

Dartford District Scout Council AGM
Thursday 19th September 2024
Dartford Rugby Club
7.30 for 8 pm start

1: Kelvin Holford hosted this AGM in absence of a District Chairperson.
He welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by.

Cambria Explorer Scouts gave a presentation on their Kenya 24 trip.
A very good presentation was given outlining the objectives of the trip.

1 Helping with Education of children whilst out there.

2 Help build a new campsite for long term usage. They raised funds for the trip and left tents for future scouting trips.

3 Education against Malaria.

Botswana is the next trip.

2; Apologies from the following were received,

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Sue Martin,

Jo Byles,

Kim Tomkinson,

Brett Cooper,

Rob Weller,

Martin Sweet,

Shaun Ford,

Mathew McLean.

David Celino-Stock

Robert Stock,

3 Governance topics

A: the minutes of 2023 were approved

B: Adoption of the model of constitution for Dartford District from POR was agreed.

C: District's financial year (1st April 23 to 31st March 24) was presented and agreed.

D: 10 people were agreed to be quorate approved by a show of hands.

4 Review of the year done by The District Lead Volunteer, Neil Gearing he stated that He is setting up the new District teams and would wish for support in all activities going forward and help needed. Jill Holford and Jane Ball have agreed to run the Scout Shop going forward. David Stock re introducing the award ceremonies St Georges Day will be parading around Dartford to help promote scouting. Please be patient whilst the teams start up again but please be very supportive with these events it all helps to build scouting.

4 b

Annual report and statement

The treasurer Phil Swanston gave an overview of our finances. Please see attached for information given. We are financially strong, the District Trustees have agreed to work harder going forward to maintain this trend.

Gary Savage was agreed to be an independent scrutineer .

Accounts approved.

5 Making appointments.

A; appoint a District Chair - Vacant going forward recruit new Chair.

B: Appoint the District Treasurer for 3 years Phil Swansom was approved

C; Appoint the District Trustee board for 3 years.

Neil Gearing (ex-officio)

Neil Brunsdon

Rob Weller

Stephen Newton

Teresa Gordon All approved.

D: Appoint an independent Examiner Gary Savage was approved.

E; Appoint the District Presidents. Peter and Wendy McLean were approved and thanked.

F: District Representatives to the County Scout Council were agreed to be Stephen Newton and Teresa Gordon.

6 County Representative Nirav Patel gave a speech; He congratulated Neil Gearing on taking the District Lead Volunteer role. He thanked all the district leaders, young leaders, all volunteers that support Dartford District. He stated there was lots of transformation coming and asked everyone to make sure that compass was up to date. Now is the perfect time for change. National website updated resources planning tools activity finder. He stated that there was an Adult only paint ball event in honour of the Late Dean Harding please support. 19th October Explorer Scouts 20th October.

Thank everyone who is involved in scouting.

7 Jeremy Kite stated he loved scouting in Dartford thanked all the support staff and volunteers He stated they still have money set aside for salute to Youth Please use the funding. He congratulated the District and County. He was very proud of Dartford Rugby club. He was grateful for Volunteers in Dartford in general. He talked about the youth forum and the start to flow in our streets project to help navigate youth to other great causes and projects within Dartford and to give youth of today somewhere to go and be part of. He mentioned Acacia Hall being used for charity and social work. Using the hall for good causes makes sense.

He then re mentioned Salute to Youth funding again to apply for and finished by once again thanking all the good work of Dartford Scouting.

8; Presentations were made

Wood Badges to Jamie Warren Ian Thomas David White Wilson Couchman and Mark Everest

Length of service awards went to Jack Ford 5 years,

Julie Southcott and Gary Williams 10 years
Jason O'Brien 15 years
Lyn Coote 20 Years
Del Hurd 30 years.

Narav went on to present The Growth awards to :
Stone
3rd Dartford
5th Dartford

Jacqui Wilkinson and Shaun Ford were thanked for their time serving as joint team DC and Jacqui were presented with a gift, Shaun was going to be presented at a later date as apologies had been sent.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Nirav went on to explain the new transformations in more detail.