

Notes from Enfield District Group Scout Leaders' Meeting, 25th April 2016 at 28th Enfield HQ

Present: Paul Symons (DC), Russ Dyble (CDM), Catherine MacLeod (CTM), Lee Staunton (2nd), Janet Owen (3rd), John Rognaldsen (4th), Jackie Wheeler (10th Ed), Jas Chadha (12th), Keith Spong (14th), Darren Leonard (23rd), Margaret Boothby (28th), Corinne Dowsett (28th & LTM), Peter Jones (29th), Janette Earney (Minutes)

	Item	Detail	Action
1	Welcome	Margaret Boothby opened and chaired the meeting, which began at 8:05pm	
2	Apologies for absence	Mike Thurston, Linda Marchant, Jim Bailey, Andy Gill, Grant Murray	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	Approved	
4	Matters Arising	None	
5	Health & Safety, & Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reported incidents 	
6	The benefits of training an Exec Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cath and Russ gave a presentation on the benefits of training an exec committee – a summary picture document of their talk has been supplied to you as a separate attachment Plus, the following links might prove useful:- Document giving the amendments in the latest POR https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/por/POR%20March%202016%20Amendments.pdf <p>The latest edition of POR itself can be downloaded from this page: https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search?cat=480 either as individual chapters or a single document here: http://scouts.org.uk/media/728228/Policy-Organisation-and-Rules-March-2016-2.pdf</p>	
7	The DC's Spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project You – budget has been cut. Funding has been cut for D of E and Youth Groups etc. Mike said 280 kids have been taken off the Enfield schools D of E and told to finish it elsewhere. Darren said leaders in the District still aren't supporting D of E as they found it wasn't being run well by County Plans afoot for a fun day on 11th June in Albany park. Clashes with Beaver day out to Legoland Town Show may have a Project You area this year. No news on ADC roles and on the hunt for a Dist Treasurer 	
8	St Georges Day feedback	<p>Short discussion regarding feedback from the event</p> <p>Main points:- Parents getting in the way Not much atmosphere – fewer supporters lining the road. Sparse. Why was everyone squashed into a corner at the end? Kids couldn't see and hear. Noisy and cramped, plus stressful for special needs children. Couldn't hear promises. One GSL said denominational services at churches can work – he went to one at Windsor and he felt it was successful. DC explained why the school car park was now a no go-er. Members of the Nuffield gym complained last year. But he summed up by saying there was a good turnout, and the kids generally seemed to enjoy the event. Got more police cover than expected</p>	
9	District events info coming out late and poor support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 a side football info was sent out late Deadline for County camp didn't allow enough time. Russ said the cascade of info isn't working GLN website dates were wrong, and CD booked her holiday dates erroneously. This meant her cubs couldn't go to county camp Easter holidays were blamed for some info going out late Poor support – Scout section have just cancelled their Night Challenger. Explorers have also had some problems. There are a lot of groups who never turn up to anything Scout section not having an ADC is having a knock-on effect CD said the best attended SLs meeting is the one where they set the yearly agenda of events Russ said maybe we are running too many events – he said reduce it to only one a term – do it really well and make sure it is in everyone's diary and well publicised. He said maybe do a section newsletter. 	Are GSLs promoting District events to their sections?

10	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Started scheduled for 28th May • Sam R took part in the Queen's Scout Parade at Windsor. She was the only rep from Enfield this year. DL disappointed she didn't receive a congratulatory letter from the District, as per participants in previous years • Flyer read out to advertise 19^{th's} Charity Comedy Night in memory of Pat Brooks • Russ said that Jack has been looking into arranging GSL support days. Info to follow in due course • Compass training session was advertised • Russ has done some recent recruitment for Jackie and for Roger. 4,500 leaflets have gone out to schools in Enfield. This should yield at least 30 enquiries. Please approach him if you need help for your own group • Lee said that 2^{nd's} premises are up and running again after the church fire last summer, but they need more scouts 	
11	Date/venue/chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 27th at 4th Enfield HQ Gordon Road • John to chair the meeting 	Please send any agenda items or apologies etc. to GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org

Meeting ended at 10:00 pm