

## STRATFORD-UPON-AVON DISTRICT

### SCOUTS



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	<b>Location:</b>	Stratford upon Avon Town Hall
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<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	Tony Guy, Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He welcomed Kate Rolfe, Mayor of Stratford and Bridget Winstanley, former Deputy Lieutenant.	
<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Gary Battersby, Paul Wakeley, Tim Cox, Nigel Hailey, Gerry Kelly Victoria Alcock, Gill Cleeve. Caroline Hales and 3 members..	
<b>Minutes from AGM 2022</b>	They were accepted as a true record and signed off.	
<b>Opening</b>	22 members of Stratford upon Avon Scout Council attended the meeting. Kate Rolfe, Mayor welcomed us to the Town Hall and explained her focus is on supporting youth collective charities. HQ welcome video shown.	
<b>Governance</b>	Unanimous approval was given to adopt the model constitution for the Trustee Board from Policy, Organisation and Rules. No change to the financial year running to end of March. Maximum 6 elected members. A quorum at the District Council AGM is to be 15 (previously 17). A quorum at the District Trustee Board to be one-third members plus one.	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District Commissioners Report</b></p>	<p>The Acting District Commissioner, Katrina Collie thanked everyone involved in Stratford District Scouting including parents and young people. She recognized the breadth and depth of activities taking part across the district,</p> <p>Looking to shift focus onto the district team working together and Group Leadership teams (GSLs) supporting each other. The aim is to share positive energy and skills /activities across groups (e.g. axe throwing, kayaking, shooting, camping permits across groups)</p> <p>She reported Census was 82% of pre-COVID numbers. Has been challenging getting sections up and running post-Covid and getting the right volunteers in place.</p> <p>438 young people were reported in the Stratford District census submission. 160 adults scouting (up 9%)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Stratford has launched a squirrel drey.</p> <p>Further growth &amp; development plans are being formulated across the district.</p> <p>UK-wide transformation programme, focusing on how to look after volunteers in terms of recruitment and training support. Executive Committees are being replaced by Trustee Boards governing safety, finance, GDPR and compliance with POR.</p> <p>The importance of the 14 -24-year age group (Explorers, Young Leaders, Network) as the future of Scouting is in their hands. Stratford network to link in with Leamington network (18-25 year olds)</p> <p>Katrina shared a message from the County Commissioner wishing the district well and encouraging everyone to keep up the momentum.</p>
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<p><b>District Treasurer Report</b></p>	<p>Income is down by 3k year on year as one group paid membership after 31/3 • Balance - £49816</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net receipts - £5365</li> </ul> <p>Funds Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash Funds in CAF and Nationwide (interest bearing acct)</li> <li>• Represented by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ General unrestricted reserves £17081 (up from £11,716.00)</li> <li>○ Designated reserves £38000</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Designated funds relate to a bequest received approximately 5 years ago for the development of scouting in Stratford.</p> <p>Mayor Kate Rolfe questioned the increase in unrestricted reserves and how funds will be spent. Katrina explained that activity plans post covid for district camps, scout week etc had not been executed and there is the intention to run such events going forward.</p> <p>The mayor also asked what happens if a young person can not afford activities. It was explained that the first port of call is the local group and further support can be provided by the district.</p> <p>No county council grants were applied for as not currently needed.</p>
<p><b>Approval of Annual Report and Accounts</b></p>	<p>The proposal to accept the Accounts was proposed by Andrew Mills and accepted by the meeting.</p> <p>The outgoing treasurer John Elliott was thanked for 8 years of dedicated service.</p>
<p><b>Appointment of District Chair</b></p>	<p>The Acting District Commissioner nominated Tony Guy as District Chair for 2023 / 24.</p>
<p><b>Appointment of District Secretary</b></p>	<p>Gary Battersby will continue as District Secretary.</p>
<p><b>District Executive Committee</b></p>	<p>Ben Hinchley is a scout leader who has recently moved into district from Gloucestershire. Proposed as District Treasurer by Peter Heath and seconded by Gill Turner.</p>
<p><b>Nominated Members</b></p>	<p>DC Nominated members – accepted by the meeting.</p> <p>Martin Field, standing down from Exec and as ADC Activities, was thanked for many years of service and coordination of the pig roast. There will be a formal presentation subsequently.</p>

<b>Elected Members</b>	<p>Elected Members - proposed by Lucy Mather, seconded by Andrew Mills.</p> <p>Ann Simpson – 1<sup>st</sup> Shipston, Phil Sheepy – 1<sup>st</sup> Tiddington, Luca Buratti – 1<sup>st</sup> Stratford, Emma Haslem – 1<sup>st</sup> Shoterly. Representatives for other groups will be coopted later.</p>
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<b>Independent Auditor</b>	<p>Martin Crowfoot will not be continuing. Replacement needed.</p>
<b>Presentations</b>	<p>No award presentations were made by the Acting District Commissioner as individuals not present</p> <p>TRED Explorers shared their experience of participating in Trooping the Colour They also enjoyed a visit to Hamleys and pizza hut in an airconditioned building!</p> <p>Stratford District Explorers who are attending the World Scout Jamboree in July/August talked about their plans/expectations.</p>

Chairman's Signature .....