



**MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> CALNE SCOUT GROUP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 4.00pm (Scout Hall)**

1. Mike Curry welcomed those who came to the meeting and thanked them all for coming. No parents other than those already volunteering with the Group attended, there were some apologies. Bob Christian, Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers represented Mid Wiltshire District.
2. **Apologies:** Clare Cashen, Sean Dawes, Zoe Powney, Elaine & Martin Cook, David Thompson, Sam Moody, Joe Pearson.
3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM** were distributed by email before the AGM and are available on request.
4. **Matters Arising:** None raised
5. **Safety Report:** All activities have been conducted well in the past Scouting year. The committee are exploring whether a tree at the rear of the Hall is suffering from Ash Die Back and continually monitor for hazards at the Hall or its surroundings whilst the building work takes place next door. The completed 2021 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 2021" by email. As Clare Cashen was not available Mike discussed the figures.

**Cash position**

With Scouts not being able to meet over the last financial year the accounts have been impacted significantly. Income was half that over Expenditure. 1<sup>st</sup> Calne Scout Group remains financially viable to continue into another financial year.

## Income

Income was £5,215. Down 69%.

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

	2019/2020	2020/2021	Change	
Subscriptions	£10,943	£4,476	▼	53%
Gift Aid Repaid	£0	£0		
Fundraising	£2,287	£54	▼	98%
Donations and Grants	£80	£10	▼	88%
Hall Hire	£3,690	£675	▼	69%

- Membership fee income has fallen; however, the Group thank those parents who have continued to pay throughout the year.
- Income from HMRC via the Gift Aid scheme missed the deadline for this year's accounts so will fall into 2021-22 accounting period. The submission has been made but has not yet been processed by HMRC.
- 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.
- There have been no Fundraising activities.

## Expenditure

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

	2019/2020	2020/2021	Change	
Capitation	£3,673	£3,567	▼	3%
Hall Running Costs	£7,329	£5,261	▼	28%
Vehicle Running Costs	£2,078	£1,525	▼	27%
Camp & Activity Costs	£2,716	£280	▼	90%
Fundraising Costs	£770	£15	▼	98%
Other Expenses	£651	£543	▼	35%

Whilst all Expenditure was less that last year it still totalled £11,191.

- Hall Running Costs remained high, including insurance and utility bills.
- Hall hire that normally offsets the running costs, has been significantly less.
- Due to falling subscriptions and pressure from rising utility bills, membership will now be increased to £15 per month from April 2022.
- This was approved by those present at the AGM.
- 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 £34,161.

## **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 has been particularly hard, with neither face to face nor remote activities being held.
- Numbers have clearly fallen since restarting and specifically the Group requires more volunteers to function and remain open in the future.
- All the background activities of maintenance and management are still getting the appropriate attention.
- After 7 years, the Group membership fee must increase from £12 to £15 per month.

## **9. G.S.L. Report**

- Toni Gregory thanked all those involved in the Group and reiterated the message about the need for parents and other members of the community to come forward and volunteer.
- Individual section reports for the AGM, we shared before the meeting in the "AGM Book 2021".

## **10. Election of Officers**

Chairman:	Mike Curry
Vice-Chairman:	Dave Thompson
Secretary:	Zoe Powney
Treasurer:	Claire Cashen
Public Relations Officer:	Jackie Williams
Fund Raising Co-ordinator:	Vacancy
Scout Parent Reps:	Martin Cook
Cub Parent Representative	Stu King
Beaver Parent Representative:	Stu King

Leaders on Executive Committee:	
GSL	Toni Gregory
Assistant GSL	Martine Glover

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

- Bob attended from County and District had several certificates and badges to present to volunteers for their service. They are as follows.
  - Chief Scout's Length of Service Award - 5 Years
    - Zoe Powney
    - Martin Cook
    - James Curry
    - William Curry

*Badge awarded - Length of Service awards are identified by white knot and corresponding green number.*
  - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
    - Mike Curry

## **12. Dates of Next Meetings**

**The next AGM date was agreed as Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.