



# Middlesbrough District Scout Council

Annual General meeting 2020

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 7pm

Registered charity no. 1014923

## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. President's address
3. Apologies for absence
4. Approval of the 2019 AGM
5. Written reports
6. Audited accounts – as presented and approved by the Executive Committee.
7. Formation of the District Executive Committee 2020 – 21
  - a. Appointment of District Chair.
  - b. Election of Secretary
  - c. Election of Treasurer
  - d. DC's nominations
  - e. Election of Committee Members
8. Other Appointments
  - a. To the County Executive Committee
  - b. To the County Scout Council
  - c. District Auditor
9. District Commissioner
10. Country Commissioner
11. Close of meeting

## District President report

It seems strange for our Annual General Meeting to be held electronically in these difficult times. But if this change allows people to access the A.G.M. it must be a good thing. We're all having to learn and adapt to our new normal.

I must start by thanking all Leaders and Parents for giving such support to Scouting in Middlesbrough over the past year.

But yet again the District Leadership has been disrupted by the sad loss of many. Dick Scott our ex-Chairman, Ron Lowes and Colin Meikoleit Vice Presidents, Ian Moor Group Scout Leader of 24<sup>th</sup> Middlesbrough, Gordon Mills and Fergus McLellan, helpers of Scouts in the District. Most recently, a very dear friend of both myself and Scouting, Geoff Cox who lost his battle with COVID-19 only very recently. All these staunch supporters of Scouting will be sorely missed, they leave a big hole in our Scouting family. However, this is not all; within Cleveland County we lost David Clark as our County Commissioner due to poor health. Ian Railton stepped into that post and asked Geoff to become County Chairman, which he did until his untimely death.

Notwithstanding these terrible, recent events, Scouting continues and we welcome Paul Belmont as our new District Chairman – Welcome Paul, and we say fond farewell to our vice Chairman, June Wheeler, after many

years of dedicated service – thank you June.

Once again, the District has been well supported by the Scouts Active Service Team, assisting with Carol Service and Pie & Pea Supper and numerous occasions of help within Groups as requested. Hopefully it will not be too long before they can continue with their support of Scouting activities such as the Gang Show which have had to be postponed.

At last, our District Mini Bus has been bought, thanks to the various donors who have raised the thousands of pounds needed, and is now well used. Well done to all for your tireless fundraising to buy this.

Once more our District events have been successful, even though at the time of writing this all group and District activities have had to be put on hold. I am sure that when the current lockdown is lifted, Scouting will continue to support the development of our young people as it has done for so many years

Again, my thanks to all those who support Scouting in Middlesbrough, whether Leaders, Helpers or Parents, who give young people such a wonderful foundation for life.

God Bless you all.

Frank Holliday  
District President

## **District Chair report**

I took over the role of Chair in December when Geoff Cox was asked to be the Acting County Chair. I would like to thank Geoff, on behalf of the whole district, for all that he has done for Middlesbrough Scouts. I am also very grateful for the advice and guidance he has offered since my appointment.

Scouting in Middlesbrough only happens because of the dedication of our volunteers, many of whom give a huge amount of time to ensure our young people can develop skills for life. Whatever your role, I would like to thank you for all you do.

Paul Belmont  
Acting District Chair

## **District Commissioner report**

2019 was another good year for young people within the Middlesbrough District, with many camps, trips and fun days there was definitely something for everyone.

At this point it seems fitting to mention that in 2019 we sadly lost a number of long-standing members. All who have provided Middlesbrough with a lot of time and dedication.

This year has seen the District grow and a Beaver section reopen at 1<sup>st</sup> Nunthorpe, I hope that as a District we continue to grow in 2020.

Once again St George's day saw a growth in young people attending. I would like to thank Chris Greenwood for all the hard work he puts in for this event. I would also like to thank you all for attending this popular event and hope to see another amazing event in 2020.

I would also like to thank Mitch for all the work and time he has put in to find the District a new minibus. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in getting the funds for a new minibus. I would like to remind people that the minibus and trailer are available to hire.

In the early part of the Summer holidays, we joined other groups and districts with the first county camp for a long time. Despite some weather issues all the leaders and young people that attended has a very good and wet week.

