

# AGM 2017

## Minutes of Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**1. Welcome:**

Welcome by Linda McKay GSL to all parents, young people and leaders.

**2. Apologies:**

Carl Adshead, Julie Antrobus

**3. AGM 2016:**

Minutes of the 2016 meeting read and approved.

**4. Group Chair Report:**

None

**5. Group Treasurer report:**

Read by GSL. See attached documents.

**6. Group Leader Report:**

Read by Linda McKay GSL. See attached Documents.

**7. Section reports:**

Read by Beaver leader, Cub Leader and Assistant Scout Leader. – See attached documents.

**8. GSL nomination of New Chairman.**

Terri Brown nominated by Linda McKay, seconded by Sarah Adshead.  
Voted in favour.

## **9. GSL Nomination of Secretary and Treasurer:**

Vicki Serna to carry on with position. Nominated by Linda McKay,  
Seconded Steve Spencer.

Mike Rhodes to take position of Treasurer. Nominated by Linda McKay  
and seconded by Graham Proctor.

Stepping down from the committee, Karl Usher, Barry Kimber, Janet  
Ninnis-Jeal, Steve Spencer.

### **Joining the committee**

Lou Worthington – nominated Hayley Rae, seconded Steve Spencer

Nicky Findlow – nominated Linda McKay, Seconded Vicki Serna

Linda Jones – Nominated Sarah Adshead, Seconded Ashley Proctor

Natalie Wells – Nominated by Graham Proctor, seconded Vicki Serna

Kath Charnley Nominated Hayley Rae, Seconded Sarah Adshead

All Voted in favour.

## **10. District Comments:**

No representative.

## **11. Presentations:**

Beavers: - 2 Bronze Awards for beavers moving up to Cubs

Cubs: - Silver Awards for 2 Cubs moving up to Scouts

Scouts: - 3 Gold Awards for Scouts leaving.

**12. AOB:**

Steve Spencer mentioned the success of ex-Ince and Elton Scouts at winning the 2017 Cheshire Hike. Chloe Leyland as a Young Leader and Zach Hunter now explorer at Cestrian.

**Next committee meeting to be agreed as Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – introduction for new committee.**

**Meeting Closed 8.00 for refreshments.**

**Signed GSL:**

**Signed Secretary:**

**Signed Chair:**

## Treasurer's Report

We continue to run at a profit, albeit small this year due the fundraising costs and the equipment that has been bought during the year ending December 2016.

As last year, the groups are continuing to grow and have sufficient funds to run their own sections.

We had three main fund raising events in 2016, Bonfire night, the football end of year fun day and the plant sale.

In total, between these events, we raised a total of £4115, and although our costs for these endeavours was £2735 we also received £1350 in donations. This enabled us to buy new tents, another griddle to assist with the bonfire, and new tables and chairs for use when camping.

The collective amounts in the bank accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 are:  
£10,626.95

## GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT 2016-17

As you can see we have a few empty places on our committee and it is sadness to announce that our chair and treasurer, Dave and Helen Weale, have retired. All their hard work has been much appreciated and they will be very much missed.

All the sections are running well thanks to the dedication from our leaders, young leaders and helpers. I am looking forward to reading there reports to see if I have missed anything exciting.

Training is going well for our new leaders Alex, Cath and Vicki and we now have two leaders, Steve and Callum, who have qualified in hill walking.

Callum has also volunteered to be a warden at our district camp site 'Queen Charlotte's Wood'

Harvest Festival Service and Parade and Service for Remembrance were well attended and this year those who were available went to join the beavers, who were staying at Queen Charlotte's Wood, for a short service and promise renewal on Sunday afternoon.

I am very proud to announce that we have another scout travelling to far off places this July. Jess McKay is joining a contingent from Mersey Weaver going to Northern hemisphere Jamboree 'Nord17'. That is 65 miles in the Arctic Circle in Norway. The entire contingent and their parents have had to fundraise constantly to finance this trip. The next event is climbing Snowden on May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to sponsor Jess she will be very pleased to have your sponsorship. We look forward to hearing all about her trip later in the year.

My thanks go to all the committee, leaders and helpers for all your hard work this past year without your help and understanding in time of illness I wouldn't have been able to do the GSL role.

Linda McKay

Group Scout Leader

## Beaver Report

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We have had another busy year at Beavers. We have attended various district events including a art day at Widnes Rugby Ground, where the beavers participated in a wide variety of cultural activities and arts. We have been on 3 camps one at Coco's play barn, and 2 at Queen Charlottes Wood. The last one 3 weeks ago where our theme was I'm a beaver Get me Out Of Here. Everyone had an amazing time.

