



5th Bebington (St. Peters) Scout Group
AGM and presentation evening

By video call
Thursday 29 October 2020

AGENDA

Welcome

Open meeting and introduction of guests : Chairperson
Apologies for absence
Minutes of previous AGM
Matters arising

AGM

Election of officers:

Chairperson	GSL
Treasurer	Chairperson
Secretary	Chairperson
Group Executive	Chairperson

Treasurers report
Section Reports

Treasurer
See appendices / separate email files

AOB

Presentations

Close

5th Bebington (St. Peters) Scout Group
Minutes of AGM. on Thursday 18 July 2019

Members Present

Ed Thomas (Chairman), Chris Haselgrove (Treasurer), Andy Gurr (Secretary), Mark Blinkhorn (GSL / CSL, Sandra Wellings (BSL), Daniel Currums (ACSL / ASL), Alan Currums (ACL), Chris Adams (ASL)
Exec Members: Lorraine Gilchrist, Bill Blinkhorn, Karen Currums

Invited Guests

Rev Maureen Coates on behalf of Beth Glover

Doreen Simpson, Anne and Jim Bonner, Vernon Hands (Bebington District President) and Eileen Hands
Gareth Jones (D.C.)

Apologies

Alan Palin (S.L.), Sheila Jones, Chris and Karen Simpson, Chris and Rachel Gerard (ADC)

Opening

Ed. Thomas opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of the guests.

Rev Maureen Coates spoke a few words referring to the fun, friendship and life skills in Scouting and led a prayer of thanks.

Minutes of last A.G.M.

These were accepted as a true record.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

[Proposed]

[Lorraine Gilchrist]

[Seconded]

[Steve Tollady]

Election of officers

Chairperson Ed. Thomas

Treasurer Chris Haselgrove

Secretary Andy Gurr

The above officers stood unopposed.

[Proposed]

[Mark Blinkhorn]

[Chris Adams]

[Ed Thomas]

[Seconded]

[Chris Adams]

[Mark Blinkhorn]

[Mark Blinkhorn]

Group Executive

There were no new nominations and the present members agreed to continue. Ed. Thomas and Mark Blinkhorn asked that anyone who was interested should contact a member of the group to offer their services, emphasising the importance of the role to the group.

This is only a few times a year and is an opportunity for parents to have input to activities and planning for the group.

Existing Exec members

Lorraine Gilchrist, Bill Blinkhorn, Karen Currums

New Exec members

None

Financial Report: Accounts for the Group's finances to 31st March 2019

Approved

[Ed Thomas]

[Mark Blinkhorn]

Chris Haselgrove presented the group's accounts to the meeting, she pointed out that the finances have been very stable for the past year with our income just slightly less than our expenditure.

Our main income as with past years, is from the Christmas Post. This was down slightly from last year but I think that this was partly because the delivery dates were quite early, and hopefully this year it will be better.

One of the other sources of income for the Group, in the past years, has come from Gift Aid. Unfortunately, this has fallen by the wayside for the last year or so.

This has been for a variety of reasons, one of the main ones has been with the Gift Aid forms themselves. Many different ones have been used over the years and have sometimes been very confusing to fill out. To this end I have produced some new forms and am hoping that all parents who are able to, will fill out a brand new form even if they have already done so in the past, in order that I can claim back as much as I can from the Inland Revenue.

If any parents here would like to fill out a new form or would like me to explain how Gift Aid works I would be happy to do so after the meeting.

So, I feel that the main aim for the future, with the help of the leaders and parents is to concentrate on improving our income from Gift Aid.

Section Reports

Mark referred the room to the printed Section Reports

Guest Speaker

Gareth Jones referred to the range of activities in the section reports and that had been indicated in the photos that had been projected on the screen.

He was pleased that the 5th Bebington group and the Bebington district (10 groups) was growing.

Gareth referred to the support for the group from long-standing leaders past and present. Gareth took the opportunity to present some long-service awards

Alan Palin: Silver (10 years) (Accepted by Jane on his behalf)

Chrissie Adam: Silver (10 years)

Andy Gurr: Silver (10 years)

Awards:

Ken Simpson Award:

Ed Thomas explained the history of the award to the room, recalling Ken welcoming everyone to camp with cups of tea.

