



MAIDSTONE WEST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL AGM

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday 11th September
Meeting Time: 7:30pm
Location: Hamlet Wood Scout Campsite

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	Agenda Item	Notes
1	Welcome and Introductions	Wendy welcomed attendees and thanked them for attending
2	Apologies and Attendees	Chris Bury read emailed apologies and some names were added to that list. A full list of attendees and apologies can be found below.
3	Minutes of the AGM Held in 2023	Wendy asked the Council to Accept the minutes, Richard Flood Seconded there was a unanimous show of hands in agreement. Wendy requested the Council Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) As in previous years, the District Trustee Board proposes we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. The council unanimously voted in favour of this proposal. Show of hands to adopt the constitution- unanimous
4	Presentation of the Annual Accounts 2024 (to 31/04/2024)	As Robin sent his apologies due to work. Wendy read a statement from Robin and expressed gratitude for Robins 14 years of service in the role - the report was shared with all attendees. (Resounding applause and thanks for Robins service) Reserve Funds reallocated as of 31 March 2024 District HQ £10058 Jamboree/International Camps £8299 Hardship Fund £5000 Network Scouts £932 General Reserve £10777 Could I please have a show of hands as acceptance of the Annual Accounts.

		<p>It was outlined the key expenditure of the year related to a new roof on the District HQ the district remains in a sound financial position</p> <p>In a request for comments point was raised by Richard Flood that the accounts were to April 2024- so the Gangshow account had a significant income in the month following that balanced the account with expenditure paid out prior to this income shown and the show was a financial success.</p> <p>The accounts were accepted unanimously by the council at show of hands.</p>
5	District Lead Volunteers Report	<p>Mike handed over the first part of the report to Richard Flood for Gangshow</p> <p>Richard thanked the cast, parents and supporters, thanks to Hamlet Wood and Mike for all their support - widely attended by groups and units across the two districts and sales have reached pre-pandemic levels. A show is planned for 2026. The show will be youth shaped and add young person representatives within the governance and productions structures moving forward and build a legacy</p> <p>Mike then passed over to Amanda for a report regarding Hamlet Wood.</p> <p>Hamlet Wood has been busy this year, the trend of people to come as a whole group and multiple sections has continued. There has been many updates to the facilities and many thanks to the team that make it possible here. The KLC required a full upgrade this year and new flooring. We are excited to announce the auto-belays to use the climbing wall. Since the AGM we had the sad passing of Mick Mills in the financial year, we have also recently lost: Pete Taylor & Ken Dulson. Every section can come and do badge work at Hamlet Wood and do service.</p> <p>Mike gave a report where he reviewed the previous AGMS's</p> <p>First thank you: to Mark his business partner for all the support the past 6 years- Mike will be receiving a thanks badge tomorrow.</p> <p>Mike reported the district grew by 51- 7 groups of which that grew in the last year. Thank you Allington, for recently investing 8 leaders. A massive thank you to all the leaders that enable scouting for 800 young people.</p> <p>Please continue your great work!</p> <p>Thank you to Richard and the Gangshow team- he enjoyed his cameo.</p> <p>Thanks to Maidstone East, Linda and her team for all joint events hosted together in his tenure.</p>

		<p>Thank you to adults that make Kent Scouts events happen.</p> <p>Thank you to Amanda and the team, somewhere I plan to spent many Saturdays in the future.</p> <p>Now assisting with a Beaver Colony- which I'm looking forward to</p> <p>Thank you to all the group lead volunteers and trustees.</p> <p>Jim and Ken, Alison in the office and Nirav on transformation.</p> <p>Thanks to the district team who were named and a massive thank you to Wendy for acting as District Chair over this period.</p>
6	Introduction of new District Lead Volunteer	Mike Introduced Daniel Everest as the new District Lead Volunteer.
7	<p>Election of Trustee board</p> <p>a. Election of Chair</p> <p>b. Election of Treasurer</p> <p>c. Election of all other Trustees</p>	<p>Under the new structure created by the scout association a District Trustee Board now has 2 ex officio roles, those being myself as District Lead Volunteer, and one of our Youth Lead Volunteers, Jonathan Atkins who has agreed with Jake to lead on the governance side. Also under the new structure and 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 outgoing Trustee Board would recommend a maximum of 10.</p> <p>7a. Daniel Everest raised the nomination for election to the Council as Chair of the Trustees is Chris Bury the length of the term is 1 year The council voted unanimously in agreement.</p> <p>7b. Chris Bury made The nomination of Perry O'Callaghan to the council for election as Treasurer the length of the term of 3 years The council voted unanimously in agreement.</p> <p>7c. Chris Bury Made the following The Nominations of Trustees to the council to act as District Board of Trustees for the following terms.</p> <p>1 Year: Kevin Jenner</p> <p>2 Year Appointments Pat Hadley, Nick Keates</p> <p>3 Year Appointments Sophie Hodges, Josh Reynolds</p> <p>The council voted unanimously in agreement.</p>