The beavers have taken part in a balanced program over the past 12 months and have gained various activity badges including: first aid, disability awareness, hobby and faith. Many beavers have also been awarded one or more challenge badges, which will eventually lead to their Bronze Award.

We have had 9 Beavers move up to Cubs this Year and out of that 9 6 have achieved their bronze Awards. The other children who have been committed Beavers came to us slightly later so unfortunately did not achieved the required badges in the time we had. Their commitment and enthusiasm should still not be overlooked and they are a credit to the Beaver Team.

We have had an average of 25 Beavers on role over the past 12 Months, all who have been committed, polite and full of enthusiasm. We have a waiting list for September, so we continue to thrive.

Again as well as having an AMAZING Beaver Colony, this would not be achieved without the committed team around me. We welcomed Catherine and Viki, who are an asset to our team and of course Hayley, my right-hand woman!!! You are amazing and a great support over the past year when I have gone through lots of changes in other areas of my life. A BIG THANK YOU

SARAH

Beaver Leader

# **1<sup>ST</sup> INCE AND ELTON CUB SCOUTS**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **AGM 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

Well following the last AGM, we have been very busy, starting with the Group camp which was held at Dunham Massey at the end of May, taking part in many adventurous activities such as Climbing, Water Rafting, Cave Bus, Grass Sledging and many more however it's safe to say that it wasn't just the Water Rafting which got us wet! The weather wasn't exactly on our side that weekend and most of the leaders and parent took home at least a tonne of mud in their what a great way to start! Since it was so muddy the next week we had a Camp Clean down! Due to a lot of movement in the section it was time to speak to our new sixers and seconders, so we took them to Burger King and got to work closely with them deciding the next steps regarding the programme and activities alike.

Leading on from this it was established that there were many badges which were new to both Cubs and the leaders in which we aimed to tackle, one of which being the communicator badge, this meant we got to walk around various areas of the village communicating over radio airwaves and enabling us to unlock clues to our next rendezvous. Photography was another big point of interest which saw the cubs learn about various cameras (digital, phone, SLR and Go Pros) to discover what was inside them and what made them different, they all then put their photography skills to the test taking many pictures up on Helsby Hill.

The Cubs section then went to camp in July at QCW Camping, the main theme of the camp was Circus, where they took part in many Circus themed exercises and activities, this camp was a little bit drier!!

It was then time for a break to regather our thoughts over summer and to give the Kids a rest from us!

We jumped into full swing in September when the sixers and seconders went for a walk up to QCW and Camped out for the evening cooking both their Supper and Breakfast the next morning, from there we had a select few join the Beavers and Scouts in the Moel Famau Hills, where Steve and Callum put their Hill walking permits to the test after recently passing their assessment.

After the Success of the walk and continuing a back to basics theme, we taught the Cubs various aspects of map work from Grid References to simple bearings and symbols.

One week we had a visitor from Royal National Institute of Blind People come and talk to us about many aspects of blindness and aids which the blind are able to use and assist them in day to day activities, leading on from this it was time to look and learn about animals and what happens at a Vet Practice, which was right down Assistant Leader Kim's speciality being a Registered Vet Nurse, so she was able to give us a great insight into animals, their health and a day in the life of a Vet Nurse.

Flying through the year on a broom stick we ended up a Halloween where we hosted our own Halloween party, with optional fancy dress and games such a bobbing apples and decorated cakes (Halloween Themed).

Following on from the success of Kim talking about animals and their health, we took the Cubs over 2 weeks to Pets at homes to get an insight on many other domestic animals and the Cubs all got given a booklet to complete to help them earn their Animal Care badge.

We attended the District Carol Service in Runcorn, although the turn out wasn't great Akela certainly made up for it with his singing, along with the other leaders.

Cubs celebrated 100 Years last year so 100 years to the day Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December the Cubs renewed their promise at a district campfire at QCW where there was lots of Campfire songs and some warm food! Leading on from this the Leaders took a night off to eat cakes (you think I'm joking!), while the Sixers and Seconders took charge of the evening.

This lead us nicely into Christmas where we treated the Cubs to a McDonalds and Film evening! Watching Arthur Christmas.

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We started off the new year, with a cooking lesson making homemade burgers from scratch, which didn't help the leaders with their new year's resolutions, it was however safe to say the burgers were very tasty!

We led onto this by practising for the craft trophy, making craft campsites, unfortunately at district level this was cancelled due to not enough teams entering. We had a week night of team building before a weekend away in the hideaway Cubs vs Wild themed, setting challenges to earn them food (we were always going to feed them honest) and a game of man hunt which saw Callum and Alex hiding up 2 trees for an hour in very cold conditions, the weekend also consisted of a walk up to Helsby Hill Quarry.

