

## MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE BATTALION COUNCIL HELD AT Battalion HQ on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at 7.30 pm

### 1 Opening Devotions

Rev. Neil Galbraith, Battalion Chaplain led opening devotions.

### 2 Present & Welcome

Alan Murray, Chairman of the Battalion Board of Trustees welcomed all to the meeting; 19 Leaders, 6 Reserve Officers from 15 Companies were represented.

16 members of Council had tendered their apologies (representing an additional 4 Companies)

### 3 Minutes of Meeting held 14 June 2018

Approved

### 4 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of AOB - Music

### 5 Matters Arising

All matters arising are covered in the agenda

### 6 Finance Report

The Treasurer spoke on the Battalion finances and funds and drew attention to the following:

For the 6 months to 30th September 2018;

- Core costs are on budget and expenditure continues to be under control.
- Donation income is better than the equivalent period last year as a result of grants from both the Merchants House and the Trades House of Glasgow. Legacy income of £9k was also received.
- Investment income is reduced. We have sold capital to fund the deficit and it is more difficult to replace higher income funds.

### 7 Committee Reports

#### 7.1 Board of Trustees Report

Alan Murray reported to Council that a summary of each Board of Trustees meeting is posted to the Battalion web-site and highlighted a number of key points.

- The Faith in Young People programme for ministers and churches has started and will continue over the coming months.
- A number of Glasgow Companies are benefitting from the Brigade Scotland Cashback.
- Work is required to identify volunteers who are able to lead Battalion events to avoid the Battalion Secretary having to micro-manage competitions.
- Feedback from the 4 Church of Scotland Guild presentations delivered by the Battalion Secretary was very positive and that the basis of the project can be adapted for use with other organisations – Rotary, Churches, etc.
- Glasgow City Council Education Department are keen to pilot Science, Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) initiatives in support of the Brigade Scotland initiative.
- A publicity event at Asda Robroyston highlighted, through distribution of leaflets, a wide option of Companies from Glasgow Battalion and 2 Strathkelvin Battalion Companies local to the store
- The World Mission Fund Annual General Meeting will move to March 2019 with the next project running to May 2020. Plans are in place to look at options to improve giving to the fund. The current project will present a cheque to the Church of Scotland for £6k and is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Largs.

#### 7.2 Activity Committee Reports

The Secretary provided the following updates.

##### 7.2.1 Anchor Section

The Anchor Section Pantomime is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and will provide 2 performances with Junior Sections invited to attend.

Roadshow events are scheduled around the Battalion in Feb/March 2019  
Following the success of the Lego event on 20<sup>th</sup> October an additional date is planned for January 2019.

A development workshop is scheduled for Cathkin District on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Calderwood Baptist Church.

#### 7.2.2 Junior Section

Details of Junior Section Events are as per the printed schedule.

#### 7.2.3 Company Section

Schedules for events have been distributed.

A Football fun day took place on 29<sup>th</sup> September, plans are in hand to repeat this event.

### 7.3 Training Committee Report

Alan Murray had provided a report to Council highlighting;

- Skills 4 Queen's Badge A on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was run in conjunction with Brigade Scotland as a Media Skills Course. Feedback was used to form part of the activities for the Skills Course held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- Captain's Training Completed.
- Scheduled Courses
  - YLT Parts 1 & 2 – ran on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 with part 3 scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### 7.4 Scotland Committee Report

Ronnie Campbell provided a report highlighting;

- Changes the Scotland Committee where 8 of the 12 members are Under 26
- UK Membership has reduced by 1199 to circa 43,000
- Scottish membership has reduced by 339 to 14,161
- 2 working groups are conducting a Staffing review and a Costs Review at national level
- The 2019 Scottish Bands Contest is scheduled for Glasgow on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- A series of Roadshows is planned for spring 2019 which will include workshops on Mental Health, Additional Support Needs and Faith Sharing
- A repeat of the Company Section Cumbrae Camp in May 2019

### 7.5 Kilbryde Hike

The Secretary provided a report on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event proposed for 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 highlighting that:-

- All youth organisations and school groups can enter.
- Planning for 30 + teams
- A Veteran Hike Category has been added, created to encourage participants from previous years to return and celebrate the anniversary.
- Bill Stevenson, Brigade Secretary and John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister have confirmed attendance during the event.

### 8 Boys' Brigade Church of Scotland Guild Project

Jim McVean provided an update to Council of the Guild project and the Brigade UK Raise the Bar Initiative.

### 9 Any other business

- R. McLay, 9<sup>th</sup> Glasgow spoke on the news that local government education departments are cutting down on the provision of music in schools and suggested that there may be an opportunity for the Battalion to promote the work that we do in this field.

### 10 Date of next meeting:

The President noted the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7:30pm at Battalion HQ.

### 10 Closing Devotions

The meeting was closed with prayer.