

# 1ST BURNTWOOD SCOUT GROUP

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 24th. June 2021 at 7p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome to Zoom by GSL
2. Welcome by Chairman
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting approved
- 5 Scouts, Beavers & Cubs present their year of Scouting in virtual form
- 6 Chairman's Report
- 7 Treasurers Report
- 8 GSL's Report/Section Reports
- 9 Appointment of Officers
- 10 Any Other Business

Present:

Richard Williams, Emma Busby, Jack Boardman (DDC Support, Lichfield District Scouts) Lorraine Burns, Alan Burns, Sam Smith, Tracy Beer, Phil Pipe, Ryan Ellard, Kevin Wicks, Julie Nicholas, Gill Perkins.

Apologies:

Richard Busby, Chris Quick, Chris Harris, Steve Cooper, Adrian Robinson Chair of Lichfield District Scouts, Richard Butcher DC., Ralph Barnard, General Duties, Lichfield District Scouts and Glenys Smallwood.

### Chairmans Welcome

Good evening and a warm welcome to our Annual General Meeting of 2021. We meet again 'virtually' having met last year in this manner, thinking it a novelty, and that it would all be over by now, not knowing that this awful disease would affect us for so long.

However, we are resilient and will present our Financial Accounts, our Reports for the stalwart activities of our young people and will vote our 2021 Executive Committee in.

We will endeavour to record who is attending as we go along.

### Minutes of the AGM of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Lorraine asked if all present had read these minutes and were able to approve them. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Proposed by Julie Nicholas and seconded by Emma Busby.

### Chairmans Report 2021

We didn't let a teeny weeny little bug stop our plans did we? I say again that I am proud to be part of the team that made it possible for about one hundred young people to continue the activities that are traditionally associated with Scouting, along with others that we didn't know we would be attempting virtually. Scouting doesn't just 'happen' and our Leader team has surpassed themselves with keeping the interest of the young people online. Although, I bet there were parents who wished their little treasures would wash up after making a 'cake in a mug' with online help, but what fun.

HQ might have been mothballed but improvements on the Den continued. Wait until you see our new classroom in the extended Den with a section of the Quartermasters Store converted. We were so pleased to get the container placed in the car park two days after we went into the first lockdown, enabling the additional storage space that is needed. Thank you to the Leaders who worked on the change and on sourcing the correct Audio Visual equipment. It is very twenty first century for teaching technical skills that Lord Baden Powell would never have dreamt about.

Thank you to the Executive Committee for their sterling support and please, if you are not already involved, speak to your Leader if you feel you could spare a little time to help 1st. Burntwood Scout Group stay great. It need only take an hour a week (famous phrase).

Sadly, for Sylvia Ingram, our Treasurer for 40 years and for me as Chairman, it is our last A.G.M. Time has caught up on us but we have had some fantastic times supporting Burntwood and will continue to do so. We both wish the incoming Treasurer and Chairman the same pleasure we have had helping to provide our Young People with Scouting in Burntwood. Stay safe.

Treasurer's Report:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Burntwood Scouts Group  
 Receipts and Payments Summary  
 Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Capitation	1,002.65	3,662.90
Housekeeping	4,398.20	4,153.70
Group Camp	0.00	0.00
Donations – Grants	700.00	15,750.57
Fund Raising	27.50	40.58
Hire of HQ	1,025.00	570.00
Gift Aid – 3/4/20	2,370.00	1,992.73
Gift Aid – 25/03/21	2,892.31	0.00
EDF Refund	134.98	82.06
Beer Festival	0.00	2,124.90
L.D.Scouts Refund	0.00	393.51
Salvation Army	0.00	180.00
Sale-Poppy Badges	0.00	98.00
Grant – Covid 19	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	£22,550.64	32,100.71

Note:

