

**Minutes Extraordinary General Meeting – Chester & District Scout Council**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Held by on-line

Meeting opened at 20.05pm

Present: David Bull  
Amy Dilworth-Thomas  
Kristy Collins  
Mark Gallagher  
Megan Porter  
Graham Povey  
Liz Roberts  
Kieran Skinner  
Calum Webster  
Alan Wilding  
Rachel

Apologies: Keith Harding  
Charlotte Hewitt  
Brandon Hone  
Tim McLachlan

1. Welcome and Introduction (District Chair)

Kieran opened the meeting explaining why the EGM is taking place. As we were unable to sign off the Accounts at the AGM it was agreed that an EGM would be held in order so that the accounts can be presented to everyone, signed off and approved and lodged with the Charities Commission. The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October. It was noted at the AGM that we needed to get the Treasurer in place, various schedule of meetings, mandates changed etc, this took considerable time. Hence why it has been pressured over the last few weeks, getting all the information together off various people. The accounts then went off to the Accountants, McLintocks who are the independent examiners.

Kieran expressed thanks to those involved in preparing the Accounts this year. Efforts are appreciated, we. The plan for next year will be to be months ahead of this and to present them at the AGM.

Kieran checked the POR and how to deal with the accounts. It is an Executive Committee responsibility to review the inspected accounts and to approve them. Once they are approved, they are able to be submitted to Charity Commission. Those approved accounts would then be presented at the EGM for more general adoption and acceptance by members.

We can have an Executive Committee binding vote this evening to accept the accounts, which will allow us to get on with the filing obligations. Go ahead with the voting by the members here today. It should be noted that it is not sufficient to be quorum. However, we can share the outcome and at the AGM next year as part of the transition of the accounts from 2021 to 2022 this will be covered.

This is how Kieran proposed how this would be handled. Agreed by all.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Keith Harding, Charlotte Hewitt, Brandon Hone and Tim McLachlan.

## 3. Presentation of the prepared and inspected Accounts (District Treasurer)

Mark gave a quick summary of the highlights of the accounts (see attached presentation). It covers accounts for 2021 Accounts and has been shared with the members by e-mail earlier in the week and they have been inspected and signed off by the independent examiners McLintocks.

Six months of the year 2021 was in lockdown. Membership fees were impacted. Income across all areas was down, as were shop sales. Chester Gang Show did not take place. Expenses were less because there were less Scouting activities.

Need to be more mindful on how we manage Utility expenses.

Accounts show a surplus of £30K versus the small deficit of £5K in 2020. This is largely down to Eurojam not taking place and all the fundraising that took place and the insurance claim. We will be keeping £570 per person to one side for the Scouts who were unable to attend, this can be used on an overseas event until they are 25 years old.

The independent examiners, McLintocks confirmed the accounts are a true and fair view from a financial position for 2021 and have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

Mark wanted to thank the many people involved, without them he would not have been able to put the accounts together. Mark is pleased from a professional and personal point of view that they will be able to be filed before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Mark thanked everyone who contributed.

Mark asked if there are any questions. No questions as Mark's overview was comprehensive.

4. Vote by the District Committee to approve the Accounts

Kieran explained that the vote by the District Executive Committee would ordinarily have been done as a separate District Executive meeting. Due to the shortage of time, we are doing the two meetings in one.

Kieran asked the members of the Executive Committee to approve the Accounts as have been presented this evening and shared previously. Approve them for our onwards submission to the Charity Commission and to file a copy with the County Executive Committee as we are required to do under our rules.

Kieran asked those present to either raise your hands or press your button. From the Executive Committee Kieran could see a unanimous show of hands in support of that.

Kieran then validated there were no objections or comments from the Executive Committee.

On that basis, declared the Executive have voted to approve the accounts.

5. Vote of support by C&DSC (all Members) to endorse the Approved Accounts

Kieran asked the Executive Members who are here this evening to vote in support of the executive decision to endorse and accept approve the accounts for the Chester and District Scout Council.

Everyone present raise your hand if you are in support of this. Unanimous vote of support to accept those.

6. Meeting Closed

Kieran thanked everyone for turning up today and for their time and brought the meeting to a close. The meeting closed at 20.20.