

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Penparcau Scouts Executive Committee Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Present:** Richard Morris (chair), Keith Jones (group scout leader), Peter van-Velzen (minutes), Tom Barron, Dan Dupont, Gary Kingsbury, Cheryl Hain, Charlie Kingsbury, Paul Williams, Anne MacDonald, Alex Harris.

**Apologies:** Mike Pitcher (treasurer), Glenda Jones

**Minutes of the last meeting** from 22/9/2016 proposed by Richard and seconded by Keith.

### Matters arising

-as per agenda

### Denmark Jamboree – Explorers

Dan reports that registration for the camp is about to open, but all details are prepared. 25 Explorers due to attend, but one explorer is moving away, leaving a space. [post edit: place filled now]. All deposits have been paid, bar one - ongoing discussion with person in question. Dan has sent off several funding applications, e.g. to Aber town council. Fund raising events are being organised; the imminent Twmpath has over 70 tickets sold already. We discussed a bag packing event and agreed the principle that only those attending will get a share of the proceeds.

The explorers will require new kit to camp with, especially new tents. nb. We are more likely to receive funding for kit than for the trip. Leaders are expected to contribute £100. Cost breakout currently per explorer: £250 camp fee, £167 flight. Estimate cost for transport of equipment by John: £1500. The likely final cost is around £530 per explorer. Next deposits are due in February, which will pay for the flights.

The exec committee expressed thanks to Dan Dupont for organising this summer camp trip.

### Safeguarding / H&S

Leaders are now expected to write their own standard risk assessments. We had a discussion around the process and effectiveness of undertaking RA's. Leaders will attend the district meeting soon to further explore RA's. To date the comms from Scouts Cymru has been experienced as poor on this subject.

### 25 year celebration

An outline format for the day was discussed and agreed: We will organise a celebratory camp for ex group members at our log cabin site. We will run a joint daytime (only) activity for our current members. Our April 23rd 'Promise day' could act as a practice run.

### Correspondence received

- 1) The group received an email from Peter Bradley of the Ystwyth Transport Group asking for our group to participate in a joint funding proposal towards the Reachout Project for the provision of transport for Youth groups. Peter Bradley was invited to attend this meeting to

outline the proposals but had to cancel his attendance last minute. **action PvV: contact Peter Bradley.** On a general note, the cost of 50 pence per mile has been found acceptable. The proposed cost of £1 per mile would become prohibitive for continued use of this minibus provision.

Reminder that the MIDAS training continues to be provided by Ystwyth Transport free-of-charge until March 2017. Nominees to organise their own attendance are Keith, Gary and Tom Barron.

2) The group received a letter of thanks from Dave Hughes, the church treasurer of stAnnes church for our efforts in organising and collection of food donations towards the work of *Jubilee Storehouse* foodbank.

## Treasurer's report

Our current saldo stand at £7371.49. The deposits paid in by explorers will soon be used to pay for flights (est £3000), our annual insurance premium for the cabin (£900) and a deposit for the Denmark Jamboree (£800)

A question was raised in the previous meeting around the subs-to-capitation formula of 2:1 and the ability to cover rising costs. This item is deferred to our next meeting.

## Section leaders reports

**Beavers** Five new beavers have joined the group. We have approximately 15 on the waiting list.

**Cubs** Six beavers recently moved up to cubs, four have moved on to scouts. Four on waiting list. The programme this time is decided by Young People, as part of Scouts UK initiative "Youth Shaped scouting". **Scouts** have around 30 current members, between 20~25 attending week. Two new scouts attending the group, four have moved up from cubs. None on the waiting list. Scouts will continue with their chosen project "Water Aid" as part of Million Hands. **Explorers** are numbering 23. Daniel Dupont will leave as a leader as he will start full-time work with Scouts UK.

## Group Scout Leader report

Keith is filling out the Scouts UK census - annual capitation will be £5300. The shooting permits held by several leaders are due to expire and require renewal. (Carmarthenshire shooting?). The group owns a lot of equipment, yet we have no inventory. **Action: Keith to organise a party to undertake a full equipment inventory.** (Q: assign a quarter master?). In February a First Aid course is provided by District. (Clive Egmond). GSL wished Daniel Dupont best wishes as he starts work with Scouts UK. Keith expressed the need for a specific *Press & Comms* person for the group.

## Any Other Business

Paul Williams has been in contact with Tesco Aberystwyth. There is a potential £5000 grant available to the group, offered under the "Bags of Help" scheme. He shared the link to the application form as <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme>. Sponsorship moneys are specifically to support environmental projects. Grants are available on a monthly basis. **Action: ?**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. **Date of AGM & exec:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of May. 19:00 Exec, followed by AGM at 19:30.

