

## Notes from Enfield District Group Scout Leaders' Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 1<sup>st</sup> HQ

**Present:** Paul Symons (DC), Paul Dockley (DDC), Mike Thurston (DESC), Louise Azevado (YLL), Margaret Boothby (1<sup>st</sup>), Janet Owen (3<sup>rd</sup>), Peter Jones (6th/13<sup>th</sup>), Beryl Davis (8<sup>th</sup>), Jas Chadha (12<sup>th</sup>), Keith Spong (14<sup>th</sup>), Richard Osmond (16<sup>th</sup>), Nancy Azevado (20<sup>th</sup> Ed), Roger Gleave (24<sup>th</sup> Ed), Corinne Dowsett (27<sup>th</sup> & LTM), Janette Earney (Minutes)

	Item	Detail	Action
1	Welcome	<b>Keith Spong</b> opened and chaired the meeting, which began at 8 pm	
2	Apologies	Jason Persaud, Jackie Wheeler, Colin Ayres, Darren Leonard, Andrew Gill, Linda Marchant, Jim Bailey	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	Addendum : Clarification given re item on Noahs Ark Hospice. Each child will bring a new or unwanted gift (not each Pack). Minutes approved.	
4	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was clarified that training/permits for those who have had a break from Scouting will be assessed on an individual basis</li> </ul>	
5	Health & Safety, & safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout from 19<sup>th</sup> fractured arm</li> <li>Scout from 20<sup>th</sup> fell at 4<sup>th</sup> on a wet patch</li> <li>6/13<sup>th</sup> fell out of bed on a sleepover and could not be roused. GSL feels too many details given out by too many people about this incident.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accidents at campsites should go into the Warden's accident book</li> </ul>
6	DC's Spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> are going to merge</b> (as short of leaders)</li> <li>Another Queen's Scout – Sophie Richings (6 in last 12 months)</li> <li>Community Impact project – looking at running a camp including non scouting kids from the community – Darren and Paul have put forward a plan – possible £1000 funding</li> <li>OSM – County funding has stopped. District will pay</li> <li>Search is on for a new County Commissioner.</li> <li>New Youth Awards Commissioner Helen Sims. She will run the County achievement evenings</li> <li>30<sup>th</sup> April for next County event for awards. Please make sure kids names are on the list</li> <li>Certificates given out for distribution</li> <li>We now have a campsite manager for Tolmers – Ian Tolfree</li> <li>Not necessarily there every weekend. Bookings still through the secretary. Chairman and Treas have resigned</li> <li>New toilet block not at present going ahead, but will revamp existing to have showers and disabled access. Refurb of kitchen in Uncle Tom's will be next, then crew accomm, then indoor toilet/disabled use shower (first room on the right from the end)</li> <li>Requested from Russ Dyble – please email him regarding waiting lists if you have spaces</li> <li>Info from Gilwell on new programme arrangements coming in 2015. Not all GSLs have received it by email. New resources and badges and a slight tweek to the programme, rolling out in the 9 months from January. Challenge part of the Chief Scouts is coming back in.</li> <li>In April, County are planning a new programme induction day. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> at Scout Park. All Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders will be invited.</li> <li>Some of the badges with sponsored logos – logos will be reduced in size</li> <li>18<sup>th</sup> Jan Kickstart – District Team on 17<sup>th</sup> – no GSLs Seminar this time. Exec have asked whether we should continue this event in 2016 – Maybe diff venue (eg Enfield Borough, perhaps Kingsmead), or diff time of year...</li> <li>Thoughts – a generally good turnout for Section Meetings at Kick Off. June meeting will happen again. Need to know numbers in advance – online register will be open soon. Need to know whether to plan these things if no one turns up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aiden Broomfield to represent on Community Impact project</li> <li>- Contact John Dockley</li> <li>- Links in North Circular to apply for CC role</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compass – thorny scenario. DC suspects that some DBS have been missed because they have fallen between the old system and the new system and therefore haven't been flagged up.</li> <li>Some GSLs would have had emails from Alan Garner regarding warrant reviews. DC will not renew the warrant of anyone who does not have current First Response, Safeguarding and Health and Safety. Please do not put in a request if people have not done these.</li> <li>NB Getting Started only covers you on Safeguarding for 1 year. Corinne has it all written down and can check for you if any of your leaders need to do it</li> <li>Future agenda – need a brief talk on Compass</li> </ul>	GSLs to be aware. There are over 400 adults on the system in the District, so GSLs need to get online to Compass and check their own people. You can do DBS checks yourselves. Phone Gilwell to gain access and get a DBS password
7	Adult Leader Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defer to next time</li> </ul>	Chair to add to agenda
8	DDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fireworks Summary</li> <li>Thank you all for your assistance</li> <li>Good turn out of stewards. Not sure of final ticket sales</li> <li>Adverse feedback from the police, who have supported it for 40 years but cant continue to support us in the future. Funding cuts</li> <li>Key issue, trouble through the Town and down as far as Southbury Road. Fireworks lobbed at traffic and the police afterwards.</li> <li>Shame, because it has a good reputation with most people and is a great show</li> <li>If it goes ahead in 2015, it will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November. We will be in competition with several other displays. Poss to start earlier at 6.30pm</li> <li>Some complaints that the funfair was too small</li> <li>Our major fundraiser. What could we do to replace it?</li> <li>DDC had a meeting with Louise and Andy back in the summer. It appears that there are some Young Leaders who are paying their own capitation in their groups. This is a bit of a concern .Those who attend Explorers are already paid for by their unit. Otherwise, the Group should pay</li> </ul>	Feedback required GSLs to check
9	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Cub camp in 2016. Need support from all the groups.</li> <li>Roger – good news! Andy Love said at Remembrance Parade that the council are NOT going to put up any of the rents. DDC went to a meeting in Edmonton – a diverse number of organisations were represented</li> <li>DDC – what would you like in the Agenda to support you? Give this some consideration.</li> <li>NB Louise would like to speak to GSLs about how the Young Leaders' mission statement works and how you can validate them. Also that there are 34 young leaders not in Explorer units. We need to address this.</li> <li>Louise requests please email her back if she emails you</li> <li>Corinne asks that we do not overload young people too much – so much homework and other commitments – difficult balance</li> <li>Richard Osmond – would like it to be possible to see Compass details if young person joins from another group</li> <li>Jas – Tesco's have offered sealed bucket collections at Enfield Town and Ponders End</li> <li>Corinne – changes to Training modules. Getting Started has been revamped. Module 12 split into 2. Please send any certificates to Corinne so that she can enter them on the system</li> <li>District Beaver sleepover 6/7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Norfolk lodge, Tolmers. Leaders arriving on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support, espec if your Beavers don't often have a Nights Away experience.</li> </ul>	Contact Jas for details and dates  Check that all your leaders who joined in 2014 have done Getting Started
10	Date of the next meeting	<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015</b> at 8pm, at <b>29<sup>th</sup> Enfield (St Georges, Halifax Road).</b>  <b>Chair Peter Jones</b>  Please send through any agenda items and apologies to Janette  <a href="mailto:GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org">GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org</a></p>	Action: All