This award is presented in memory of Ken Simpson, who was one of the Group's founder members and brought Scouting to the Brookhurst Estate. Ken loved the outdoor aspect of Scouting. After his death, the Group decided to create an award which would be presented to the Cub or Scout who had shown the same love and enthusiasm for camping as Ken had.

Jim Fitzpatrick Award:

Ed Thomas explained the history and purpose of this award.

“Jim Fitzpatrick was Group Scout Leader at 12 Bebington (St Mary’s) Scout Group and along with the District Commissioner at the time, Ken Langshaw, was responsible for the formation of the 5th Bebington Scout Group here at St Peter’s in 1974.

Following his death in 1977, his daughter and family (Anne Bonner was CSL and Jim Bonner ACSL) presented the award to the group in his memory.

The award is to be presented annually at the Group AGM, to the member (from any section) who, at the discretion of the leaders has been outstanding in their achievements and/or behaviour, support and dependability during the previous 12 months, the recipient being a role model for scouting.”

Beaver awards:

Presented by Sandra Wellings.

Sandra gave out badges to all the beavers. These included.

Challenge Badges: Personal, Adventure, Outdoor, Teamwork, World

Activity Badges: Safety, Camp Craft

Joining in : Level1

Sandra commented on how the new variety and number of requirements for the Challenge badges makes it harder to complete them all for the Bronze Award.

Sandra presented the Bronze Award badge.

Sandra presented the Beaver of the year award a most enthusiastic and hard-working Beaver who attended every session and every camp.

Cubs awards:

Mark Blinkhorn and Daniel Currums gave out badges for:

Outdoor, DIY, Scientist, Navigator, Gardener, “Bike 1”, Cooking

“Our skills Challenge”

Mark presented Cub of the year award noting his attendance and determination to learn new skills.

Scout Awards:

Chris Adams gave out badges for:

Electronics, Pioneering, Backwoods cooking, Cooking
“Charity Challenge”

AOB:

Baden Powell Guild

Steve Tolladay described the contribution that the work of the BP Guild does to support groups in the district – such as providing and maintaining the indoor and outdoor facilities at the Brewhouse (That the Beavers have used quite often this year and other sections have over the years) Steve asked for volunteers to support this work as the current members are less able to carry it out than they were and are reducing in numbers.

Phil Haselgrove was remembered.

There being none the meeting closed and light refreshments were served by the Scouts.

Accounts and Treasurers Report October 2020

5th Bebington Scout Group

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31st March 2020

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Donation	£ 200.00	Beaver Pantomime	£ 100.00
Gift Aid	£ 155.17	Uniform	£ 55.50
Stamp Sales	£ 684.95	Poppy Wreath	£ 30.00
Capitation	£ 1,611.09	Scout Post Expenses	£ 48.15
Scout Post	£ 1,679.24	Scout Post Stamps	£ 684.95
Big Breakfast	£ 860.00	Group Capitation Fee	£ 1,450.00
		Equipment	£ 854.90
		St Peter's Garden	£ 143.00
		Insurance	£ 245.08
Total Income	£5,190.45	Total Expenditure	£ 3,611.58
		Excess Income over expenditure	<u>£1,578.87</u>
	<u>£5,190.45</u>		<u>£5,190.45</u>
Balance b/fwd 01.04.19	£6,502.02		
Excess Income	<u>£1,578.87</u>		
Lloyds Bank a/c balance carried forward 31.03.2020	<u>£8,080.89</u>	Chris Haselgrove -Treasurer	

Audit Report

I have examined the accounts, invoices and vouchers for 5th Bebington Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2020 and in my opinion these represent a fair and true statement of the financial affairs of the group.

Ann Rowlands (Honorary Auditor)



St. Peter's 5th Bebington Scout Group Treasurer's Report for year to 31st March 2020

Dear Guests, Parents and Families,

Hopefully you will all have a copy of the accounts for the Group's finances for the year to 31st March 2020.

