



West Yorkshire County Scout Council Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday 21st September 2023

1. Chairman's Welcome.

Carey Dowson extended a warm welcome to scout council members, parents, young people and in particular to our honoured guests including the Mayor of Kirklees Councillor Cahal Burke, Dean Carroll (Growth and Communities Manager North).

2. Reflection.

Given by Toby Hammond – Youth Commissioner

3. Apologies for absence.

Gillian Caine
Peter Haigh
Jeanette Young
Trevor Watson

Chris Watson
Chris Storey
Paul Cartwright

David Sowden
Katherine Huggett
Janet Cartwright

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2022.

Proposed as an accurate record by Elaine Clough and Seconded by Phil Pearson.
Approved by the meeting.

There was no Secretary present or any volunteer to be a note taker, the current Chair, Carey Dowson agreed to take brief notes as far as possible.

5. The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Presented by Sue Caselton

The annual accounts have been circulated these are for the financial year 2022/2023 ending 31st March – these were approved by County Executive 20th July 2023. The WYS Trading Accounts were also presented.

Carey Dowson gave thanks to all the County Trustees and WYS Trading directors,

Thanks to those trustees stepping down - Linda Malloy, Chris Watson, Gillian Peers, Phil Pearson, Callum McNulty.

6. Changes to West Yorkshire Scouts Constitution

The new constitution with the following changes was approved :

- 3 elected, co-opted and nominated trustees
- The new purpose in line with POR



- Reduction in the three year term to a one year term

The constitution was proposed by Gareth Pierce and Seconded by Howard Fishwick and approved by the meeting.

As part of the transformation process POR was due to be updated in November 2023 and so the constitution would likely to be subsequently updated.

Peter Haigh requested that the new constitution should be amended in line with POR policy and should include the wording 'all other adult members of the Scout County'. This was agreed in principle and the County Commissioner agreed to ensure this was reflected in the constitution.

7. The County Commissioner's nomination for County Chair.

Ian Womersley nominated Carey Dowson as the Chair of the Council and Trustees.

8. Election of officers to serve the County Scout Council.

County Treasurer: Sue Caselton - Proposed by Toby Hammond, Seconded by John Reynolds

County Secretary: Gillian Caine - Proposed by Carey Dowson, Seconded by Gareth Pierce
Both approved by the meeting.

County Auditor: The County with approval from the Council would like to go out to tender this year for a new auditor. The proposal is that this will be approved by the trustee board on behalf of the council once the tender process has completed.

Proposal approved by the meeting

9. Elected members of Council to the County Executive Committee.

There were 2 elected positions open this year and we had 2 nominations

Oliver Rhodes is elected to the Youth Member position.

Howard Fishwick is elected to the Adult Member position

The elected members therefore are :

Beth Halligan

Howard Fishwick

Oliver Rhodes

10. The County Commissioners nominations to the County Executive Committee.

The County Commissioner's nominations are:

John Reynolds, Elaine Clough, Gareth Pierce

11. Representatives to the Council of the Scout Association.

This year there is an election to the Council with the following elected



Vicki Pearson – Proposed by Ian Womersley Seconded by Carey Dowson

Beth Halligan – Proposed by Ian Womersley Seconded by Carey Dowson

12. The County Commissioner – Ian Womersley

Ian provided a summary of the work undertaken on the Transformation process, Skills4Life and the continued success of the West Yorkshire Scouts work.

He thanked all volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the charity.

13. Growth and Communities Manager North – Dean Carroll

Dean gave an update on HQ work in the growth arena.

14. Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Cahal Burke

Councillor Burke provided an entertaining and uplifting comments on the value that the West Yorkshire Scouts gives to the Young People of our area.

15. County Chairs Close & Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed

Date of Next AGM: 7.30pm Thursday 19th September 2024.