



# 6TH CROYDON (ST. AUGUSTINE'S) SCOUT GROUP

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### HELD ON SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The meeting opened at 10:40 a.m.

#### Welcome by the Chairman

At the start of the meeting, Neil Hiller (Trustee), greeted everyone present. He then clarified the purpose of the non-uniformed Trustees which includes the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Neil warmly welcomed Anne Smith, a former trustee who has recently relocated to Jersey. He expressed gratitude for her support over the years, also he welcomed Richard Carrau, District Programme Team.

Danny welcomed everyone and expressed his gratitude for their support over the past year. He acknowledged that scouting has changed, but assured everyone that we will move forward and adapt. He emphasised the need for more volunteers, as the current leaders are getting older, making it increasingly difficult to run the section. He mentioned that Beavers would likely be the first group to be discontinued if we cannot recruit more helpers.

Danny also expressed sadness at the passing of Margaret Tyler earlier this year. She left us some money, which we plan to use to hold a family fun day in her memory. A special clock has been purchased in her honour and will be hung in the hall, reminding us of her contributions.

Additionally, he introduced Margret Morgan, a former secretary who worked tirelessly to raise funds for the construction of our headquarters. The headquarters, which opened 25 years ago, will be renamed 'Margret Morgan Hall' in recognition of her significant contributions.

Lastly, Danny congratulated Elena, who has just received her Chief Scouts Platinum Award, she continues to support with Beavers, all while preparing to begin her GCSE exams.

#### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Geoff Dumbreck, Paul Ashton and Brenda Mansworth.

#### Governance topics

- a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – **Approved by a show of hands.**
- b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) - **Approved by a show of hands.**
- c. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board – The number of trustee was agreed at five - **Approved by a show of hands.**

#### Review of the previous year

- a. Annual Report from the previous year was presented which included Beavers a trip to Frylands where they were able to abseil and caving; Cubs visited Cudham Shaws a visit from our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) and made sandwiches for the homeless. Scouts linked up with a Scout troop in New Zealand making videos of the games they like to play.
- b. Receive and consider the annual Statement of the Accounts - **Approved by a show of hands.**

#### Making appointments

- a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board – Neil Hillier was recommended and agreed - **Approved by a show of hands.**
- b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board – Griff Jones was recommended and agreed - **Approved by a show of hands.**

- c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board – Toni Steventon – Secretary, Danny Curnyn and Julie Hillier - ***Approved by a show of hands.***
- d. Appoint the Scrutineer – Wendy Matlock - ***Approved by a show of hands.***

Richard Carrau - District Programme Team welcomed everyone and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the district. He reiterated Danny's comments about the significance of succession planning. Although all the leaders are devoted, they want to pass on their skills to continue the lifelong lessons learned within the Scouts.

Beavers, Scouts and leaders renewed their promises.

### **Any Other Business**

Thank you, gifts were presented to members of the Group, and there being no other business, Neil thanked everyone for attending and invited all those present to stay for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 11:10 a.m.