2019 saw an increase in top awards, hopefully in 2020 we will see the number increase again. Thank you to everyone who has made this happen, no how big or small your input has been, it all helps.

The end of 2019 has seen the return of the Gang Show with amazing cast numbers. We all look forward to seeing the end result in 2020. As they would say in the theatre world "break a leg".

I would like to conclude my report by saying a thank you to each and every one of you for the support that you have given to the District or the groups. The time and dedication you have given to scouting within Middlesbrough is phenomenal. Without you we would not be able to keep scouting within Middlesbrough.

Once again Thank you.

Peter Chaney  
District Commissioner



## Beaver Section report

Middlesbrough Beavers have had an exciting year. Beavers took part in many activities within their own groups both in and out of the meeting place and also took part in both county and district events. June 2018 saw the first Beaver Damboree take place at Raven Gill, many Beavers from across the county descended upon "The Gill" for 24 hours of fun. The Beavers slept under canvas (many for the first time!) and took part in a great range of activities. Later in the year we held a "Witches and Wizards" fun day, this was reasonably well

attended and again the Beavers enjoyed a range of activities put on by the leaders from slime making to games, and spider webs to biscuit decorating. We look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Kathryn Hole  
Assistant District Commissioner  
Beavers

## **Cub Section report**

There are two big positives from the last 12 months which are

- The imminent return of Cub Scouting to 1<sup>st</sup> Nunthorpe Group
- 400% increase in the number of Chief Scout Silver Awards being presented

Hopefully the former will mean our cub numbers in the District will continue to grow and we can therefore increase the number of top awards being made.

The high-quality activities on offer from Cleveland County during the last 12 months has meant that District Cub only activities have been restricted to 2 events – District day out to Beamish for the Winter wonderland and ‘Cubs do the Cube’. The Beamish event enabled many young members to attain their Local Knowledge badge and ‘The Cube’ event focussed on team working, team building and problem solving activities on the various challenge awards. Linking all of the above with other district events available to all sections is,

I’m sure, one of the key reasons we have seen the increase in top awards. None of that however could have been achieved without the dedication of the Cub Leaders in the district working together to provide fantastic Cub Scouting.

The leader’s meetings held in alternate months have been well attended by all groups which means that essential information from the District, County and HQ has been circulated early, discussed and fed back through the appropriate channels. There has been a good exchange of ideas and best practice at the meetings as well as the social get together.

Thanks must go to the Scout Active Support who helped deliver the activities at ‘Cubs do the Cube’, if you would like their team to provide badge testers or to support a group event please contact Sue Corbin.

Here’s to another year of great Cub Scouting in Middlesbrough .

Joanne Carr  
Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts

## **Scout Section report**

The plan for the Scout Section during the 2020-2021 period was built around increasing inter group communication and encouraging groups to support each other and participate in activities together. To start, I was planning to visit each of the groups within the district at least once, unfortunately before we had to stop face to face meetings, I only had the opportunity to visit the 26th. I plan to sit in on virtual meetings for the various groups within the district once

things are more settled and use those opportunities to share ideas for activities with the different groups.

I also planned to encourage groups to gain more Chief Scout Gold Awards within the Scout section and to help facilitate this we had plans in place to support sections by providing activities that would allow their Scouts to earn awards that some groups may struggle to run by themselves. This is now more difficult now due to the quarantine but we plan on looking at what badges are possible over virtual meetings and once we are able to do face to face activities again, we will be able to expand this to help people complete awards that aren't possible during the current period.

Sam Peirson  
Assistant District Commissioner  
Scouts.



## Explorer Scout report

The Explorer Section is my favourite section to be involved with which makes me even happier to take on the role of District Explorer Scout Commissioner. I've worked closely with Nexus and Hydra and hope to

work closer with Titan and 1<sup>st</sup> Nunthorpe in the future. I have a lot planned for Explorers in the District and hope to make the section more popular and successful than ever before.

My first order of business is to improve the partnerships of Units with their respective Groups. This involves updating partnership agreements and making the movement of members from Scout Troops to Explorer Units and easier transition.

