



PRESENT

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| Chris Sanderson OBE JP | County Chairman |
| Matthew Canwell | County Commissioner |
| John Over | County Treasurer |
| Alan Harryman | County Secretary |

... together with Members of the Council, leaders and supporters of Scouting (as noted in the Record of attendance).

1. **Opening Address.** The Council President, Mrs Claire Hensman, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, opened the meeting stating how privileged she felt to be the Council President and thanking all those involved in Scouting in Cumbria.
2. **Introduction.** The County Chairman introduced the business of the meeting by reminding Council members that they had an important governance function, acting as our electoral body and supporting Scouting in the County. It was the Council's duty to hold the Trustees to account, to ensure that they were properly supporting the County Commissioner, acting effectively as Charity Trustees and in the best interest of Cumbria Scouts.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held Thursday 24th September 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/2016**

The Chairman presented the Annual Report and Accounts to the Council, noting that an Annual Review of Cumbria Scouting Activities for 2015/16 had been published.

Achievements

- Cumbria Scouting grew by 5.3% (against a national growth rate of 2.7%)
- 18 Cumbrian scouts attended the World Scout Jamboree in Japan.....integrating with the Merseyside Guides and the West Africa Solidarity Patrol
- 19 Duke of Edinburgh awards, including 5 Golds, have been achieved during the year.
- 9 Queen's Scout awards have also been gained.

Finances

Highlights:-

Income £28,558 down
Expenditure £17,122 down
Surplus £11,436 down
Total Assets £2,961 up

| Incoming resources | 2014/15 | 2015/16 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Membership subscriptions | 11,381 | 10,956 |
| Grants and Donations | 26,063 | 38,282 |
| Facilities | 39,395 | 46,524 |
| County Activities | 14,221 | 3,219 |
| Other income (mainly Jamboree/ International Activities) | 49,685 | 13,206 |
| Total | 140,745 | 112,187 |

| Resources expended | 2014/5 | 2015/6 |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Governance and administration | 16,981 | 16,619 |
| Development | 26,344 | 36,681 |
| Facilities | 30,227 | 35,948 |
| County Activities | 23,869 | 12,846 |
| Other (mainly Jamboree/ International events) | 29,115 | 7,132 |
| Capital projects | 1,812 | 2,000 |
| Total | 128,348 | 111,226 |

| Total Assets | 31 March 2015 | 31 March 2016 |
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| Fixed Assets | 468,793 | 468,099 |
| Other Restricted Funds | 14,800 | 26 |
| Other Designated Funds | 125,850 | 131,879 |
| Other Unrestricted Funds | 64,471 | 76,817 |
| Total | 673,860 | 676,821 |

Sufficient reserves are held by the County. One year's running cost for the County are £40K. The County holds £76K in Unrestricted Funds, and has a Low risk investment strategy.

Development

The Development project in the West of Cumbria had ended and had been declared a success. The South Development project was to continue, ending later in 2016/17. The County Activity Team had been reinvigorated and was working on a 3-5 year programme.

Plans for the Future

The main objectives for 2016/17 are:

- Growth
- Inclusivity
- Youth-shaped
- Community Impact

The Chairman thanked everyone for all their hard work over the past year.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2015/16 were received by the Council.

5. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Council was invited, in accordance with the recommendation of the County Executive Committee, to:

- (a) re-adopt the Scout Association's model Constitution as defined in its Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR 5.16), thus bringing Cumbria back into line with the Scout Association's best practice and obviating the need for review and updating.

Proposed by Tim Keegan. Seconded by Don McCutcheon. Approved.

- (b) approve the following quorums:

- i. County Scout Council: 20 (reduced from 25), at least 5 of whom must be *ex officio* (ie members by virtue of appointment)
- ii. County Executive Committee: 5 (reduced from 6), at least 2 of whom must be *ex-officio* members.
- iii. County Executive, Sub-committees: 3, at least one of whom must be a member of the Executive Committee. (No change)

Proposed by Tim Leader. Seconded by John Over. Approved.

- (c) allow those not attending a County Scout Council meeting to nominate another member of the Council to vote on their behalf (ie a proxy), either in accordance with their direction or, if they allow, as the proxy sees fit.

Proposed by Graham White. Seconded by Don McCutcheon. Approved.

6. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

The County Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the County. It is the body to which the County Executive Committee is accountable.

