



The Malvern District Scout Council

Registered Charity Number: 1030019

Annual General Meeting

18th June 2025 at 2nd Malvern Headquarters at 7:30pm

Minutes

1. Introduction and welcome

The Chair, Derek Barnes, welcomed all members of the District Scout Council and their guests and thanked 2nd Malvern for the use of their facilities.

He thanked all who had pre-registered and reminded those who hadn't to book in and also to record any apologies.

He also pointed out that:

- All the documents for this evening's AGM are on the District Website and had be for some time.
- The format of this year's AGM will be the same as last year.
- 2024/25 was a very challenging year for Scouting and especially for all our adult volunteers with the various aspects of Transformation. He thanked all Leaders for keeping going with great programmes for our young people.

2. Apologies

There were 10 apologies and 28 in attendance as per the attached sheet.

3. Governance topics

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th June 2024 at 2nd Malvern Scout Headquarters

The Minutes of the 2024 District AGM held on 12th June 2024 had been reviewed by the District Trustee Board at their meeting on 2nd July 2024 and approval was sought from the District Scout Council by the meeting.

Proposed by Peter Reeve, seconded by Sue Page. Agreed by a show of hands.

b. To re-adopt the constitution for the District from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

The constitution for the District as per the resolution was unanimously re-adopted by a show of hands.

c. To note that the District's Financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March

d. To agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

The Trustee Board recommend that the District have up to 12 Trustees (including up to 2 ex-officio and allowing for up to 2 to be co-opted in year). As per the attached resolution, it was agreed that up to 8 people are appointed as Trustees.

Proposed by Adrian Ward and seconded by Peter Reeve. Agreed by a show of hands.

e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

The Quorum for future District Scout Council meetings as per the attached resolution was agreed at 15 in number.

Proposed by Robert Scholefield and seconded by Sue Page. Agreed by a show of hands.

4. Review of the previous year

a. Ben Johnstone, the District Lead Volunteer was asked to give his review of Scouts in The Malverns and was thanked for this and those present were directed towards the Annual Review of Scouts which will be available on the website following the meeting.

b. Receive and consider the Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees Annual Report had been approved and signed off by the Trustees at their meeting on the 21st May 2025. Questions were invited on the Trustees Annual Report and there were none.

The Chair thanked all those involved in preparing it.

c. Receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts

The Annual Accounts have been prepared and then independently examined by Keith Parks and were approved and signed off by the Trustees at their meeting on the 21st May 2025.

In answer to comments on the Annual Accounts, the Treasurer, Dave Cashmore explained, that camp fees were considerably higher in the year due to outstanding receipts from the previous year and also higher deposits being requested. Also, a great deal of expenditure had taken place at Warren Oak as well as several health and safety surveys. Receipts and payments for activities had also increased due to more activities being undertaken by the Groups and Explorers.

Chris Roberts commented regarding the amount of funds held in current accounts and whether it would be possible to get interest on some of it. Dave Cashmore explained that we do get interest on the Warren Oak CAF bank account, but that due to the continuing problems with other banks, e.g. Coop bank, it wasn't currently practical to invest in long term investment accounts. Once the other bank problems are resolved, the Trustees will explore potential investment accounts.

The Chair thanked all those involved in preparing the accounts and scrutinising them.

5. Making appointments

The existing District Trustee Board have endeavoured to follow an effective Open Selection Process and have advertised for Trustees for both the District and Groups, with only limited success.

Under the new arrangements, Trustees can be appointed for 1, 2 or 3 years to give some overlap and continuity.

The Trustees reviewed all proposed Trustees (including Chair and Treasurer) at their meeting on 21st May 2025 and produced recommendations for the District Scout Council, details of which can be found in the paper circulated 'Trustee Selection 2025'.

Since then, there has been an expression of interest from Mark Stancer and the current Trustees would like to include him in their recommendations.

This approach was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

a. Appointment of the District Chair.

The District Lead Volunteer, Ben Johnstone, recommended to the District Scout Council that Derek Barnes be re-appointed as District Chair for 2 years.

This was approved by a show of hands.

b. Appointment of The District Treasurer.

The Chair recommended to the District Scout Council that Dave Cashmore be reappointed as District Treasurer for 3 years.

This was approved by a show of hands.

c. Appointment of Members of the District Trustee Board.

The Chair recommended to the District Scout Council that the following be appointed as members of the District Trustee Board:

Allan Page for 2 years
Sue Page for 1 year
Adrian Ward for 2 years
Mark Stancer for 1 year

All the above were approved by a show of hands.

Sue Revell will continue to provide administrative support to the Trustee Board as part of the District Support Team.

The Chair thanked all the Trustees for their work during the year and, in particular, those members who are standing down – particularly Maureen Heath who had been joint District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner Beavers.

d. Appoint the Scrutineer for the 2025/26 Annual Accounts

The Treasurer recommended the re-appointment of Keith Parks as the Scrutineer for the 2025/26 Annual Accounts.

Proposed by Allan Page and seconded by June Etheridge. Agreed by a show of hands.

e. Nominate a representative of the District Scout Council

In addition to the District Lead Volunteer, District Youth Lead, District Chair and District Treasurer, who are ex-officio members. the District also needs a member to represent the District on the Hereford and Worcester County Scout Council. No one has come forward as yet.

Ben Johnstone felt David Barnes would be a likely candidate and would speak to him. This was agreed by the meeting.

Ben Johnstone also introduced Peter Allen to the room, as he had now taken on the role of District Youth Lead.

6. Closing remarks

The Chair invited any questions regarding the meeting. There were none.

There followed a presentation of Service Awards by the District Lead Volunteers.

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

There was then a presentation by Andy Page on the District's Warren Oak campsite and the work that had been carried out there recently.



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Attendees

Mark Stancer	Christopher Roberts
Peter Allen	Dave Cashmore
Freda Ballard	Derek Barnes
Paul Boniface	Mark Hawkins
Matthew Cooper	Jean Allen
Joe Charnot	Sue Revell
Ben Johnstone	Adrian Ward
Allan Page	June Etheridge
Phil Moran	Liz Ashcroft
Katlyn Clifford	Sue Page
Robert Scholefield	Rosie Gale
Peter Reeve	Lindsay Russell
Andy Page	Elizabeth Lawrence-Fielden
Andy Meakin	Christopher Steventon

Apologies

Nigel Crisp	Dick Brocklehurst
Kate Winney	Nicholas Giess
Jenni Rastall	Deborah Harrison
John Roe	John Webster
David Barnes	James Burton



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Resolutions

To re-adopt the constitution for the District

The Malverns District Scout Council resolve to adopt the standard District Constitution found in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) with immediate effect. This resolution takes precedence over any previous constitution.

To agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

The number of appointed members shall be up to and including eight (8) persons.

To agree quorum for future Meetings of the District Scout Council

The quorum for future meetings of The Malverns District Scout Council shall be 15 members of The Malverns District Scout Council which must include either the District Chair or the District Lead Volunteer.