I also have a few different events planned this year of which I'm hoping to run annually. The first event is a District Monopoly Run in Middlesbrough which was trialled by Nexus in February. This was planned for May but has had to be postponed due to the current situation. I also had planned a District trip to take part in Gilwell 24, however this will not be going ahead and I will be looking to run a different District Explorer event later in the year.

Top awards are important so I will be running (with the support of ESLs) at least one District Expedition a year to help members with earning awards such as Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout Awards. The start of the year has been hugely successful with members from all 4 Units gaining top awards, more than previous years.

If anybody would like more information about the Explorer Section, they can

email me –  
[explorers@middlesbroughscouts.org.uk](mailto:explorers@middlesbroughscouts.org.uk)

Sam Mitchell  
District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

## Middlesbrough SASU report

2019 has been a very successful year for the Middlesbrough SASU as we have more than doubled our numbers. Hopefully there will also be an increase again for 2020 as we have already had interest from people who would like to join us.

Over 2019 we have not only had our monthly meeting but have given help at district events as well as with some of the groups in the district. A suggestion at one of our meetings at the beginning of 2019 was to arrange a “Strollers” morning. The idea being that the SASU met at a designated place for a walk ending up in a café for coffee and scones. This has been very successful and in 2019 we had a walk every month. I would like to thank Eileen and Margaret for the organisation and look forward to 2020 monthly “strolls”.

During 2019 the SASU have not just stayed in the HQ but have been out and about we even had a visit to Middlesbrough Fire Station and of course we started the year with our annual Christmas meal.

The SASU has a wealth of experience and they are always there to help and support the District in activities and events that take place. If you would like help in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch as we have wealth of experience within the group.

On behalf of the District I would like to thank all the SASU member for the support that they have given the district and myself over the last twelve months. If you would like come along and join us we meet the third Wednesday of the month, 19.00 for a 19.30 start at Middlesbrough HQ.

Susan Corbin  
Scout Active Support Unit Manager.



## Middlesbrough Gang Show SASU report

The Gang Show SAS was formed at the start of rehearsals in December 2019. It was formed for two main reasons. Firstly, to enable the District to maintain a base for those involved in the show which will make it easier for the administration

of DBS applications and communication requirements.

Secondly, in the past once a show has finished a lot of the adults didn't see each other or keep in touch until the next show started. Therefore, with the SAS in place we will be able to hold social get togethers and communicate with each other.

We have 42 members at present and things were starting to show signs of a working relationship. Unfortunately, due to the sudden cessation of activities we are on hold until rehearsals can start again. If the present situation continues for longer than expected then we will be looking towards activities via social media etc.

Jane Rose  
Gang Show SAS Manager.

## **Middlesbrough District Head Quarters Report**

Firstly, I'd like to start my report by thanking Peter Hewling for the truly amazing job that he has done since Middlesbrough District acquired the building over 25 years ago, if I manage half the things Peter and his team have done in their time the buildings will only continue to improve.

Since taking on the role note a great deal has happened within the building due to the on-going pandemic that is sweeping the globe, fortunately scouting has not ground to a halt and continues to thrive in many online ways.

Since Peters last report of 2019 we have secured a new Mini bus and a massive "well done" goes to Mitch for his incredible fund-raising efforts that managed to raise enough to buy the bus outright!

The Canopy above the front doors has been repaired and is looking great and is just waiting for the new branding to be applied once it arrives.

The padlock on the main gate has been changed to a combination and going forward all padlocks on the outside will be changed to this type when they come to the end of their serviceable life. This will save the vast cost of getting keys cut for every user of the building.

In the coming months the Fire Door furniture is to be replaced to bring it in line with current regulations and also to make the building a lot more secure.

Bookings before the building was forced to close to stop the spread of Covid19 were doing well all the long-term booking continue, let's hope they all return once we are allowed to. Gang Show was in the later stages of rehearsals with the show just weeks away, hopefully all the cast can remember the words and dances for show in October all been well.

Finally I'd like to say a personal thank you to all the cleaning team on the tremendous job that they do keeping the building clean and doing all the necessary jobs that a building of this size requires to keep it looking as good as it does and how everyone comes to expect. B.R.A.V.O

James Bowen  
Estates Manager

## Scout Shop report

The Scout Shop had an overall trading surplus of £838.49 for the year. However, after a donation of £1,000 towards the purchase of the new District Minibus the final accounts show a deficit of £161.51.