Credit note – L.D.Council Rates - £3993-.36

1<sup>st</sup> Burntwood Scouts Group - Approval of Accounts

Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 - Receipts and Payments Summary for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	2021	2020
Capitation	5,102.10	5,331.50
Rates	399.36	393.12
Lease	250.00	250.00
Water Rates	279.71	384.07
Electricity	504.00	504.00
Gas	559.21	519.05
Uniform Badges	157.67	991.17
Misc/Carol Concert/Poppy Appeal	25.00	287.80
Maintenance/Cleaning/Gardening/Electrical	829.89	1,990.42
Equipment/Broadband	578.65	551.32
Insurance	837.50	658.83
First Aid	0.00	210.00
Uniform Sections	0.00	608.66
Salvation Army	0.00	200.00
Beaver Space Trip/Coach	0.00	308.00
Fund Raising	0.00	675.78
Group Camp	0.00	3,280.88
Stationery	0.00	122.50
Camera/Sound Equipment/Radio/Microphones/Screen/Projector	0.00	0.00
New Container Base	0.00	5,357.00
HQ Safety Check/Plans	0.00	434.00
Lease – Administration	500.00	0.00
Cov 19 Items	349.02	0.00
Refurbishment of HQ	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>£10,672.11</u>	<u>£23,058.10</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Monetary Assets	2021	2020
Cash at Bank	£30,058.27	£18,179.74
Cash in Hand	20.00	20.00

There is no doubt it's been a tough year on so many levels. However, scouting has become more important than ever and not just for the young people. It has been vital to providing support to young people and volunteers throughout this strange time. Many new skills have been learned but the key learning for me is that scouting in the community is key to building for the future and supporting the here and now. So whilst it has been difficult we have continued in various ways. Zoom, badges online, social distancing, masks, covid risk assessments have all become part of what we do. We have adapted and got on with it. The leader team has done an amazing job in keeping an engaging and interesting programme going even when it was difficult. We have even managed to recruit new leaders. The support from families has been great with parents and siblings getting involved in zoom activities from their own home. The feedback has been amazing with many parents and carers saying how vital scouting has been for their young people during this time. Whilst our numbers dropped as we reached January this year we are now up to full strength with approx. 120 young people and more enquiries arriving regularly. Our leader teams have been going from strength to strength too. All sections have welcomed a number of new leaders this year which is great to see as well as long serving leaders continuing to drive the group forward. I am delighted to say that all sections now have section leaders and assistant leaders and further support from section assistants and parent helpers. However, if you want to join the team we would welcome you. #GoodForYou We have lots of strengths across the group and great programs are delivered for and by the young people. All sections regularly participate in youth shaped planning sessions to define what they want in the programme from Beavers through to Scouts. A key feature of Burntwood is the strength of our young leaders and the support they provide. This year we have done lots of community work despite lock down including litter picking, carols at local care home and blankets for YMCA. We also have got beavers into canoes for our first time! There are two main groups I would like to pass on my thanks to for making the young people's time with us so fantastic. One group is the exec team who work really hard on a range of things including funding raising, administration and building maintenance but essentially making sure that everything is in place to ensure the leaders can deliver the programs that the young people want. Although you are behind the scenes your contribution is felt by all every time we use the HQ so thanks to all of you. The new classroom is fab and we can't wait to use it. The second is of course the leader team which continues to grow and amaze me every day, you are all truly inspirational and the effort, time and energy you all put in is wonderful. The creative programmes you run continue to be exciting and challenging for the young people allowing them to grow and gain new skills for life through their experiences. You really are having an impact on the youth of today and your contribution is enriching the lives of everyone in the Group and beyond, both now and for the future especially in this challenging of times. Keep up the great work and thanks.

Rich Williams

GSL 1st Burntwood

#### Section Leaders Reports

##### Gemini Colony - Ryan Ellard - Osprey

It has been a crazy year but we keep beavering on! We have had a number of zoom meetings which were attended by about 70% of the section. New skills were learnt and lots of online quizzes, campfire, bake off and scavenger hunts. Once we were able to meet in limited numbers outside Gentleness Common and Beau desert have been great. There is a cost involved in using Beau and thanks very much to the Group for help towards funds. We have retained most Beavers and have gained a few new ones. Huge thanks to the team, Kev and Linda & Co and also thanks for the parental help and positive feedback. One parent commented "thanks for keeping this going, it's the only time my daughter sees anyone her own age".