The Council was invited:

- (a) to approve the County Commissioner’s nomination of Chris Sanderson as County Chairman.
Approved.
- (b) To note the extension of the following Vice-Presidents’ tenures for a further 3 years; Joe Harris, Lord Hothfield, Ivor Hughes, Roy McNamara, Joe Rawlings OBE.
- (c) To note that Sam Rayner DL has agreed to join Sir Chris Bonington CVO CBE DL, Sarah Dunning OBE, John Stevenson MP and Fred Story, as one of our Cumbria Scout Ambassadors.
- (d) To approve nominations to Membership of the County Scout Council

i. One Group Scouter from each District

| District | Group Scouter |
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| Eden | Jackie Wright |
| Kentdale | Lee Harris |
| Reivers | Maureen White |
| Solway/Derwent | Robin Ford |
| South West Lakes | Keith King |
| Western Lakes | Kim Waugh |
| Workington | No nomination |

Proposed by Michael Ryan. Seconded by Graham White. Approved.

- ii. To approve the Nominations by the County Commissioner in consultation with the County Chairman of Bill Arnott, Colin Partington MBE, Tim Leader, David Hughes, Eddie Ward.

Proposed by Marion Dixon. Seconded by Don McCutcheon. Approved.

- (e) To approve co-opted members of the County Scout Council:

Representatives from:

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| <i>The Lake District National Park</i> | Chris Tomlin |
| <i>Cumbria County Council Children and Family Service</i> | Bev Morgan |
| The National Trust | Linda Bowden |
| The Diocese of Carlisle | Rev. Ashley Henderson |
| County Commissioner Girlguiding Cumbria North | Julie Walton |
| County Commissioner Girlguiding Cumbria South | Sue Gudgeon |

Proposed by Graham White. Seconded by Nichola Jackson. Approved.

- (f) To note that the Area Growth and Development Manager is an invited member
- (g) To elect a County Secretary: Nomination: Alan Harryman

Elected unopposed

(h) To elect a County Treasurer: Nomination: John Over

Elected unopposed

(i) To elect 2 representatives to the Council of the Scout Association:

Nominated: Colin Partington (over 25)
Nominated: Vacant (under 25)

Proposed by Tim Leader. Seconded by Tom Higgs. Approved.

7. TO APPOINT HELEN HOLMES of STABLES, THOMPSON & BRISCOE, KENDAL AS THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2016/2017

Proposed by Alan Clark. Seconded by Tim Leader. Approved.

8. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Council was invited:

(a) To note ex officio members:

- i. County Chairman
- ii. County Commissioner
- iii. County Treasurer
- iv. County Secretary
- v. County Youth Commissioner (when appointed)

(b) To note those elected to the Executive Committee

- i. Jeff Carson
- ii. David Hughes
- iii. Tim Keegan
- iv. There was no 18 -25 member nominee

(c) To approve the County Commissioner's nominations to the Executive Committee

- i. Bill Arnott
- ii. Tim Leader
- iii. Colin Partington MBE

Proposed by Kim Waugh. Seconded by David Shearer. Approved.

(d) To note the right of attendance of Andrew Corrie, NW Regional Commissioner

(e) To note those invited to attend:

- i. The County's Nominated member on the Council of the Scout Association
- ii. The County's Nominated Youth member on the Council of the Scout Association
- iii. The Area Growth and Development Manager

9. AGM CLOSURE. The AGM was closed by the Chairman who thanked everyone for their attention and participation. The Chairman then went on to say how disappointed we all were to shortly be losing our excellent County Commissioner, Matthew Canwell, who had led the County for the last 2½ years. He had been a superb leader, an excellent ambassador, a highly effective manager, and a warm and supportive friend. He would leave with our warmest of thanks and our best wishes. The process had now started to find Matthew's successor.

10. MATTHEW CANWELL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The County Commissioner began by presenting the following awards:-

- 10 year service to Darren Bean
- 20 year service to Alan Clark
- Wood Badges to Chris Woolhouse County Network Commissioner and David Sheard DC Reivers District

He then continued by reading out a letter from Don McCutcheon about how 4 of his Scouts, from the 1st Border Scout Troop carried out a number of tasks when a storm swept through their campsite while they were attending the Michigan International Camporee in America. The local Commissioner recognised their efforts and said that had it not been for the actions of the Cumbrian Scouts the site would have been a disaster area. The County Commissioner recognised this saying that they were a credit to Scouting and to their parents, and awarded the following with the County Commissioner's Commendation:

- Sian Johnstone; Harry Reid; Sean Wolf and Edward Moss.
- The County Commissioner was also going to award, at a later date, the Commissioner's Commendation to Eddie Richards; Kim Waugh; Alan McBirnie; Nichola Jackson; and Tim Leader.