The Royal British Legion have received a donation of £23.60 from the sale of 'Poppy' related items and they would like to pass on their appreciation to everyone involved. This donation will appear in the 2020 accounts.

The above financial figures would not be possible if members of the District and surrounds did not support the Scout Shop, so a very heartfelt thank you for your valuable custom and please spread the word that when people spend their money with us it benefits everyone.

The Scout Shop email – [mboroscoutshop@gmail.com](mailto:mboroscoutshop@gmail.com).

Finally, thank you to everyone that comes and helps on Monday evenings.

Alan Skaife  
Scout Shop Manger



# Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2019

## Reference and administration details

Charity name: Middlesbrough District Scout Council

Charity no: 1014923

Scout Association registration no: 15606

Contact details: Middlesbrough District Scout Council  
District Headquarters  
Tollesby Road  
Middlesbrough  
TS5 7PJ

## Charity trustees

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates served if not whole year
Paul Belmont	Acting Chair (from 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019).	From 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Joanne Carr		
Peter Chaney	District Commissioner	
Geoff Cox	Chair (to 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019).	
Susan Corbin		
Sheila Dawson	Treasurer	
Judith Hewling		
Peter Hewling		
Derek Lewis		
Janet Merrick	Secretary	
Lesley Micklewright		
Steve Micklewright		
Matthew Mitchell		
Sam Mitchell		
Alan Skaife		
June Wheeler	Vice Chair (to 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019).	

Bankers:	Yorkshire Bank PLC, 7 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough. TS1 1RF
Investment account	The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, London, E4 7QW
Independent Examiner	Paul Steeples 5 Hollies Drive, Edwalton, Nottingham. NG12 4BZ

## Structure and Governance

Type of governing document:

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted:

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods:

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

## Objectives and Activities

Charity objectives:

Our governing document states that our aims are "The instruction of young people of all classes in the principles of discipline, loyalty and good citizenship"

The values of Scouting:

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

**Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

**Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.

**Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

**Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

**Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The scout method:

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Middlesbrough District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Middlesbrough District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019..

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Middlesbrough District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Middlesbrough District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Middlesbrough District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: **Paul Steeples**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): **FCA**

Address: **5 Hollies Drive, Edwalton, Nottingham NG12 4BZ**

Date: **1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

# Middlesbrough District Scout Council (Consolidated)

( Charity reg. no. 1014923 )

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2019	To	31/12/2019
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### Receipts and payments

	2019 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	14,642	0	14,642	14,070
Add Membership subscriptions refunded from County	(47)	0	(47)	201
Less: Membership subscriptions refunded to Groups	0	0	0	(201)
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to County	(12,668)	0	(12,668)	(12,712)
Net membership subscriptions retained	1,927	0	1,927	1,358
Bus Donations				
Gang show donations	9,318	0	9,318	1,490
Donations for use of premises	120	0	120	1,873
Other donations	11,609	0	11,609	11,735
	205	0	205	8,489
Donations towards Pie & Pea	0	0	0	0
	85	0	85	70
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,264</b>	<b>25,015</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Training course grants				
	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Gang show income				
Scout Shop sales	0	0	0	18,800
St George's Day collection	6,234	0	6,234	6,706
Carol Service collection	230	0	230	207
Activities & socials	200	0	200	0
	925	0	925	1,007
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,589</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,589</b>	<b>26,720</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest				
Charity Deposit account	0	0	0	0
	105	0	105	103
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>30,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,958</b>	<b>51,838</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,958</b>	<b>51,838</b>

# Middlesbrough District Scout Council (Consolidated)

( Charity reg. no. 1014923 )

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year started

Year ended

For the year from	01/01/2019	To	31/12/2019
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### Receipts and payments

