



Minutes of the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group AGM 2024

The Annual General Meeting of 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group was held at the Grundisburgh New Village Hall on 8th September at 4pm.

Alison Banham Group Chairperson and Stuart Ross Group Scout Leader welcomed everyone to the Meeting. The meeting was presented via a PowerPoint slide show.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stuart Ross, Alison Banham, Patricia Ross, Christina Poguntke, Mike Walls, Caroline Warren, Daniel Turner, Archie Adams, Steve Swain, Rebecca Hewitt, Jason Banham, Dan Catchpole, Dave Dring, Dave Brown, Alan Comber, Celia Comber, Carly Richmond, Josh Beavis, Toby Murrill, Jo Saagi, Zarah Decker and various other members of the public and members families.

APOLOGIES:

Alison Garrod, Pat Hall, Phil Stebbings, Alex Price, Carl Gloess, Colin Grimwood, Keith Haddock, Rosie Venn, Ian McIvor, Neil King, Paul Boswell, Richard & Chris Garnham, Andy Vobe

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes of last year's AGM were circulated for anyone to read, and no objections or comments were made. Minutes were approved by majority vote.

APPROVAL OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS:

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts were circulated for anyone to read. Rebecca Hewitt, Group Treasurer, explained the accounts and annual report. 2023-24 was a positive year financially with an improvement, even though subscriptions were partially collected and therefore the figure was lower than the previous year. High interest rates have boosted totals, plus there have been positive results from the fundraising activities as well. The balance sheet for the HQ fundraising is starting to look very healthy.

No objections were raised, and the accounts were approved by majority vote.

SCOUT COMMITTEE RESTRUCTUREING:

Stuart explained the changes to the structure of the Committee as prescribed by the Scout Association. They have decided to split the committee up in 'teams'. Within the Group Leadership Team there are the 'Section Team', 'District Explorer Team', 'Trustee Board', 'Co-opted Advisors'. This collective groups of teams will be known overall as 'The Committee' where each member has a role to represent their team.

Attendees were asked to approve the Trustee Board. Members were approved by majority vote.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Mrs Celia Comber, an Accountant, and 1st Kesgrave Scout Group Treasurer was proposed to be auditor again for next year's accounts. Celia was approved by a majority show of hands with no-one against.

FUNDRAISING:

A Summary of the Groups Fundraising was discussed. The Groups main Fundraising events – Duck Race and Fireworks continue to be popular.

Alison Banham explained the next big event in our calendar is the Fireworks Display on 2nd November. She was collecting names of any volunteers that are willing to support the event. A message will also go out to parents.

CHIEF SCOUTS AWARDS

The following Chief Scouts Awards were presented. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had to complete all Challenge Badges in their Section, while the award for Explorers are based around the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Well Done to all for their hard work and commitment.

Chief Scouts Bronze Award	Chief Scouts Silver Award	Chief Scouts Gold Award	Chief Scouts Platinum Award
Kaitlin Decker	Megan Claydon	Nefeli Poguntke	Lily Jerrold
	Owen Flintham	Drew Walls	Hayden Phillips
	Chester Pynn	Petra Jennings	
	William Martin		
	William Warren-Smith		

NEW HQ UPDATE:

Our aim is to have built our new Headquarters by 2026 so that the group can celebrate its 70th anniversary of continuous scouting. We're hoping to be moving that year from the current hut to the new HQ. During 2024 lots of surveys needed to be done and we will also need to pay £10,000 plus legal fees to the Diocese to release a covenant. As a result of last year's AGM, we have implemented some changes to the previous plans such as separate male and female toilets.

The planning application has now been submitted, and it is being validated. Stuart has given the audience our Planning Application number (DC/24/2708) and has asked for support from everyone on this matter. Although our finances are looking healthy, we will still need more funds.

People can help the project as families or individuals by offering skills or supporting the Application via letters and emails to the East Suffolk Planning Department, or becoming a committee member, or donating money as a business or individual.

OPEN FORUM & QUESTIONS

An Open Forum then took place where questions could be put towards the Trustee Board. All questions were about the new site and New HQ with the audience in favour of the building.

CLOSING:

The Annual General Meeting was officially closed at 4:50pm. This was followed by Refreshments.

Signed:

Date:

Alison Banham
1st Grundisburgh Scout Group Chairperson

