

Barton St David Scout Group. AGM – draft minutes
Barton St David Village Hall. 6.15pm – 6.45pm. 17 July 2018



1.	<p>Introduction and Welcome</p> <p>Jonathan welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting was partly a regulatory requirement of being a charitable group and partly an opportunity to reflect on the good (or less good) things that had happened over the past year. Knowing Barton Scouts it was about the good things!</p>
2.	<p>Present. Elizabeth Henderson (County Commissioner), Jonathan Beardsworth (Chair), Emma Lee (Treasurer), Vega Sturgess (GSL), Keith Sturgess, James Gordon (CSL), Trudie Gordon (ACSL), Peter Gordon (YL), Alex Fear, Natasha Fear, Julia Wren, Matt Shields, Sophie Shields (ABSL), Richard Burdett (SL), Ben Allen (ASL), Tom Ansell (SA), Amy Holgate, Kelly Fletcher, Rosy Bryant, Alison Major, Mary-Ann Wills, Bridget Rees (ASL), Samantha Payne, Vitoria-Rigia Jenvey, Liz Bradwell, Sue Cary, Claire Trainor, Alec Guthrie, Jane Gilroy, John Gilroy, Adrian Barnes, Birgit Barnes.</p>
3.	<p>Apologies: Jean Marshall, Jackie Hufton, Ian Hufton, Kathy Butt, Sarah Nicholls, Geoff Walker, Cat Barr, Jonathan Turk, Jenny Turk</p>
4.	<p>AGM 2017 Minutes (sent to all in advance) – matters arising and approval</p> <p>Proposed as an accurate record – Sophie Shields. Seconded – Ben Allen</p> <p>Jonathan asked whether there were any matters arising and Vega responded by saying that all actions within it were now completed.</p> <p>There was a question about signing up to gift aid and the meeting was told that this was done either by a form on each term’s subs notice or by a form on OSM.</p>
5.	<p>Executive Committee and Appointments</p>
	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Vega thanked Jonathan for his work as Chairman over the past year and asked him whether he would be nominated again – happily he agreed.</p> <p>Proposed by Vega and seconded by Keith Sturgess</p>
	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Jonathan said it was a sad day because Emma was resigning as Treasurer and she had done an amazing job with the finances for a good number of years as a highly trusted member of the team. Vega said she had loved working with Emma and was sorry to see her go but looked forward to seeing her as a Scout parent in the future! There was good news as Tom Ansell had agreed to become Treasurer. This nomination was proposed by Vega and seconded by Jonathan.</p>
	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Vega said that Maria had offered via email to stand for a further year – many thanks. This was proposed by Vega and seconded by Emma.</p>
	<p>Independent Examiner</p> <p>Jonathan gave formal thanks to John Townson for another year’s helpful examination of our accounts and Tom said that he would welcome his advice in the future. This was proposed by Emma and seconded by Tom</p> <p>Action- Vega to buy a gardening voucher and send to John as a small token of our appreciation.</p>

	<p>Executive Committee Members / Fundraising leads</p> <p>Jonathan asked if there were any people that wanted to run a fundraising event or to promote Easy Fundraising to achieve greater income to buy equipment for the Group. Unfortunately no one offered at the meeting but Liz Bradwell later offered to run a bag pack at Christmas. Anyone else was encouraged to contact Vega if they had any ideas.</p>
	<p>Village Hall Rep</p> <p>Jonathan asked if there was anyone who could represent the Group as a Trustee on Barton St David Hall Committee. No one came forward and Vega will inform the Hall Committee – and reiterate how grateful the Group is for the on-going support from it.</p>
6.	<p>Group Scout Leader’s Report – sent to all in advance for comments</p> <p>Vega said that in her report this year she was focusing on how the Group gives Skills for Life. She gave a very short resume of the year but drew particular attention to the lists of badges awarded in the past year for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts which was the best demonstration of all of the brilliant programme devised by the Leaders (who deserve huge thanks for yet another great year) and the commitment of the parents and children. Well done to all. She said that she was proud of being part of a very good group but said we were not complacent and asked all to contribute comments and suggestions to a suggestion board (see appendix to minutes).</p> <p>Jonathan formally thanked all the Leaders for providing such a brilliant year and also the parents for supporting their children as well.</p> <p>GDPR Update. Finally, Vega reminded everyone that since last year GDPR had come into being and the Group now had a policy, procedures and every parent had been sent a privacy notice. These now needed to be formally adopted. This was proposed by Ben and seconded by Richard.</p>
7.	<p>Adoption of Group Plan 2018 – 2023 (sent to all in advance for comments)</p> <p>Vega said that the Scout Association had recently refreshed their strategy for 2018-23 and brought along a copy for anyone that wanted to have a look at it. Our own Group Plan has been developed by all the Leaders and is aligned both to the objectives and the timescale so that we can be sure that we are in line with the latest thinking. Not only do we have a full plan we also have a plan on the page to summarise our direction and actions. We have four objectives: Growth, Youth shaped programme focused on Skills for Life, Inclusion and Community Impact and Communications. To achieve this we need People, Leaders and Training, Facilities and Equipment and Financial Stability. She drew attention to a summary plan on a page which was simpler to look at. All parents have received an electronic copy of the plan and so far there have been no adverse comments or suggestions.</p> <p>The adoption of the plan was proposed by Sophie and seconded by Richard.</p>
8.	<p>Treasurer’s report and presentation of 2015-16 accounts</p> <p>A full report was available on the evening. Emma reported that the Group was still in a good position but if it were not for Gift Aid of £3000 (some from previous years) we would have spent about £1000 more than we brought in in income. Easy Fundraising was another bonus. Liz Bradwell commented that it is really easy to do and more parents agreed to sign up. Emma was thanked for a clear report and John Townson for his examination of it. It was proposed by Keith and seconded by Tom.</p> <p>Approval of spend for Scout equipment</p> <p>Although normally an Exec Committee decision, the AGM was asked to approve a spend for £300 for 6 angel axes, 3 tomahawks and a lockable storage box. Scout Leaders are hoping to become training asap and Liz also said that there are risk assessments etc along with some county equipment, that can be shared as well if we were running a bigger event or activity.</p> <p>This spend was proposed by Ben and seconded by Jane. Unanimous.</p>

