



WALLASEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 11th June 2025,
District Headquarters, 8:00pm

Present:

Paul Roberts	Ian Bell	Colin Jones	Richie Branch
Margaret Rouse	Allan Edwards	Lynne Edwards	Mavis Lane
Helen Slater	Val Myers	Roy Myers	Matthew Jones
Allistair Cubbin	Debbie Peers	Mike Noyce	Caroline Hunt
Dawn Bennett	Sophie Sutcliffe	Annette Winter	Kevin Griffiths
Alison Moxley	Ian Moxley	Greg Clayton	Kim Ward
Matt Williams	Kitty (Exp)	Emily (Exp)	Alfie (Exp)
Harry (Exp)			

Apologies Received:

Caitlin Billington	Sue Smith	Sue Euers	Mike Barwise	Kate Barwise
Geoff Poole	Laura Pringle	Keith McLoughlin	Sarah Williams	Hazel Thompson
Rachel English	Gail Byrne			

1. The District Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and guest Matthew Jones (County Support Team Leader)
2. Apologies were received before the meeting and will be added to the minutes (see above).
3. Minutes from the last AGM were sent out prior to the meeting. These were approved by a show of hands.
4. Governance:
 - I. The model constitution as set out in chapter 5 of POR was adopted as the District Constitution. This was approved by a show of hands.
 - II. Members of the District Council were advised that the Charities Financial Year runs from 1st January to 31st December.
 - III. The outgoing Trustee Board recommended that 10 people be appointed to the Trust Board. This was approved by a show of hands.
 - IV. The outgoing Trustee Board recommended that a quorum of 5 people are required to be present at a Trustee Board Meeting. This was approved by a show of hands.

5. Ian Bell, District Lead Volunteer, gave his review of the previous year.
6. Matthew Jones, County Support Team Leader gave a speech on behalf of the County Lead Volunteer.
7. District Chair gave the below review:

The District Trustee Board has prepared the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and has received and considered the report on the accounts from the Scrutineer Alan Glazier FRICA. (Retired)].

During the year Margaret has asked to stand down from the role of Treasurer and the Trust Board thanks her for the time and dedication that she has put into looking after our finances over the years that she has been doing the job. a

As you will shortly hear Martin Billington has volunteered to take up the Treasurers Role and will take office later in the proceedings. For continuity Margaret kept the books for the period up to and including the 31st December 2024 and the financial statement has been compiled using the figures provided.

I'm sure that the eagle eyed amongst you will note the Massive Cash Reserve as shown on Page 4 of the Financial Statement. Circa £209,000. In the 28 years that I have been part of Wallasey Scouting there has NEVER been a set of accounts anything like those presented to you today.

Please, don't let's get complacent and start patting each other on the backs. Much of this phenomenal figure has been accumulated by events outside of our control and NOT by active fundraising or donations. I refer of course to COVID funding and the regrettable sale of the 8th Wallasey's premises in Seacombe.

For those who aren't aware the premises went to auction in February 2024 with a suggested guide price of £50,000. With only 3 minutes of the allotted online auction time remaining, we had achieved a bid of £52,500. I was watching online to witness, what I can only call, the bidding frenzy unfurl. In the ensuing minutes and the 5-minute extension allowing for counterbids the hammer price rose rapidly to £112,000. After charges and fees, the District received £107,727 which is shown on page 2 of the accounts.

Furthermore, during this financial year, 2025, It is anticipated that the sale of Old School Lodge will be completed. West Wallasey Scouts have a 2/3rd stake in this building and Wallasey the remaining 1/3rd. I anticipate that our portion will be in the region of £100,00. A further boost to the "District Coffers".

Already the income from our Investment Bond and Deposit Account is yielding in excess of £1800 per annum. Obviously, this will increase during the current year.

Earlier in the year we held an all-Adult Members Meeting to discuss the Cash Surplus and again I thank those who turned up for their input. Please remember that this money is for the benefit of the District's Young People and a method of requesting funding, via fully costed proposals was implemented. As a District we have historically been "Frugal" and over the last few years have lived within our means balancing the books on a year-by-year basis. To date there have been no requests for funding consideration and we would appear to have all of the equipment and assets that we need.