##### Appollo Colony - Steve Cooper - Raven

It has been a tough year but we carried on. We awarded 6 Bronze, 37 Challenge and 138 Activity badges. Lots of Beavers moved on to Cubs but returned in April with 13 new starters. We carried out a number of activities including Archery, Tomahawks, Pedal Karts and Canoeing (first time) We engaged a Squadron Leader in the RAF, a Doctor in the field of Emergency Medicine, to give a talk to the lads. Many thanks for the team for sticking with it and thanks to parent support and that of Gemini.

##### Gagarin Cub Pack - Chris Quick - Akela

It has been a challenge to keep the zoom meeting going, sometimes with only 1 cub attending but we are up to 18 now that we are able to meet face to face. We organised various activities including cake in a mug, pizza in a mug, book reader and healthy lifestyle. We also did scavenger hunts, a Diwali night and candle holders. We also did some climbing and archery: some cubs had never been to Beau! We awarded some Silver Awards but not as many as previous years. We also did artist badge, road safety badge and scientist badge. We also made Father's Cards. Many thanks to Charlotte, Chris and the young leaders for all their support and hard work.

Armstrong Cub Pack - Julie Nicholas - Little Akela Most of our meetings were by zoom and covered mental health, ironing, cakes, pancakes, hot drinks and peeling veg. Using recyclables we made a model town and other craft activities. We carried out virtual investitures which went well. We also did quizzes, a Christmas video which everyone liked and carol singing, suitably distanced, at a Care Home which the residents loved. Once we were able to meet face to face we enjoyed time at Beau doing rifle shooting, zip wires and hikes. Also problem solving. We awarded a

number of badges, learnt new skills, gained a sense of achievement and had fun! Many thanks to the Armstrong team for their help and support.

#### Mercury Scouts - Emma Busby - Skip

Section numbers have remained strong in face of the challenging year. We have continued to work hard to get Gold Awards and have probably have about 8 so far. We have organised quizzes, cooking, creative nights, navigating and had fun! We engaged in charity work, making blankets from crisp packets for the YCMA for the homeless. We were then shown a video from the Burton-on Trent YCMA receiving the blankets. When able to meet face to face we went abseiling, climbing, archery, fire lighting and cooking. We also worked on emergency first aid. I'm so proud of the leaders, they are amazing!

#### Jack Boardman - DDC Support, Lichfield District Scouts

What a nightmare the previous year has proved to be but it hasn't stopped us: A report in the Guardian newspaper said that the Scouts movement has been decimated but Burntwood 1<sup>st</sup> has bucked the trend, with our numbers up to almost the same as prior to lockdown. Thanks to the leaders of all sections for their excellent programmes. I'm gutted that Lorraine and Sylvia are stepping down from their positions as Chair and Treasurer respectively and heartfelt thanks for their hard work and dedication. Looking back I found that it was in 1987 that Sylvia was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service and in 2011 Lorraine was awarded the Silver Acorn, which is awarded after at least 20years of service, which should be specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding. Many thanks also to Alan for his long service and hard work.

Emma wanted to record her own thanks to Lorraine and Sylvia for their long service and support as well as welcoming the incoming Chair and Treasurer, Tracy and Phil.

Sam also wanted to thank Lorraine and Sylvia. He remembers both of them when he started his journey in Scouts, through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers before becoming a leader himself. He is a NHS worker, a key worker who has found it hard in the pandemic and found Scouts have helped him to cope with the pressures.

Lorraine, together with Sylvia, wanted to thank the Exec and the wider Scout movement for their support and thanks for their beautiful gifts. There was a photo on zoom with Sylvia holding her beautiful bouquet. They were both gifted 2 glass coasters etched with the Scouts emblem and 2 glasses with the same design as well as beautiful bouquet and cards

#### Election of Officers

A vote was taken for the election of Officers and approved unanimously

Chair	Tracy Beer
Secretary	Gill Perkins
Treasurer	Phil Pipe
Group Scout Leader	Richard Williams
Exec Members	
Scout Leader (Mercury)	Emma Busby
Cub Scout Leader (Gagarin)	Chris Quick
Cub Scout Leader (Armstrong)	Julie Nicholas
Beaver Scout Leader (Gemini)	Ryan Ellard
Explorer Scout Leader (Elder Unit)	Richard Busby
Elected Member	Chris Harris

#### Any Other Business:

As there was no other business Lorraine closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