I am pleased to say that this year our income has been higher than our expenditure, particularly boosted by the Big Breakfast and the Scout Post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders and parents who helped with the sorting and deliveries of the post.

These extra funds should stand us in good stead for the next financial year as our fundraising will be significantly curtailed.

Fortunately, since completing the accounts we have been lucky enough to receive a very generous donation from the Cheshire Freemasons which will help with the shortfall.

Our main expense at the moment is the construction of the shelter at the back of St Peter's and the improvement of the surrounding area. These improvements have created a much more useable space and will certainly help with the continued running of the sections.

Finally, I have received quite a few more gift aid forms this year and would like to thank all the parents who have been able to complete one for us.



Group Scout Leader Report October 2020

Firstly I would like to thank you for logging on to this evening's online AGM and presentation evening. Tonight is about showing you what the beavers, cubs and scouts have achieved over the last 12 months and which activities they have been taking part in along with what they have been doing to achieve their awards.

This is my fourth year as group scout leader. I'm still enjoying overseeing all three sections. I'm seeing how everybody develops and is moving through the group. We continue to grow within the with in beavers and waiting list for place in the section and cubs is continuing to develop and maintain numbers as you will see within the section report scouts is committed to developing the section and move scouts into the district explorer section or retaining them and becoming young leaders that can help to support our own sections and their skills.

This year has been a has been we have had to change and adapt the way that we have been running like everybody. At the start of the year we were all settling back in after the christmas holiday and starting to lay out plans for the year. When we are stopped in are tracks with lockdown. But that did not stop us; we moved to scouting online through zoom. This was a new challenge for all the leaders but something that they all took in their stride. With beavers learning how to speak french and cub making toothbrush robots and scouts running a weekly family quiz. We really kept the group going through the tough lockdown period for everybody

Our last meeting before lockdown was March 19th with the cubs then we were unable to have a face to face. after what we all thought was going to be a couple of weeks of no scouting turn in 6 months. On Monday 14th September we returned. We didn't quite know what was going to happen with each of the sections. Would we have members returning or would this have been the end of the groups. We were all a bit taken back when we found that we filled each with the max number that we could with are risk assessment and beavers running a digital and face to face meeting to be able to meet the demand for place with contact from outside the group looking for places and some sort of normal

We have not been able to do the same level of fundraising that we had done in the previous 12 months. But the money that we have raised we have put to good use by making improvements to the fire circle and building shelters to help with a return to face to face meetings. once it has been deemed to safe we bring the very popular big breakfast back to help raise funds for the activities and kit that is need to run the group

Lastly I would like to thank all of the leaders for their commitment that they have shown in the last 12 months and through this difficult time of covid in their work to develop the group and to keep it part of the

community that it has been part of for the nearly 50 year. Without them giving up their time each week we would not have a group.

We are always looking for help with in the group weather it in in the sections or someone that would like to sit on the committee and help have a say in how the group is ran then please come and speak to a leader or member of the committee

Yours In Scouting

Mark Blinkhorn

Group Scout Leader



Beavers Section Report 2019

What a year we have had, we started off the year well welcoming new Beavers and a new assistant beaver leader, Natalie Lamb to the group, then in March we were locked down.

The lockdown did not stop the Beavers from meeting up each week as we continued to run our sessions virtually via Zoom.

The Beavers enjoyed having that bit of structure to their lock down week. They had no school or after school activities to go to but they all looked forward to meeting up with their friends on the screen each week. We have even been lucky enough to welcome three new Beavers into the group and we have invested Beavers via Zoom.

We have done cooking activities, scavenger hunts, virtual camp, Geocaching, campfire sing-along and we have also had special guests joining in the activities.

The Beavers have worked really hard completing many "Badges at Home" and have uploaded the evidence, whether these are photos or videos onto our online Scout Manager system.

I am pleased to say that I have awarded over 250 badges since March and I am super proud of each and every one of the Beavers who have continued to enjoy Scouting through these strange and unprecedented times.