On another evening the Cubs helped light fires at the Hut and made breadsticks and smores! The smores turning out the best, it's safe to say they didn't have trouble eating them, we continued the programme with Mirrored Images with painted pictures with some great success all round.

Logan, Jay, Adam and Scarlett all achieved their Cub Scout Silver Award these were presented at the Halton Select Stadium with the other Cubs from the district.

We entered a strong team in the swimming gala, all placing strongly in the heats but unfortunately, we were unable to grab a podium spot overall, however all the cubs should be very proud of how well they all did.

Akela and the Easter Bunny planned an Easter egg hunt around the Chester Walls where the Cubs had to keep their eyes peeled for Easter Eggs Stickers around the walls, again with a nice surprise of an Easter egg at the end of the walk.

Recently it was St Georges Day where all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts renewed their promise along with the Leaders at QCW we had a great turn out from all sections and everyone looked very smart in full uniform.

It's safe to say 2 pages is not enough to write down everything we have done over the last year, however we have highlighted some of our best bits!

On behalf of all the leaders I would like to say a massive thank you for the continued support of the parent taking the Cubs to and from events, and to the Cubs for always doing their best and being prepared for everything we throw at them.

**We look forward to welcoming all the Cubs to another year of busy Adventures.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Ince and Elton Scouts

AGM 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

We have had another great year which has seen us sustain a good level of attendance with new members joining from within the group, as well as others completely new to scouting.

1. We held a Group Camp at the end of May 2016 at Dunham Massey Scout Camp along with our Beavers and Cubs Scouts. The Scouts in patrols, set up camp, cooked, cleaned and worked as teams on all the activities. We took part in lots of great activities including the Geocaching, Grass Sledging, Raft Building, backwoods cooking, teambuilding challenges and lots of wide games. Even though the weather was terrible for lots of the weekend, everyone coped really well even when the camp site became a mud bath.
2. At the end of June, we held a 'Back to Basics' camp at a local camp site in Mouldsworth. Scouts hiked from QCW and then worked in teams to prepare the camp and set up bivvy shelters using tarps and survival bags to protect from the elements. They had lots of wide games, created a fire circle and prepared enough wood to keep them warm into the night. The teams cooked breakfast for themselves the following morning and then we had several activities including making camp gadgets and team problem solving finishing with a 'ready steady cook' style cooking challenge for then to be creative at lunchtime.
3. 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – County Scout Sunday Parade in Chester was well attended by 13 scouts, which was a credit to them especially as most had spent the weekend at the back to basics camp.
4. In July our younger scouts took part in the District Trek weekend which was introduced in 2014 to give younger scouts the taste of what the Cheshire hike is all about. The event forms the basis of a hike on the Saturday with the scouts carrying some of their kit and then them cooking their evening meal and sleeping under canvas; breakfast is supplied for them by the District SAS team on Sunday morning before breaking camp and returning home. Well done to those that attended.
5. We have done a few sessions of backwoods cooking along with teaching some axe/saw skills with the troop at QCW. The different techniques the scouts have learnt range from one pot cooking to pita pizzas, burgers etc.

6. We have re-visited Be-Boulder in Widnes during 2016; which is a free climbing centre which helps the scouts learn the skill of climbing in a safe environment all by climbing no higher than approx. 2mtrs from the ground.
7. We visited Velocity one of the upcoming trampoline parks which the scouts all enjoyed and even a couple of the leaders managed to get around unscathed!!
8. To Celebrate Steve and Callum achieving their hill walking permits we arranged a group walking afternoon up Moel Famau. Each section took part and we were very lucky with the weather on the day. The beavers and cubs walked in the morning and we had a packed lunch together as a group before the scouts walked two routes to the summit in the afternoon.
9. We attended the Harvest Festival service in Sept and had a great turnout for that and the Remembrance Day parade in November 2016. Thanks to the scouts for supporting these again.
10. November - Gold award ceremony – Josh and Nick achieved this last year and we have 3 already completed this year with 2 more soon to achieve this highest award in scouts. This is a great achievement and we are proud of them all for their hard work.
11. November 2016 – District Swimming Gala saw us enter a strong 5 scout team.
12. November 2016 - District Night hike again proved a popular event with us attending with 15 scouts which now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running is the highest turnout from the whole district. (for some reason our scouts seem to navigate better in the dark!! Which continues to baffle us leaders ☺)
13. 16<sup>th</sup> December - we finished the year with a trip to the bowling alley, which the scouts had voted for.
14. Weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> January – District Practice Hike Camp Cold – and it was icy this year again!! – this year we camped in the grounds of 1<sup>st</sup> Moore Scout headquarters and 11 of our scouts braved the weather. Well done to them all.
15. January through to March saw several day hikes and weekend hikes/camps organised by the district team; for those who were thinking of competing in the Cheshire hike to practice
16. April - Cheshire Hike –I am very proud to announce we had 7 teams entered from our troop in this year's Cheshire hike Cody, Keira, Amber, Phoebe, Mac, Leo, Will, Owen, Tom, Fin and Piers. 5 junior teams, 1 intermediate team and 1 senior team. All of our teams were absolutely amazing and to top a great weekend; Keira and Fin won the District Junior Trophy. Well done to them all, we as leaders as well as all your parents are very proud of what you achieved. Now you can look forward to starting training again around October for next year's competition.
17. We attended the family bingo night that was run to raise funds for Elton primary school, which proved a hit with the scouts as most of them won some presents. A special note needs to go to Leo, who won two Easter eggs after a

