



MINUTES OF 1ST CALNE SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 23rd September 2020 (Zoom)

1. Mike Curry welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for coming. Also made a specific welcome to Alex Hobbs and David Stowell attending from Mid Wiltshire District. Note the AGM was hosted on-line using Zoom.
2. **Apologies:** Sean Dawes, Zoe Powney
3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM** were provided during the AGM and are available on request.
4. **Matters Arising:** None raised
5. **Safety Report:** No safety issues at present. All activities have been conducted well in the past Scouting year. There are no hazards at the Hall or its surroundings. The completed 2020 Risk Assessment is also displayed in the Foyer of the Hall.
6. **Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts**

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed in advance of the "AGM BOOK 2020" by email. Clare Cashen discussed the figures.

Cash position

The accounts are in a healthy monetary position and will be financially viable to continue into another financial year.

Income

Income was £16,997; it varies from year to year.

During this year our main streams of income came from the following activities

	2018/2019	2019/2020	Change	
Subscriptions	£12,295	£12,295	▼	11%
Gift Aid Repaid	£2,631	£0		
Fundraising	£3,185	£2,287	▼	28%
Donations and Grants	£412	£80	▼	81%
Hall Hire	£2,805	£3,690	▲	32%

- Membership fee income has fallen a further 11% this year, but we are maintaining Group numbers at around 80-90 young people.
- Income from HMRC via the Gift Aid scheme missed the deadline for this year's accounts so will fall into 2020-21 accounting period (+£2000). Gift Aid continues to provide useful additional income to the Group, increasing the value of our membership fees and donations by 25p in every £1. I would urge all parents to sign up if eligible to do so.
- Fundraising plays a huge part in continuing to run and grow 1st Calne Scouts. Although down on last year, both the Motorcycle Meet and Christmas Lantern Parade continue to be a fundamental source of income and raise around £1000 at each event.

Expenditure

During the year our main expenditure can be summarised as follows:

	2018/2019	2019/2020	Change	
Capitation	£4,585	£3,373	▼	20%
Hall Running Costs	£9,905	£7,329	▼	26%
Vehicle Running Costs	£1,381	£2,078	▲	50%
Camp & Activity Costs	£2,737	£2,716	▼	1%
Fundraising Costs	£902	£770	▼	15%
Other Expenses	£578	£651	▲	13%

Expenditure was £17,217; it varies from year to year.

- Hall Running Costs at over £7,000 illustrates an overall decline on the prior year's spend which includes a £3000 investment in several sets of folding tables and chairs for use inside the Hall.
- Hall hire continues to offset some of the running costs, hall repairs and maintenance have remained in line with prior years spend but rising utility bills continue to put pressure on income sources.
- In summary, despite falling subscriptions and pressure from rising utility bills, membership will be held at £12 per month for another year. We will continue

to monitor increasing hall utilities and expenses and look for savings wherever possible.

Summary

At the end of the financial year, our closing balance for Total Cash Funds is £40,092. Cash is in a healthy position, reflective of the size of the group and the fact that we are saving some towards the cost of the building works.

7. Matters arising from Accounts:

Accounts were approved.

8. Chairman's Report.

- Mike thanked all of those involved in running the group, which in the last Scouting year was run well, financially sound.
- He referenced the challenging circumstances that people are facing and whilst Scouting had not been able to meet since March he wished to assure all that the background activities of maintenance and management are still getting the appropriate attention.

9. G.S.L. Report

- Toni Gregory again reflected on the impact that has been experienced through Covid-19 but was happy to say that many of the young members still wished to return to face to face Scouting when it was safe to do so.
- There were no individual section reports at this AGM.

10. Election of Officers

Chairman:	Mike Curry
Vice-Chairman:	Dave Thompson
Secretary:	Zoe Powney
Treasurer:	Claire Cashen
Public Relations Officer:	Becky Sage
Fund Raising Co-ordinator:	Jackie Williams
Scout Parent Reps:	Martin Cook
Cub Parent Representative	Stu King
Beaver Parent Representative:	Stu King
Leaders on Executive Committee:	
GSL	Toni Gregory
Assistant GSL	Martin Rushforth

Co-opted Members:	Sean Dawes
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11. Mid Wiltshire District

- Alex and David attending from County and District and shared an update that District had approved face to face Scouting subject to each group sharing activity plans and necessary risk assessments.
- Approval(s) can be given within 2 weeks of submission.
- Groups are encouraged to meet where it is possible.
- They also shared their understanding that many groups may be struggling financially and where that is the case then additional support may be available.
- David asked the attendees of the AGM whether they would wish to represent 1st Calne at the forthcoming District AGM and future meetings.
- Both Alex and David shared their thanks for all involved in running 1st Calne.

12. Dates of Next Meetings

The next AGM date was not agreed but will be notified in advance and it is hoped to be face to face in 2021. To be advised.

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be 30th November on Zoom.