He then presented the 'High Sheriff of Cumbria Shield' to Pat and John Bevan. This was in recognition of their commitment to Eden District and Simon Woodrow the new DC. Their support never wavered in spite of having their home flooded.

The County Commissioner then presented Michael Ryan DC Kentdale with The Bronze Cross

The Bronze Cross is the highest Award of the Scout Association for Gallantry, Granted for Special Heroism or action in the face of extraordinary risk.

Michael gained this award for saving the life of a woman who was being swept away during the December 2015 floods. Michael, already flooded out of his home, was walking through the floods to a friend's house when he saw a woman being dragged under the water by a strong current, and pulled along towards the River Kent. He waded into the water and, at great risk to himself managed, to pull her out of the current. He made sure that she was safe before continuing on his way.

The County Commissioner thanking everyone for the support that he had received in his role. It had been a privilege to work with Scout Leaders in Cumbria. He noted that Barney Poulton the ACC Activities, was building up the number of members on the Activity team and they are working on a 3-5 year vision on Activities. The County Commissioner then thanked members of the County Executive and the County President for their support. He concluded his address by announcing 3 new appointments that he had made:-

- Ian Harrop as County Training Manager
- Neil Davies as Assistant County Commissioner Explorers
- Gareth Hodgson as County Youth Commissioner

11. REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS.

The North West Regional Commissioner paid tribute to the last year of Scouting in Cumbria. He highlighted the inspirational speech made by Heather Dempsey, an Explorer Scout in Cumbria, in Westminster Abbey. She also was invited to speak at the Regional Conference. The Regional Commissioner congratulated all those who had received awards at this AGM. He mentioned different ways in which Scouting could grow and being involved in Scouting can be an opportunity for life changing experiences. The Regional Commissioner paid tribute to the departing County Commissioner and thanked the County Chairman and Executive Committee for their work.

12. CLOSING THANKS

The County President closed the meeting by saying how impressed she was with Scouting in Cumbria. She thanked all for attending and the time given to Scouting and looked forward to another excellent year of Scouting in the County.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

SIGNED: _____
CHRIS SANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

DATED: _____

APOLOGIES

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| Sir Chris Bonington | Ambassador |
| Joe Harris | Vice-President |
| Joe Rawlings | Vice-President |
| John McAtominey | Area Growth and Development Manager |
| Ashley Henderson | Diocese of Carlisle |
| Chris Tomlin | National Park Authority |
| Bev Morgan | Co-opted member Children's Services Cumbria County Council |
| Julie Walton | Co-opted member Girl Guiding Cumbria North |
| Colin Paine | ACC Beaver Scouts |
| Alastair Yates | County Outdoor Activities Team |
| Don Cooper | District Treasurer, |
| Alma Binyon | District Treasurer, Workington |
| Simon Woodrow | District Commissioner, Eden |
| Eddie Richards | District Commissioner, South West Lakes |
| Robin Ford | District Commissioner, Solway Derwent |
| Colin Partington | Member of the Executive Committee |
| Bill Arnott | Chairman, County Facilities Committee |
| Eddie Ward | County media Manager |
| George Serman | Chairman, Western Lakes |
| Rachel Prickett | District Treasurer, |

Attendance List

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| <p>Members of the Council:</p> <p>Claire Hensman Chris Sanderson Matthew Canwell John Over Alan Harryman Marion Dixon Lord Hothfield Ivor Hughes Roy McNamara Jeff Carson David Hughes Tim Keegan Tim Leader Andrew Corrie Linda Bowden Judith Myers for Sue Gudgeon Nicky Jackson Alan McBirnie Graham White Barney Poulton Neil Davies Tom Higgs Chris Woolhouse Geoff Price Alan Clark Michael Ryan David Sheard Kim Waugh Chris Southward Darren Bean Linda Kitchin Cath Johnston Rebecca Coates</p> | <p>County President County Chairman County Commissioner County Treasurer County Secretary County Administrator Vice President Vice President Vice President Member of the Executive Member of the Executive Member of the Executive Member of the Executive Regional Commissioner, NW Region Co-Opted member, National Trust Co-Opted member, Girlguiding Cumbria South DCC Development DCC Adult Support DCC - Programme ACC Activities ACC Explorers ACC International ACC - Network Scouts Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessor District Commissioner, Workington District Commissioner, Kentdale District Commissioner, Reivers District Commissioner, Western Lakes District Chairman, Reivers County Adviser, Shooting County Scouter LTM SW Lakes LTM Kentdale</p> |
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Scout leaders from across the County.

Helen Holmes of Stables Thompson and Briscoe, Kendal. Independent Examiner of Accounts