

Northumberland County Scout Council AGM – Thursday 22nd September 2016 @ Newcastle Climbing Centre

Video and welcome from the County Chairman Professor Sir Alan Craft, especially welcoming our vice presidents Don Charlton, John Carr Ellison, the County Accounts Examiner John Oswald and the Regional Commissioner Ian Chappell.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence noted at the office and further apologies can be added to the list at the signing in desk.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th September 2015:** The minutes were agreed as a true copy of the meeting and proposed by Anne Reah and a show of hands from those attending.
3. **To advise the names of the District Representatives co-opted to the County Scout Council:** The names were advised via the Power Point presentation and proposed by Don Charlton and a show of hands from those attending.
4. **To co-opt members to the County Scout Council:** Daniel Mercer and Joseph Harvey were co-opted on to the County Executive as the Adult and Young Person Representative to the National Scout Council.
5. **To receive and consider the Trustees Report and Accounts submitted by the Executive Committee of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2016:** Anne Reah the County Treasurer made comments on the report indicating various notes of interest. Raised attention to the income of the last four years, the restricted fund income including LookwideUK, Income to year end, unrestricted expenditure. The examiner, in comment to the Council, said that they were in good order, of a high standard and a very tidy set of accounts.
6. **Appointment of Examiner:** John Oswald of Stephenson Coates Ltd has agreed to be Independent Examiner and was proposed by Anne Reah and seconded by Kathryn Kay and the meeting agreed with a show of hands.
7. **To approve County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chairman:** The County Commissioner nominated Professor Sir Alan Craft who has agreed to stand for a further year and this was approved by a show of hands from the Council.
8. **To announce the results of election of Treasurer:** There was only one nomination which was Anne Reah who will stand for a further year. This was agreed by a show of hands.
9. **To approve the County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive Committee:** The County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive are Kathryn Kay, Ewan Fairful and Joycelyn Collie. A show of hands agreed these nominations.
10. **To announce the results of election of members to the County Executive Committee:** Joseph Harvey was elected on to the County Executive and this was agreed by a show of hands.
11. **To confirm the remaining elected members of the County Executive Committee:** Graeme Popay, David McKenzie, Naomi Hughes and Daniel Mercer. This was agreed by a show of hands.
12. **To confirm the member of the County Scout Council as the nominated adult member to The Council of the Scout Association:** Daniel Mercer has agreed to be the representative for Northumberland County. This was agreed by a show of hands.
13. **To confirm the member of the County Scout Council as the nominated youth member to The Council of the Scout Association:** Joseph Harvey has agreed to be the representative for Northumberland County. This was agreed by a show of hands.
14. **Mr Michael Wood Williams County Commissioner Northumberland Scouts:** The CC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the members of the new and much increased County Team the front of the meeting. The County is looking at communication and the creation of a new website which will be the hub for this communication. The website will have a Scout Uniform shop facility, starting small and building on success. This along with the membership subscription should, going forward, make the County self-sufficient. There are DCs in place in every District now and there is renewed energy in the team to make things happen in the County. The hope is to hold at least six County events each year across the sections. He spoke of training – Naomi Hughes the County Training Manager is working hard on making training more accessible and move people through the training process much more quickly. Many new leaders are lost in the first 12 months and often because they haven't embraced the help and support of training. The CC spoke of international

travel and the need to support Groups to offer this experience to their young people. The County are holding a Ball in March 2017 so look out for tickets coming on sale.

15. **Youth Shaped Scouting Presentation & Czech Explorer Belt Presentation:** The Youth Commissioners Stu Bennett and Michael Blewitt delivered entertaining presentations. The young people who took part in the Explorer belt gave the meeting a comprehensive and funny summary of their time away in the Czech Republic.
16. **Presentation:** A presentation was made to Val Hodgson as a thank you for her time as County Training Manager
Ian Chappell: The Regional Commissioner addressed the meeting thanking Northumberland for the invite and wishing the County great success over the coming year.
17. **County Chairman's Closing Remarks:** Alan Craft thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to stay for light refreshment.
18. **Date of Next Meeting:** 21st September 2017 (TBC)