



MALLING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Online – Teams – Wednesday 27th of September 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Denis Spiller, Craig Worcester, Deborah Hadley, Adam Ray, Des Harris – County Chair, Ken Sharp, James Reid, Jo Coombs, Paul Gladwell, Ian Marriott, Marieke Zech, Mark Price, Isobel Warrington, Michelle Brennan, Jo Thompson, Rob Price, Tom Llewellyn, Bob Mallett, Georgina and Andy Edwards, Freya Johns.

Apologies: Sally Metcalf, Mark Heritage, Tim Coppard, Linda Harrison, Alan McGill, Karen McCloy, Sue Cubitt, Emily Burford, Matt Wood, Kathryn Frankling, Elaine Greenwood, Kate Shuttleworth, Josh Barkaway.

1. Introduction and Welcome

Denis welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence: as above

3. Minutes of the last meeting

- Minutes for the meeting held on the 24th of September 2022
- No questions raised or corrections noted. All in favour. Denis will sign these as reflecting a true record of the meeting held.

4. Governance Topics

a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules:

The Council provided their approval: Adopted.

b. Note the District's financial year:

Noted, the District's financial year is from the April 1st, 2022, to 31st of March 2023.

c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board:

Denis explained we are currently working on what was the District Executive to adopt the Transformation requirements in the change to Trustee Board. At this point we are not sure how many this may be, but the guidelines indicate around 5-12 people, so that the Trustee Board does not become a repeat of all the committees put together. The final number of members will be agreed for the next AGM.



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- d. Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees:
This was agreed as 10 people last year for the District Scout Council, and was accepted at this for future meetings. Following the Transformation approach going forward the quorum will be 50% +1 for the Trustee Board and subcommittees this year.

5. Review of the previous year

- a. **The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Malling District:**

Craig provided his report which will be circulated with these minutes.

- b. **To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts**

District Chair's Report

Denis provided his report which will be circulated with these minutes.

District Treasurer's Report

Adam talked through the District Financial Report for 2022-2023, which has been published on our website and will be circulated with these minutes.

James Reid questioned the use of headings between income and expenditure which does not necessarily make it easy to track between money coming in and going out. Adam explained this has occurred as we have simplified and consolidated events over the course of the year.

James also asked if Explorer income was reflected, and asked if it was possible to confirm that all Explorer funds have been spent on Explorers. Adam stated that all Explorer income and expenditure is reflected in these accounts, and confirmed it had all been spent on Explorers.

James's final question was to ask if all funds sat with one bank, and if any funds were in interest earning accounts. Denis explained we are looking at quick access accounts at present as we will need to potentially access funds quite fast as the campsite development progressed. James passed information on to Deborah during the meeting which has been shared with David. James also offered to discuss further with David, if David would like to make contact with him.

Denis asked for approval of accounts:

The Council provided their approval: Accounts adopted.



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6. Appointments

- a. **To re-appoint District President:** Martin Willgoss, has been reappointed into this Honorary role for the next year. Denis explained Martin has held this role for a number of years now and is pleased to continue his appointment.
- b. **To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the District Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the District Lead Volunteer, the District Trustee Board or the Group Scout Council:**
No additional requests noted.
- c. **To approve the District Lead Volunteer's nomination of the District Chair**
Craig nominated Denis Spiller as District Chair.
The Council provided their approval: Appointed.
- d. **Election of the District Secretary**
Denis proposed Deborah as Secretary for the following year.
Elected
- e. **Election of the District Treasurer**
Proposal to elect David Silvester as District Treasurer: David Silvester has agreed to continue in office but has indicated he would wish to stand down once a replacement has been identified as he has now moved away from the District. We have identified one or two potential replacements.
Denis proposed David Silvester as Treasurer for the following year.
The Council provided their approval: Appointed.
- f. **Elections of members to the District Trustee Board**
Paul Gladwell, Joanne Coombs, Mark Price, Ken Sharp and Graham Pover stood for election as members of the Executive Committee: All in Favour: Elected. Denis explained that their roles may change under Transformation which will be decided over the coming year.
- g. **To approve the District Lead Volunteer's nominations to the District Trustee Board**



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Craig nominated Adam Ray to the Trustee Board for the following year.
The Council provided their approval: Appointed.

h. To appoint the Scrutineer:

Denis stated our current scrutineer Graham Longton has indicated he will be happy to continue in role for the following year, proposed by David Silvester.
The Council provided their approval: Appointed.

i. To appoint representatives to the County Scout Council:

Denis proposed Kathryn Frankling and Tom Llewelyn as County Scout Council Representatives:
The Council provided their approval: Appointed.

7. County Representative

Des passed on his thanks on behalf of the County Commissioner and himself for the work undertaken by volunteers across the District. He also commented on the World Scout Jamboree which is the biggest gathering in the entire world in terms of an event. He commented that this represented peace and understanding with the young people coming together for the event. Des also spoke of KIJ in 2025, commenting he hoped to see many representatives from the District at that event.

Des also talked about the need to give thanks, reminding people of the ability to nominate individuals for thanks badges and other accolades which can be used to provide thanks for our Volunteers.

Des also spoke of 'The County Team Met Me' badges, suggesting that the County team would welcome the opportunity to meet with Sections and Groups, and that they will provide badges to the young people they meet.

Following the successful transformation event at the beginning of September, Des said more information would be provided by County in early October. He asked that people went with the transformation programme and embraced the opportunities this brings.

Finally he recognised the work that has been completed across the District including the new Squirrel Dreys that have opened. He commented that County will not be charging for increases in members over the year, and also will not be increasing their subscription costs next year.

He stated that as a District, County are really, really pleased with the work that is being done across the District and thanked us for inviting him this evening.



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8. Close

Denis thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

9. Next meeting date - To be proposed at a future date.

Confirmed District Trustee Board members (Trustees) 2023/2024	
Craig Worcester	District Lead Volunteer
Denis Spiller	Chair
Adam Ray	Nominated Member
Deborah Hadley	District Secretary
David Silvester	District Treasurer
Ken Sharp, Graham Pover Jo Coombs Mark Price Paul Gladwell	Elected Members
Josh Barkaway	District Youth Lead
Matt Paramor	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Matt Wood	District Scout Network Commissioner