioner
	Brian Wingfield	District President
	Carol Rushton	Assistant District Commissioner Activities
	Mark Spiller	County Commissioner
	Carole O'Donnell	Deputy County Commissioner (People)
	Helen Williams	Appointments Secretary
	Martin Williams	Local Training Manager
	Neal Harden	District Executive Committee Member
	Gareth Ovens	District Executive Committee Member/GSL Royal Forest
	Heather Hill	Newent Beavers
	Leigh Rhoades	May Hill Huntley Group
	Sam Westwood	Aylburton & Lydney Group
	Pat Healy	Severn Steel Explorers
	Anne Bryant	Newent Cubs
	Trevor Heck	
	Roger Gardner	Group Scout Leader (Cinderford)
	Derek Pavey	
Ang Healy	1 st Royal Forest Cubs	
Mark Westwood	ADC Young Leaders/ GSL Aylburton and Lydney	
Andy Heaysman	Inferno Explorers	
Matt Johnson	Newent GSL	
Matt Chiltern	Severn Steel Explorer Scout	
APOLOGIES	Nick Penny	District President
	Greg Moger	DDC Support
	Kat Holter	County Youth Commissioner
	Chris Meadows	Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)
	Liz Hodge	Deputy County Commissioner (Projects)
	Emma Spiller	Severn Steel Explorers
	Nick Miller	Freeminers Explorers
	Mark Westgate	
	Cath Coolocan Smith	Cinderford Group
	Roger Thorne	
	Kevin Bond	Cinderford Beavers
	Paul Etheridge	Mayhill & Huntley GSL

ITEM	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous AGM</u> The minutes of the 2019 AGM were circulated and accepted. Proposed by: Neal Harden Seconded by: Gareth Ovens Accepted by the meeting</p>
2.	<p><u>Annual Financial Statement</u> Paul Hill presented the annual accounts. Proposed by: Derek Pavey Seconded by: Roger Gardner Both the annual report and the accounts were accepted by the meeting. AMW thanked Paul Hill for his work keeping the accounts in the absence of a treasurer.</p>
3.	<p><u>Election of District Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary</u> Andrew Morgan-Watts was nominated as District Chairperson by the DC Rosemary (Rosie) Marks was nominated as District Secretary. Proposed by: Roger Gardner Seconded by: Andrew Morgan-Watts Paul Hill was nominated as District Treasurer. Proposed by: Gary Law Seconded by: Anne Bryant The meeting approved the nominations. Andrew Morgan Watts thanked Paul Hill for his years of service as chair person.</p>
4.	<p><u>Election of Members of District Executive Committee</u> Mark Westwood, Neal Harden and Helen Williams were put forward for election. Proposed by: Martin Williams Seconded by: Gareth Ovens The meeting approved the nominations. Thanks were given to Derek Pavey, who is retiring from the District Executive Committee after many years of service.</p>
5.	<p><u>Nominated Members of the District Executive</u> Tom Rushton and Martin Williams, Greg Moger were nominated by Gary Law. Proposed: Gary Law Seconded by: Ann Bryant The meeting approved the nominations.</p>
6.	<p><u>Appointment of Independent Accounts Examiner</u> Wilden & Co of Lydney have agreed to audit the accounts for next year Approved by the meeting.</p>
7.	<p><u>District Constitution</u> The newly revised district constitution was put before the meeting. The latest revisions were highlighted. The constitution was accepted by the meeting.</p>

8.	<p><u>The District Commissioner</u></p> <p>District has responded to 2020 outstandingly. Some have worked relentlessly in their roles to support the country and have therefore not been able to do as much in Scouting, others have been able to do more. Thanks to everyone who has done their bit, whatever that may be; I am proud that we have started positively. More support will, of course be needed in the future once we return to face to face Scouting.</p> <p>The DC took the opportunity to highlight some of the many awards that have been received this year:</p> <p>Award of Merit for outstanding contribution to Scouting Paul Etheridge (Mayhill & Huntley GSL) Tim Brown (Staunton & Corse GSL) Heather Hill (Newent Beaver Leader) Mark Westwood (Aylburton & Lydney GSL)</p> <p>Many Long Service Awards have been sent by post. Brian Wingfield was especially congratulated for his 60 years of service award.</p> <p>Gary Law will be stepping down in March as DC and a new team or person will take over. This will enable a hand over period until the summer.</p>
9.	<p><u>The County Commissioner</u></p> <p>The CC expressed a massive thank you to everyone in the district. He is so impressed by the fact that people turn up to meetings (even online) voluntary, keep buildings clean, risk assess activities and complete training, amongst many other duties. Scouting would not exist without this adult support. The CC enjoyed being acting DC during year. There are more challenges to come in the future: training and making sure we are as safe as we can be and no one comes to harm and census and funding challenges. He is very confident that we will manage all the challenges. The CC recognises the importance of not pushing people too far at this difficult time we we face the global pandemic and asks that we all please bear this in mind.</p> <p>The CC expressed some personal thanks to those who have supported the District and Groups: Ang Healy – for programme support within and beyond the District, Gareth Ovens for his support on the County Exec, Mark Westwood for his role as County Risk Advisor and Gary Law (and Rosie Marks) for supporting the County and beyond, especially with Carry on Scouting Badge and Water Activities Day Pack..</p> <p>The start of the search for a new DC will commence very soon, with a view to building a team. The CC concluded his speech by announcing that Gary Law (DC) has been awarded Award of Merit.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mark Spiller and congratulated him in his award of the Silver Acorn.</p>
10.	The meeting closed at 19.45

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signature of Chair _____ **Date:** _____