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8	Appointment of Independent Examiner	Chris Bury proposed Wendy O'Kill as the independent examiner, the council voted unanimously in agreement with this.
9	Appointment of Maidstone East District Lead Volunteer & District Chair as Members of District Scout Council	<p>Chris Bury advised that POR doesn't allow for membership of other Districts Lead Volunteers and Chair to be members of our Scout Council, with our shared ventures and collaboration with Maidstone East we want to extend membership to the council to the District Lead Volunteer of Maidstone East and the Chair of Maidstone East District to Maidstone West District Scout Council.</p> <p>The council voted unanimously in agreement with this proposal.</p>
10	Presentation of Awards	<p>Chris Bury invited Mike to arrange the awards for the evening:</p> <p>20 Years Service Award- Simon Fisher</p> <p>25 Years Service Richard Flood</p> <p>Scouts Commendation for Good Service: Stephanie Hill Sophie Hodges Josh Reynolds</p> <p>St Michaels- Growth and Development Award Alex Bishop GLV received. Grew by 300%- Opened 3 new sections</p>
11	County Representative Section	<p>Des County Chair Spoke Thanked those that attended Deans funeral An update on Deans's Legacy at 19,000- planning some activities for fundraising towards this legacy. Paintballing event on the 19th October for adults, and on the 20th one for explorers.</p> <p>Growth Awards will continue into the new year. As a county we have grown by over a 1000 in the past year.</p> <p>Des and the county wanted to thank Mike and Wendy for all their hard work over the past 6 years. Its been wonderful to work with them.</p> <p>County- Group Leadership conference upcoming on the 24th November. Grown by 51 more young people enjoying scouting.</p> <p>Would like to thank you all for what you are doing week in and week out to support them in learning life skills.</p> <p>800+ young people say thank you very much, please carry on.</p>

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12	Presentation from Wateringbury Explorers on their recent interailing adventure.	<p>Daniel presented thank you gifts to Wendy, Mike for their service and Pat for organising the catering.</p> <p>District Youth Lead Volunteers advised that they would love to meet sections and run the youth-shaped awards for sections.</p> <p>Wateringbury explorers presented their recent interailing experience which was a great success.</p>
13	<u>AGM End</u>	

Apologies

Name	Group/ Role
Robin Plane	Treasurer
Harvey Kennett	Scout Team Lead- Oakwood
Geoff Cooke	GSL Coxheath
Ken Ridgeway	County Rep
Mark Cope	District Nights Away Advisor
James Blythin	Assistant GLV Coxheath
Catherine Izzard	District Scout Team Lead
Elissa Roberts	Scout Leader - Tovil
Paul Jenkins	Hamlet Wood- Deputy Warden
Sam Plane	Wateringbury Cubs

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Attendees:

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Mike O'Kill	District Lead Volunteer
Wendy O'Kill	Outgoing- District Chair (Incoming Independent Examiner)
Perry O'Callaghan	Incoming Treasurer
Amanda Booth	Hamlet Wood Team Lead
Chris Bury	Outgoing-District Secretary (Incoming Chair)
Patricia Hadley	District Trustee
David Smitherman	Wanderers ESU - Leader
Daniel Everest	District Explorer Scout Commissioner (Incoming DLV)
Anna Hilder	Explorer Lead - Skylax
Richard Flood	GSL Oakwood
Jonathan Atkins	District Youth Lead
Jake Hawkins	District Youth Lead
Nick Keates	District Trustee
Janice Grant	District Cub Lead
John Gurnett	District Trainer
Jane Gurnett	District Training Manager
Alex Bishop	GSL St Michaels
Kevin Jenner	District Trustee / Scout Leader- Tovil
Kirsty Hawkins	GLV Tovil
Steph Hill	District Beaver Lead
Christine Price	District Inclusion Lead/ St Michaels Squirells Lead
Kevin Bishop	Scout Team Lead- Allington
Sophie Hodges	District Network Lead
Josh Reynolds	District Network Lead
Alex Foster	AGLV- Coxheath

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Jenny Stanbury	AGLV- Coxheath
Nigel Smetham	Gangshow Chair
Jim Hilder	District Appointments
Karen Haywood	Scout Team Lead- Tovil
Rebecca Martin	Badge Secretary
Des Harris	County Chair (Kent)
Steve Harley	GLV Loose Swiss
Amy Swales	Tovil Squirells Leader
Nirav Patel	Deputy County Commissioner- Kent
Nicola Plane	Wateringbury Cubs
Jodie Smith	Explorer Leader- Wanderers
Jacqueline Smith	Scout Team - Wateringbury
David Smitherman	Cub Team Lead- St Michaels
Simon Fisher	Explorer Leader- Wateringbury
Wateringbury Explorers	14 Explorers presenting in attendance
Nigel Hadley	Scout Leader - Coxheath
Stephen Hill	GLV - Allington