



LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUTS

ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY 14th MARCH 2016

1. MEMBERS PRESENT; Nigel Pullen, Tony Andrews, Kieran Ryan, Dorothy Ryan, Ray Salisbury, Mick Woods, David Wilkinson.
2. APOLOGIES; Craig Dewar, Terry Bond.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were approved.
4. MATTERS ARISING; Chubb Fire and Security are visiting both sites on Thursday 17th March, to survey our facilities and give a quotation to cover alarms, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.
5. FINANCE REPORT; Balance on the CAF account is £34,866.61. In addition there is £10,000 deposited with Nationwide and a further £35,000 with the Skipton, giving a total of £79,886.61. Expenditure for 2016 to date is £8,444.04 and income for lettings is £4,015.00. In addition we have received the rental payment for the mast at Silverhelme of £7,122.92 this covers the period to 31st March 2017. A claim has been submitted to recoup the losses following the break in at Littledale, however progress is slow as the insurers ask for more details. Thanks to Richard Wood most of the information required has been provided.
6. SILVERHELME TOILET BLOCK. Thanks to the work of Anthony Pilling the revised plans were submitted to Lancaster City Council planning office on 25 January 2016. This followed their rejection of the submission of the 8th November 2015 which we considered minor. A decision has been promised by the 4th April 2016.
7. HEALTH AND SAFETY; The chain walk at Silverhelme has been removed after it was discovered that the support trees were rotten. It will be re-instated when a suitable position is found.
8. SILVERHELME REPORT; The new boiler has been fitted, and in conjunction with the radiator thermostatic valves an improvement in heating and efficiency has been noted. A new instant hot water boiler has been fitted in the kitchen. Work on the roof of the wardens cabin will be carried out when the weather improves, the materials have been obtained. 3rd Morecambe have been spending one day a month carrying out service work at site and so far have tidied up the backwoods cooking area, are carrying out extensive work at the chapel and have cleared many paths of leaves.
9. LITTLEDALE REPORT; Internal painting of the lodge has been completed. There have been problems with the boilers, arrangements to be made for the system to be looked at with a view to replacing the aged boilers with one new one, Kieron to progress. The grill in the kitchen is not working properly and will be monitored. The archery range will be sorted out when the weather

improves, the standing area is to be boarded over to provide a safer footing. Tony Andrews will write to Lancaster City Council about the road drain which pours onto our land and has caused the problem of the wet areas at the range. The marquee poles are damaged beyond repair and as a marquee is required for the District Beaver camp in May a replacement is to be sourced by Mick and Ray.

10. BOOKINGS; For this year there are 52 bookings for Silverhelme and 37 for Littledale. There is also one booking at Silverhelme for 2017.

11. AOB. The chairman reported on a conversation he had had with the leader of the Explorers who use the lodge at Silverhelme for some of their meetings, concerning a payment to cover cost of heating and lighting. Further information to be obtained before proceeding.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the chairman would arrange a date when he had received the result from the Lancaster City Council planning office.