

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CENTRAL YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**Held at Bramhope Camp Site. Tuesday 15th July 2025**

The County Chair, David Grindrod, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Carol Milburn, County Lead Volunteer, then gave a short reflexion.

David Grindrod then reported that, he had received apologies from Vice-president David Dinmore and 11 other members.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were approved.

The Council then adopted, without amendment, the constitution as given in the latest version of POR.

The meeting noted that the financial year of the County was 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

As required by the constitution the Council set the maximum number of individuals that can be appointed as trustees as ten. This is in addition to the two ex-officio members. The quorum for meetings of the Council was set at 20 members.

The County Chair then commended the Annual Report, which had been circulated, to the Council. He thanked members for attending and all those who had supported Scouting in the County in the past year. He expressly thanked those who had been involved in the successful lottery grant application for the Aldwark toilet block renewal. There had been support for various development projects in Districts across the County by our Development Officer, Helen Thomas. Towards the end of the period, Angela Foley had been appointed as Activity Centre Manager and the benefits of this can already be seen.

The Treasurer gave a brief summary of the accounts. There was an overall surplus of nearly £32,000 after depreciation. Interest income and the increased membership has allowed the County membership subscription to remain unchanged. He pointed out that Challenge 23 and the World Jamboree, together with regular events, meant that turnover was the highest ever recorded in the County.

The Council approved the appointment of the Board's nominations of John Smallwood, Bob Kilcoyne and Andy Neil as trustees for three year terms.

The Council approved the reappointments of Nathan Carter as Independent Examiner and Chris Billington as Honorary County Solicitor.

Daniel Plant, Leeds Templars District, was elected as the County young person representative on the Council of The Scout Association. This appointment is for a three-year term unless revoked by the Council

The reappointment of Jane Dowson as County President and of David Dinmore and Ray Head as vice-presidents was approved by the Council. The meeting noted that Bill Jagger was stepping down from this role.

Carol Milburn, County Lead Volunteer, expressed her thanks to all the adults who have enabled Scouting to grow in Central Yorkshire. There were still waiting lists and she hoped the new recently introduced flexible recruitment and welcoming approach to recruiting new adults, would lead to these gradually being reduced. The new digital membership system had proved problematic but was slowly improving. As usual there had been a number of noticeable events organised in the County. These included the Morocco expedition, Silly Chilly, Pantomime visits and Cub and Beaver fun days. Looking forward she said that planning for Challenge 26 was well underway and selection for the World Jamboree in Poland would start in the autumn.

Jane Dowson, County President, said that she was always impressed by the dedication and commitment to Scouting shown by the members in the County. Scouting, with its over 50 million membership worldwide, can have a positive effect on problems such as global warming and climate change. She often wished that she could have been a Scout herself. On behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Leeds Council Leadership team she wished to thank everyone who gave up their time provide Scouting to the young people.

The Chair thanked the president for her remarks and in closing the meeting added his thanks to everybody for their attendance.