	2019 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
<b>Headquarters:</b>				
Running expenses	8,284	0	8,284	8,575
Repairs & equipment	2,176	0	2,176	6,880
Insurance	3,393	0	3,393	3,295
	13,853	0	13,853	18,750
Youth programme and activities	0	0	0	0
Adult support and training	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Stationery and postage	111	0	111	92
Donations/presentations	519	0	519	100
Badges	0	0	0	0
AGM and Trustee expenses	0	0	0	0
Bus expenditure	2,049	0	2,049	1,347
Pie & Pea expenditure	355	0	355	365
	12,995	0	12,995	0
Sundries	0	0	0	9
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,882</b>	<b>20,663</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>				
St George's Day collection	230	0	230	207
St George's Day expenses	115	0	115	0
Carol Service collection	200	0	200	0
Activities & socials	488	0	488	842
Purchases for stock	5,293	0	5,293	5,314
Gang show costs	2,049	0	2,049	17,100
Other fundraising costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,375</b>	<b>23,463</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>38,257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,257</b>	<b>44,126</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>38,257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,257</b>	<b>44,126</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(7,299)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(7,299)</b>	<b>7,712</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>53,072</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>53,572</b>	<b>45,860</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>45,773</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>46,273</b>	<b>53,572</b>

Minibus purchase

## Middlesbrough District Scout Council (Consolidated)

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### Statement of Assets & Liabilities

#### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Dec-19 Unrestricted funds £	31-Dec-19 Restricted funds £	31-Dec-19 Total funds £	31-Dec-18 Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank current account	28,679	0	28,679	35,867
Charity Deposit account	17,761	0	17,761	17,656
Cash/Floats	66	0	66	49
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>46,506</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46,506</b>	<b>53,572</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Scout shop debtors	350	0	350	388
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>388</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Premises	200,000	0	200,000	200,000
Equipment	9,000	500	9,500	9,500
Scout shop stock	7,155	0	7,155	7,202
Gang show costumes, props etc	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Fixtures & Fittings	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Bus	12,995	0	12,995	500
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>233,150</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>233,650</b>	<b>221,202</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Contingent liabilities and future obligations - None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11 March 2020 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

S.A. Dawson

Print Name
P.A. BELMONT Chair
S.A. DAWSON Treasurer



## **Minutes of the Middlesbrough District Scout Council Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.30pm at district Headquarters Tollesby Road Middlesbrough**

**Attended:** Peter Chaney, Sam Mitchell, David Clark, Geoff Cox, Frank Holliday, Joyce Holliday, Simon Hole, Matthew Mitchell, S Corbin, D Corbin, Chris Greenwood, Alan Skaife, Lesley Micklewright, Steve Micklewright, June Wheeler, M Burt, E Stanforth, Sheila Dawson, Janet Merrick, Yvonne Woodgate.

### **1. Welcome by the Chairman**

Geoff Cox Welcomed everyone present to the AGM of Middlesbrough District, 2019.

### **2. Opening Prayer**

The AGM was opened by a short prayer.

### **3. Chairman invites the president to address the meeting**

Frank Holiday welcomed all to the meeting. He remarked on changes he had seen, 60 years over 200 had attended the AGM but today it was nearer 20. He was pleased to announce that the fund raising for a new mini bus was almost complete and hoped we would soon have a new one. District events had been well supported, including the Carol Service and St Georges Day, by both young people and all in scouting. The ever increasing problem of appointing a DC was hopefully solved, and Frank wished Peter Chaney every success in his new position.

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[@middlesbroughscouts](https://www.instagram.com/middlesbroughscouts)

There had been lots of new house building in Middlesbrough recently and Frank hoped that the district would be able to accommodate an influx of numbers.

Frank also asked us to remember those who have left us over the past year.

#### **4. Apologies for absence**

Helen Rose, Full Group 15th M/bro, Bob and Gill Hodgson, Ian and Val Railton, Anne Cox, Dennis Ford, Bruce Merrick, Steve Allen, Joanne Carr, Davis Wheeler, Judith Hewling, Peter Hewling, Dick Scott.

#### **5. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 AGM**

Proposed by June Wheeler Seconded by David Clarke.

The minutes had been circulated and were approved by those present.

At this stage, Geoff Cox, Chair, reminded us why we needed an AGM. As part of the Charities Commission legislation we have to present a report including a financial report. He thanked all leaders, we are a thriving community. HQ is very busy and those who maintain the bookings and building do a really good job.

He thanked Rebecca Hole and Helen Rose for the work they had carried out leading the District, saying with " passion and dignity they did it".

He also added that over the past year we had lost stalwarts who would be missed, and our thoughts are with this families at this time.

