

BLACKDOWN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held at Tangier on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.30pm

Present John Lewis (Chairman), David Johnson (Treasurer), Pam Gaines (DC), Shaun Dale, Jo David, Lauren David, Tricia Sedgbeer

- 1 **Welcome** – John welcomed all to the meeting **ACTION**
- 2 **Apologies** – Marian Scott, Peter Venn
- 3 **Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April were agreed as a true record with one amendment –

Item 4 under Finance should read ‘Auto-enrolment pension rates’ not ‘NI rates’
- 4 **Matters arising - None**
- 5 **Finance**
 1. David tabled the draft Annual Accounts for 2017. These showed a surplus of £6000. The Accounts were APPROVED (subject to some minor text amendments) and will be available for the Annual Scout Council meeting. *Treasurer*
 2. Following discussion it was AGREED to move the accounts to the online software package Xero to save time and effort. *Treasurer*
- 6 **Huish Woods**
 - (a) **Sub-Committee report** – No report
 - (b) **Tractor**
It was evident from the investigations in hand that the previously agreed budget of £5k was not going to be sufficient but also that a 35-40bhp engine would suffice. AGREED Peter Venn continue to investigate and consult Members by email as required to move the issue forward. AGREED to fund as a Capital item. *Peter Venn*
 - (c) **Proposed A358 Improvements** – Nothing to report
- 7 **Appointments Advisory Committee**
DC reported ongoing meetings
- 8 **Youth Commissioner Report** – No report submitted
- 9 **DESC Report** – No report submitted

DC reported five teams had successfully completed Ten Tors, with only two individuals not finishing. All were in by 2pm on the Sunday, a creditable achievement.
- 10 **District Network Commissioner Report**
Jo stated that following her appointment as Deputy DC she was

looking to relinquish the Network role as soon as possible.

11 **ADC Activities Report**

Lauren reported

1. Out of 20 emails he'd received 3 responses relating to the Climbing Wall training scheduled for 16 May with assessments on 26 May. *Lauren*
2. Other activities for Huish Woods were under discussion. *Lauren*

12 **District Commissioner's Report**

1. The Group AGM season had started. DC would be looking to share District representation at these with others. *DC*
2. The new 2018-2023 Strategy had been launched the previous day. The Vision is *"By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities."* At the same time a new logo had been introduced – this must be in use universally within has two years.

13 **Tangier Management Committee**

TMC AGM is on 21 May. AGREED the District representatives would be Charlie Back, John Lewis and Geoff Pinney. Fran Wright would be standing down as Treasurer. David has agreed to take on this task. *Shaun*

14 **Safety**

Following extensive discussion it was AGREED a Defibrillator Unit should be provided at Huish Woods, linked to the Ambulance Service. *Tricia to discuss with Ambulance Service*

15 **Annual Scout Council Meeting – 6 June**

John is standing down as Chairman but will continue as an Exec Member; David is willing to continue as Treasurer; DC, DESC, DNC and DYC are ex-officio. Others present indicated their willingness to continue. Peter Venn had notified John that he would not be standing. John will liaise with Marian regarding the general invitation letter. *Chairman/Marian*

David apologised in advance as family commitments prevent him from being present. He will provide an abbreviated income/expenditure sheet for general distribution and a short commentary on the accounts. Any detailed questions on the night should be referred to him for a response.

16 **Any Other Business**

1. AGREED to appoint Calvin Bulll as a District Administrator. Calvin will work with David on financial issues including Explorers. *DC/Treasurer*
2. GDPR – Huish Woods will not be marketing direct to individuals but will respond to email approaches. Contact sheets for Groups etc should not be visible within the site office. Explorer details are managed within OSM (which is GDPR compliant). There are ongoing discussions about

data held in Compass and the County Database

17 Date of next meetings

To be fixed following AGM

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed as a true record

Date

Chairman