



20th Bolton St. Thomas (Chequerbent) Scout Group
Group Scout Council AGM
24th January 2024 at St. Thomas School

In attendance: - As per the attached Attendance Register.

1 Welcome: -

The chairman, Norman Theaker welcomed everyone present and introduced himself as the District Honorary President and interim chairman in the absence of an official Group one.

2 Apologies: -

Gemma Dainton, Liz Farr (County Commissioner), Josh Belcher (District Commissioner), Connor Worwood.

3 Minutes: -

The Chairman directed that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on 18th June 2017, copies of which were available at the meeting, be accepted as a true record, as there was only one person present who had attended the last meeting, Duncan Farrant (Scout Leader).

4 Appointment of Chairman: -

Derek Price (Assistant Group Scout Leader) proposed that Norman Theaker be appointed Group Chairman for the next year. John Clare, former GSL seconded this motion, and all were in favour.

5 Annual Reports: -

Group Section Leaders then presented their reports, copies of which are attached to the minutes folder: -

- a) Beaver Colony report by Derek Price
- b) Cub Pack report by Emma Foster
- c) Scout Troop report by Duncan Farrant
- d) Explorer Unit report by Paul Matthews
- e) Group report by Derek Price

6 Financial Report: -

Emma Foster, as acting Treasurer, presented the Annual Financial Report and gave explanations where required. Derek proposed acceptance of the Financial Report, Martin Freeman (Scout Section Assistant) seconded, and all were in favour.

7 Governance Topics: -

It was explained to the meeting that both Secretary and Treasurer roles were currently held by uniformed Leaders, but it was better for the smooth and efficient running of the Group if these roles were filled by non-uniformed persons.

- a) Following a short discussion Derek proposed that Kerry Heaton be appointed Secretary, an appointment for which she had volunteered her services. Natalie Greenhalgh (Cub Section Assistant) seconded, and the proposal was carried.
- b) Similarly, Angela Walsh volunteered her services as Treasurer. Derek proposed acceptance, John Clare seconded, and all were again in favour.
- c) After a short explanation by the Chairman, Norman proposed the adoption of the Scout Association model constitution as defined in POR Rule 5.4. John Clare seconded the motion and the meeting again approved.
- d) After a short discussion it was agreed that the quorum for meetings of the Group Executive, to be referred to as the Group Trustee Board in the future, be set at 5 (five).
- e) It was further agreed that the current financial year of 1st April until 31st March be continued.

8 Group Subscription: -

At the last Group Executive Meeting, attended by most of the Group Leaders, a decision was made to increase the subscription from £35 per term to £40. John gave a summary as to why this was necessary, and the Chairman proposed that this be adopted. All present were in favour.

9 Other Business: -

- 1) The Group made a presentation to John thanking him for his 7 years of service to 20th Bolton. and wishing John and Ann Marie well for their future. John gave a few words of appreciation.
- 2) One of the parents In attendance extended his thanks to the Beaver Colony Leaders for their attention to his son.
- 3) The Chairman gave his thanks to the parents in attendance and to the Church and school for providing facilities. He also gave thanks to the Leaders, Assistants and Helpers who keep things going by their hard work and dedication.
- 4) The date of the next AGM will be in September 2024 to comply with POR requirements.