9.	<p>Explorer Unit. Re-adoption of partnership agreement with Mid Somerset.</p> <p>Vega read the following report: “Explorer numbers are increasing, we have had a busy year and done some fantastic things as a Unit. We have had further successes with the D of E programme with a further Silver Award being attained and we have Explorers signed up to do their Gold Award with us. This year we have gone caving in the Mendips, climbing wall, camping, community project work, carried out forensics at a ‘crime scene’ and scuba diving to name a few. We are planning to carry out a further camp, go gliding, rifle shooting with the BASC plus we are sailing next weekend at Sutton Bingham we also hope to go to the Olympic White Water rafting centre in Cardiff after the Summer holidays. We have a Facebook page which highlights all that we do and would be very happy to talk to any parents about future involvement in what is undoubtedly the best Explorer Unit in the district. “</p> <p>Vega was delighted to hear the positive report and said that it was a real bonus to have our own partnership with an Explorer Unit and proposed that the partnership agreement was re-adopted for the upcoming year. This was proposed by Sophie and seconded by Richard.</p>
10.	<p>District Update</p> <p>Jonathan welcomed Liz to the meeting and said how delighted we were that she, as County Commissioner, had taken the time to attend.</p> <p>Liz introduced herself and said that she was acting as District Commissioner while a search for a new one was underway. She reiterated that there was a new Scout Association Strategy and was delighted that Barton was way ahead in aligning themselves to the new strategy.</p> <p>She reported that every week 500,000 people engage in Scouting and it is about bringing a sense of optimism, team work and increasing skills which fosters future employability and life skills. Badges awarded are a measure of success especially gaining the top Chief Scouts Awards. Barton is way above the County average in achieving these top awards which clearly means that the group has some amazing leaders which is not going un-noticed in the Scouting Community. She finished by congratulating the young people and thanking the Leaders and all involved with the Group for their efforts.</p> <p>Jonathan thanked Liz for such a positive endorsement and said that he was delighted to hear about the link with future employability where skills were considered equally as valuable as technical knowledge.</p>
11.	<p>AOB None raised apart from thanks to the Gordon family who entertained the youngsters during the meeting.</p>
12.	<p>Meeting closed at 6.50 and all adjourned to enjoy a family picnic despite the lack of glorious sunshine!</p>

See next page for suggestions and comments arising



Thank you's

- Thank you 😊 from Liz Henderson (County Commissioner)
- Massive thanks to all the scout leaders. Especially for the weekend activities eg camping in the snow, behind enemy lines, JAWS and were wolves were particularly enjoyed
- On behalf of the Gilroy family MANY THANKS to Richard, Jean and Ben for their Scout Leadership this year. Laurie has had a fantastic time!
- Communication with parents is excellent too
- Axe throwing and fire making are amazing
- Please send the Easy Fundraising Link again
- Thank you to all the Leaders. (From Vega)
- Great support from GSL
- Thanks to brilliant youngsters and parents from Vega
- Your time is much appreciated. Thank you. 😊
- Good bye and thanks to Emma, welcome Tom!
- A massive thank you to James, Trudie and team for all their time and efforts in running Cubs. Much appreciated. Alison.
- Thanks for a really great Scouting programme. And to Vega for everything.
- Thank you James and Trudy. You do an amazing job! 😊
- Fantastic! Thank you
- More family social events?
- A family camp. Vega . (Edited to say – Great Idea!)
- Beavers is great – thanks to all involved.

What the youngsters want / like

- Camping
- Axe throwing!
- Cooking
- Cooking
- A disco
- More water fights
- Poop *(Maybe 100% youth shaped Scouting isn't the best idea!!!)*

Resources

- A large shelter for up to 40 people. Keith
- Need more to sign up to Easy Fundraising. Vega