#### **6. Accounts**

The accounts for year ending 31st December 2018 had been presented to the District Executive and approved by them. They were distributed to those at the meeting and there were no questions received about them. Geoff thanked Sheila Dawson for the work she does throughout the year.

Proposed by Matthew Mitchell Seconded by Steve Micklewright.

#### **7. Confirmation of Ex Officio members**

Peter Chaney DC confirmed the following:

Appointment of Geoff Cox as Chair and June Wheeler as Vice Chair.

Confirmation of DC's nomination of:

Scout Network Leader Geoff thanked mark McGurk for his work and support in the past DESC This post will be filled when applicable

District Youth Commissioner Sam Mitchell

Appointments Advisory Committee Geoff thanked Gill Hodgson for all her work with this committee and advised those present that Susan Corbin would be taking over this role.

#### **8. Appointment of District Secretary**

Janet Merrick was appointed as District Secretary.

Proposed by Sue Corbin Seconded by Lesley Micklewright.

#### **9. Appointment of District Treasurer**

Shelia Dawson was appointed as District Treasurer.

Proposed by Doug Corbin Seconded by Alan Skaife

#### **10. Confirmation of DC's nomination of District Executive Committee**

Geoff was able to inform the meeting that there had been good attendance of the executive committee of the past year. He reminded those present that the Executive does not RUN the district, but supports the district to enable them to carry on scouting.

A pool of people would be available to call on when required to sit on the Appointment Advisory Committee.

SAS Sue Corbin District

QM Derek Lewis

District Advisor Steve Micklewright

HQ Manager Peter Hewling

#### **11. Election of Members of the District Scout Council to the District Executive Committee**

Nominations District Team Vacant

District Scouter Judith Hewling

Beavers Katherine Hole Cubs Joanne Carr Scouts Kieran Hubbard

The above were approved on block.

Proposed by Sam Mitchell Seconded by Eileen Stanforth.

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## **12. Approval of co-opted members of District Executive Committee**

The following were co-opted as members of District Executive Committee

Minute Secretary    Lesley Micklewright    Scout Shop    Alan Skaife  
Finance Manager    Simon Hole                      Gang Show Rep    Matthew Mitchell

No Raven Gill Representative was co-opted as County is reviewing the Management of Raven Gill so are not requesting representatives at the present time. Geoff reminded us that the site has been well served by Matthew Mitchell and Doug Corbin, thanks to both of them.

## **13. Approval of Membership of HQ's Management Committee**

Manager    Peter Hewling                      Bookings    Sue Corbin  
Treasurer    Sheila Dawson                      Scout Shop Manager    Alan Scaife  
Secretary    Eileen Stanforth  
Judith Hewling, Derek Lewis, Steve Micklewright, Matthew Mitchell, Lesley Micklewright

## **14. Confirmation of Representative to the County Scout Executive Committee.**

Geoff Cox has agreed to continue in this post.

## **15. Confirmation of Group Scouter Representative to the County Scout Council.**

Ian Moore has agreed to continue in this post.

## **16. Appointment of Auditor**

Paul Steeples has agreed to continue in the post of Auditor.

## **17. District Commissioner**

DC Peter Chaney advised the meeting that he was pleased to inform them that the Explorer section within the District had grown over the past 12 months.

He thanked Chris Greenwood for organising the St Georges Day Parade. He also thanked all members of the District for their hard work and support since his appointment as DC.

## **18. County Commissioner**

David Clark addressed the meeting.

He agreed that good stuff was happening in Middlesbrough, and it was now for Peter Chaney to make that work, he wished Peter good luck for that.

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Although numbers in Middlesbrough had fallen, that was not a problem as there is a national push from HQ for growth, as we now need growth and sustainability. David was pleased at the increase in the number of top awards achieved across the district.

He also thanked all leaders who were able to support County Events, as the district did well in this area.

He thanked Rebecca and Helen for their team DC approach, as he well knows that the role of DC is demanding and intense.

On the whole, he stated, that Middlesbrough is doing well.

Thanks to one and all

#### **19. Confirm the next AGM**

The date of the next AGM is to be Wednesday 20th May 2020, this date will be confirmed when final arrangements have been made

Geoff thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed.

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