dice off with a young boy from the village, when they both got a full line. Leo then promptly gave one of the eggs to the boy; which made his night. Well done Leo.

Above are the main activities we have completed over the last 12 months others have included various team building outings, cooking competitions in patrols and orienteering sessions.

Our Troop continued to prosper throughout 2016 and the beginning of 2017. Our current numbers are 18 scouts; which has dropped a little with some of our older members going off to pastures new.

The programme we deliver would not be possible without the team of leaders and the help and support of the parents and helpers to support me. It goes without saying that this is very much appreciated and I/We look forward to providing the children with more opportunities as the year progresses.

Lastly but by no means least, i would like to thank the scouts for all their effort week in week out. It was great to see how well the scouts stepped up to look after the Beavers a couple of weeks ago when we did some backwoods cooking at QCW and played some wide games in the dark. Each scout was assigned a beaver to stay with. The beavers were pleased to play with the older scouts and be able to still be out after dark. That's why we do it!

Many Thanks

Carl.

## New Committee – 2017

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Ex-off</b>	<b>Nom</b>	<b>Elect</b>
Linda Mckay	GSL	Y		Y
Terri Brown	Chairman	Y		Y
Vicki Serna	Secretary	Y		Y
Mike Rhodes	Treasurer	Y		Y
Callum Linger	ASL		Y	Y
Lyn Jones	C Parent		Y	Y
Graham Proctor	CSL	Y		Y
Ashley Proctor	Webmaster		Y	Y
Callum Linger	Quartermaster		Y	Y
Betty Newman	Committee		Y	Y
Carl Adshead	SL	Y		Y
Sarah Adshead	BSL	Y		Y
Hayley Rae	ABSL		Y	Y
Natalie Wells	C Parent		Y	Y
Vicki Astley	ABL		Y	Y
Sue Grave	C Parent		Y	Y
Andy Chambers	C Parent		Y	Y
Julie Antrobus	C Parent			
Lou Worthington	B Parent		Y	Y
Nicky Findlay	S Parent		Y	Y

**1<sup>st</sup> Ince and Elton Scout Group AGM  
Attendance List**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Association</b>
Linda McKay	GSL	Mel Johnston	Parent
Jess McKay	Scout	Kim Proctor	ACL
Dave Oldfield	Helper	Callum Linger	ASL
Sarah Murray	Helper	Ashley Proctor	ASL
Chloe Leyland	Young Leader	Steve Spencer	ASL
Ryan Lennnon	Scout	Sarah Adshead	BL
Paddy Anderson	Scout	Hayley Rae	ABL
Sue Grave	Comm Member	Vicki Astley	ABL
Dave Grave	Parent	Kate	ABL
Phoebe Rae	Scout	Sharon Weeks	Parent
Keira Adshead	Scout	Lynsay Evans	Parent
Scarlett Rae	Cub	Paul Plummes	Parent
Caitlin Lennon	Scout	Adam Serna	Cub
Owen Lennon	Scout		
Mac Tudor	Scout		
Piers Serna	Scout		
Amber Howarth	Scout		
Betty Newman	Comm Member		
Sue Goodier	Parent		
Graham Proctor	Akela Cubs		
Vicki Serna	Secretary		
Jenni Rhodes	Parent		
Nat Tudor	Parent		
Sharon Lennon	Parent		
Barry Sandbank	Parent		
Kai Jones	Beavers		
Gill Anderson	Parent		
Nicky Findlow	Parent		
Jeff Eaton	Parent		
Terri Brown	Parent		
Billy Brown	Parent		