Prior to this AGM there have been no questions raised in connection to the Annual Financial Report and I invite questions from the floor.

As laid out in the Charity Commission guidelines the Financial Report no longer needs a vote of approval and I now confirm that the accounts and financial reports are to be included in the minutes of this meeting. (see attached)

8. **Trust Board Appointments:**

District Treasurer:

Martin Billington has been approached to take on the role of District Treasurer after an open application process where no responses were received. He has agreed to take on the role. This was approved by a show of hands.

Trust Board Members:

An open selection process was conducted for members of the Trustee Board Where no new members came forwards. It is recommended that Caitlin Billington, Colin Jones, Gail Byrne, Richie Branch Margaret Rouse and Alison Moxley (as DHQ rep) be appointed to the Trustee Board.

This was approved by a show of hands.

Debbie Peers has asked to stand down from the Trust Board and was thanked for her input and support shown over the years and the appreciation for her dedication to Scouting in Wallasey.

9. **Appointments:**

Colin Jones reappointed as Life President

Mary Dutton, Christine Francis, Norma Haggstrom, Mavis Lane, Roy Myers, Peter Wilcox, and Allan Stocker were reappointed as Life Vice Presidents.

This was approved by a show of hands.

Accounts Examiner/Auditor – Alan Glazier has been proposed as the Independent Examiner. This was approved by a show of hands.

County Scout Council Rep – It was proposed that Mike Noyce be nominated as our representative on the County Scout Council. This was approved by a show of hands.

10. **Presentations:**

We have received several long service awards ranging from 5-40 years service. Ian will be visiting Groups to present these.

Beaver – TBC

Cub – TBC

Scout – TBC

Commissioners – Explorers

Explorer of the year – Alfie & Sam

11. District Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting was formally closed.

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the WALLASEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Wallasey District for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer


As the District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.



Alan Glazier

Date 9th June 2025

Wallasey District Scouts Executive

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income	-	-
Membership subscriptions	24,603	26,213
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	18,395	18,666
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,207	7,547
Close 8th	369	50
Activity Income	-	2,237
Badge Sales	50	30
DHQ Rent Income	-	-
Boathouse Course Fees, Logbooks, Certificates	330	-
World and European Scout Jamboree	-	6,845
Canoe/SUP hire	30	810
Closure of 8th Wallasey	96	22,041
Other similar income	2,574	1,059
Sub total	9,656	40,619
Covid Grants	-	-
Explorer Income	-	-
Training Grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising (gross)	472	-
Refunds Electricity	-	-
Coastal Walk	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	472	-
Investment income	-	-
Bank interest	1,838	515
Property Rent income	-	332
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	1,838	847

Total Gross Income

41,466

Asset and investment sales, etc.

107,727

Total receipts

119,693

42,216

Receipts and payments

2024	2023
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Unrestricted funds

£

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities (2)	5,853	5,439
Adult support and training	580	190
RYA Books & Certificates	264	-
Rent	232	581
Utilities inc. Internet	609	3,652
Insurance	3,652	4,260
Repairs and Renewals	-	2,626
Materials and equipment	-	4,145
Admin Expenses incl. website	66	41
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Uniforms	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	26
RYA Membership	-	167
8th Wallasey Expenses	480	440
Boathouse Expenses	-	21
World Scout Jamboree	-	6,905
Bank Charges	-	-
Donation	-	20
	-	139
Sub total	11,736	28,652
Fundraising expenses		
Scout Post	-	-
Coastal Walk	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total Gross Expenditure

Asset and investment purchases, etc.

Total payments

Net of receipts/(payments)

Cash funds last year end

Adjustments

Cash funds this year end

28,652	28,652
-	-
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87,674	87,674
4	4
101,242	101,242

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Bank deposit account (4)	187,773	78,608
Cash/Floats (3)	401	320
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Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
SUPs(2021~)		-
	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Camp Deposits Held in Bank Account (Camps Postponed re Covid)	-	-
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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
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Notes

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