Two Beavers have also completed all the challenge badges and worked really hard to gain the highest award in Beavers, their Chief Scout Bronze award which I awarded in August.

We were lucky enough to return to face to face scouting at the end of September and we are meeting in two bubble groups doing outdoor activities.

No matter what this year has put in our way the 5th Bebington beavers have "Stayed Calm and Carried on Scouting."

We have four beavers who will be moving onto Cubs after Christmas so if you know anyone who would be interested in joining please drop us an email.

Yours in Scouting

Sandra Wellings

Beaver Leader



Cubs Section Report 2020

Let's firstly rewind to the wet and rain soaked summer of 2019 (which seems a lifetime ago!) to recall some of the great stuff we got up to within the Cub section of the 5th Bebington.

Back in July '19 the Cubs, along with the entire Bebington district, attended the Arrowe Jamboree district camp in Helsby. Despite the torrential rain thorough the weekend, the Cubs got stuck in with all the provided activities, which included axe throwing, climbing and some disco dancing!

We then entered into what would be our only full term this academic year. I am pleased to report on how much we achieved during what is usually the most challenging months to provide activities. In November '19, we visited the Apple Workshop in Liverpool for a musical remix using Garage Band on their iPads. This was one of the highlights of the year for the Cub pack, all who attended thoroughly enjoying the visit there. To finish off the year, we also visited the Boulder Hut in Ellesmere Port, the Cubs scaling the walls with no fear in sight!

During the winter term, we worked towards the completion of badges including the fire safety, communicator and the astronomy activity badges. We have also ticked off several requirements of the challenge awards, which we hope to award in the not-to-distant future. The majority of these being easily achieved thanks to the Cubs being willing to get stuck in and try new skills.

Following on into the new year (January 2020), we continued to develop new skills and try out new activities, thinking outside the box to provide a fun and challenging experience for our young people. We celebrated Chinese New Year, experimented with some kettle cooking and made some rope-based keyrings too. It was therefore a great shame that in March, the lockdown graced us with its presence, as a result meaning we had to suspend activities until further notice.

Having no activities for a month, towards the end of April, we decided to launch a Zoom-based virtual programme. We held weekly evenings joint with the Scouts, which included several popular cook-along lives - making swiss rolls, scones and pizza. We also managed to continue traditional Scouting skills, working towards our local knowledge and pioneering badges, delivering equipment to homes for Cubs to use on the night. One of the highlights of our lockdown programme was the mini-robot making, using some equipment bought prior to lockdown. This was a very enjoyable evening had by all, both Cubs, leaders, and parents too!

And that brings us up to now, where I am happy to report we have resumed Covid-safe face-to-face Scouting activities. Since September, we have run a back to basics evening, a night hike, treasure hunts and a skills night, both at the Scout Hut, at Eastham Woods and down the Wirral Way.

Numbers wise, we have 13 young people within our Cub section and 3 leaders. It has been a relief to see that the majority of Cubs have returned to the group post-lockdown. Since last summer, we have transferred 6 older Cubs up to the Scout troop, and gained 9 new Cubs (5 from the Beaver section and 4 who have joined externally) – the latter being great news for the section as it shows advertising and promotion of the group is working well. During the winter months we managed to keep the cost of activities down, this has allowed us to self-fund activities since returning

Yours in Scouting

Daniel Currums

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

SCOUTS

Scouts Section Report 2020

Well what a crazy year!

We started the year with such high hopes with a hike camp booked at Queen Charlottes Wood for May and a summer camp planned for June! Well none of that happened instead we were all locked down and Zoom became the new buzz word and although it went against everything, we encouraged all our sections to join us on their phones, iPads and laptops! And to get a stronger online presence we launched our website in July!

In parallel though the leaders started to plan for when we could finally get back together and attention turned to clearing the fire circle and get an outdoor area ready and I'm sure you'll all agree how splendid it all looks now! And for a short period of time we got to use it!

We've had a bit of a break now but will be back again with some great activities between now and Christmas.

Yours in Scouting

Alan Palin

5th Bebington Scout Leaders.