

**5th Dartford Scout Group  
Annual General Meeting  
16 June 2018  
(For the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018)**

**Present**

Distinguished guests included Jeremy Kite, Leader of Dartford Borough, Mayor and Mayoress, David and Ellen Mote, and Liz Frost, Dartford District Scouting Commissioner.

Also present were Neil Young (Chair of the 5th Dartford Scout Group), Paul Boreham (Group Scout Leader), Section Leaders, members, parents and supporters of the 5th Dartford Scout Group (the Scout Council).

**1 Welcome and Chair's Report**

Neil Young opened the AGM by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. He spoke about the importance to the Group of adult volunteers and said that the key non-Scouting project last year was finalising plans, undertaking surveys and obtaining planning permission from Dartford Borough Council for the new hall. Our goal for the remainder of this financial year will be to obtain the remainder of the funding necessary for building work to commence.

**2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Maggie and Jim Lilleycrop, Dave Monteith, Dominic Monteith and Phil and Karen Hannah, Darren Enever.

**3 Adoption of Minutes of AGM (2017)**

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were adopted by show of hands.

**4 GSL Scouting Annual Report**

Paul thanked the leaders and instructors for running the AGM activities and outlined some of the Group's highlights of the last year, including the Kent Scout Air Camp. He also thanked Earley Troop for setting up the aerial runway, as part of their Pioneering badge, and the Scouts who assisted with the cleaning of the hall and grounds in preparation for the AGM.

Paul then invited Liz Frost, Dartford District Commissioner, to make the following presentations:

- Tina McLoughlin – 5 years' Service Award
- Julie Brittle – 20 years' Service Award
- Neil Young, John Chuter and Lesley Bauckham – Commendations for Good Service
- Wendy Hurd – Award for Merit

*Awards for some other Group members will be awarded separately, as those members were not present at the AGM.*

## **5 Treasurer Presentation and Approval of Accounts**

The Treasurer, John Chuter, provided a financial statement and explanation of income and expenditure.

John mentioned that a decision had been made during the past financial year to increase subs in 2018-19 (from £10 to £12 a month), the first increase since September 2008.

It was noted that Beverley Panton, the Group's Auditor, had reviewed the accounts in advance of the AGM and John thanked Beverley for her efforts.

A vote was taken and carried to adopt the accounts

Proposed: John Butler

Seconded: Jason O'Brien

## **6 GSL Nomination of Group Chair (Neil Young)**

Proposed: Paul Boreham

Seconded: Lyn Medcalf

A vote was taken and carried to re-elect Neil Young as Group Chair

## **7 Election of Group Secretary (Lesley Bauckham), Group Treasurer (John Chuter), Assistant Group Treasurer (Maggie Lilleycrop) and Group Auditor (Beverly Panton)**

Proposed: Derek Hurd

Seconded: Pauline Butler

## **8 GSL to propose Nominated Members of Group Executive and Chair to propose election**

Executive: Jim Lilleycrop, Derek Hurd, Karen Hannah, Pauline Butler, Phil Hannah, Feroz Gandhi, Paul Jarrett, Darren Enever, Ramakrismna ("Kav") Mooneesamy, Dave Monteith and Avtar Sandhu

Proposed: Paul Boreham

Seconded: Neil Young

A vote was taken and carried to elect Ramakrishna Mooneesamy (Kav) as a new member of the Group Executive Committee and to re-elect those members who have agreed to stay on for another year.

## **9 Response on Behalf of the Guests**

Leader of Dartford Borough Council, Jeremy Kite, said it was always a pleasure to come to our AGM and said that 5<sup>th</sup> Dartford are "fantastic ambassadors" for both Dartford and Scouting. He made special mention of those representing Dartford at the World Scout Jamboree in 2019 and said he was looking forward to renewing his support for the 5<sup>th</sup>,

being “one of the best Dartford Scouting families and one of the things we’re most proud of in our town”.

David Mote, Deputy Mayor (and also Chairman of Stone Scouts and a former Explorer Scout himself) commended Neil Young for a very well-run AGM. He went on to say that Dartford is extremely keen to support uniformed groups and that 5<sup>th</sup> Dartford Scouts is one of the best in the area – he described what we do as “phenomenal” and said he looks forward to seeing how the Scout hall progresses.

## **10 Chair to close the meeting**

In his closing remarks, Neil Young thanked Paul Boreham and all the leaders, assistant leaders and other volunteers and helpers who put so much of their own time into making 5th Dartford a success.

He remarked that “children who were Scouts make better adults” and thanked the leaders, assistant leaders and helpers on behalf of the parents present for sharing the joys of Scouting with their children.

Lastly, Neil commented that there are over half a million children on the waiting list for Scouting: evidence that Scouting is a huge success - and that we need more adult leaders.

Neil then closed the meeting.

### ***Proposed Date for next Executive Committee meeting***

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8pm to 10pm

At the Scout Hall