

MINUTES OF

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CENTRAL YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL, HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2021

The County Chair, David Grindrod, welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the County President, Jane Dowson. Jane said that she would like to say a very big thank for everything that Scout volunteers had done over the last twelve months. She knew that things had not been easy with financial pressures and the need to work within the Covid rules and. She hoped that in the brave new world, that was now hopefully starting, that Scouting would once again be able to offer wonderful activities to our young people.

The County Secretary then reported that he had received apologies from 3 Council members.

The minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

The County Chair then commended the Annual Report to the Council. He said that the important thing now was too look forward; there was a need to recruit the adults necessary to support Scouting so that more youngsters will be able to benefit. The Treasurer gave a brief summary of the accounts. He said that the year had been very atypical as there was very little face to face Scouting had taken place. Government grants had however meant that the costs of maintaining Aldwark and Bramhope had not led to the adverse effect that had been anticipated. Advantage had been taken of the closed period to refurbish the toilet block at Bramhope. He pointed out that there had been a larger than usual number of transaction mainly due to the cancellation of the international events. The overall financial position of the County had improved over the last year.

The Council then approved the County Commissioner's nomination of David Grindrod as County Chair.

Colin Harman was nominated as County Secretary and Stuart Jolley as County Treasurer. These being the only nominations these persons were declared elected.

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

The meeting approved the County Commissioner's nominations to the Council of Stephen Talboys, Amy Connor and Matthew Simpson.

The following people were elected to the County Executive Committee: - Stephen Talboys, Jim Hazle, Amy Connor and Matthew Simpson.

The Council approved the County Commissioner's nomination of Andrew Gallivan and John Smallwood to serve for one year on the County Executive Committee.

Adam Turner (young person) and Tom Trower were elected as the County representatives on the Council of The Scout Association. These roles are for a 3-year term unless revoked by the Council.

Carol Milburn, County Commissioner, said that the last year had been an even bigger challenge than the previous one and it had been amazing the way our leaders had reacted to the situation. Many Groups had managed to overcome the restrictions and run outdoor activities and meetings and she hoped that many more would be able to do so in the coming months. She said that unfortunately many events had been cancelled however, two virtual events, a December Festive Fun day and Spring Thing, had taken place. These had been very successful and she thanked the teams responsible for their organisation for the work need to achieve such a good outcome. During the year, Elizabeth Wells had taken up the position of Growth and Development Officer and she was continuing the work started by the Pears project that had finished during the year. Advantage had been taken of the time when meetings were difficult to concentrate on ensuring that adult training requirements were met.

The new Squirrel section had just been launched and the first drays were about to start in the County. Anybody interested in starting a dray could register interest on the scouts.org.uk website. Finally, she congratulated all those who had received awards during the year and thanked everybody who were helping to bring Skills for Life to the young people in the County.

Ian Hill, Regional Commissioner, said that he must add to Carol's words in expressing thanks to all the volunteers that had allowed Scouting to continue and were now enabling it to restart quickly. He said that it was an exciting time in Scouting with a new national team now in place. In the next couple of years, we should see the results of the work on the adult journey and changes to the membership system. There would be increased emphasis on diversity and global Scouting. All these could not take place without the continuing commitment of our volunteers so he concluded by giving a 'Thank You' to everybody in any way involved in providing Scouting in Central Yorkshire.