

## MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE BATTALION COUNCIL HELD AT Baird Suite, Hampden Park on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 pm

### 1 Opening Devotions

Rev. Neil Galbraith, Battalion Chaplain led opening devotions.

### 2 Present & Welcome

Gary McQueen, PR Trustee welcomed all to the meeting;  
37 Leaders, 2 Reserve Officers from 24 Companies were represented.  
20 members of Council had tendered their apologies (representing an additional 6 Companies)

### 3 Minutes of Meeting held 12 June 2019

Approved

### 4 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved

### 5 Matters Arising

All matters arising are covered in the agenda

### 6 Finance Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Jim McVean spoke on the Battalion finances and funds and drew attention to the following:

- Our costs continue to be well controlled and were within budget expectations for the 6 months to 30th September 2019.
- Our new approach to fund raising is gaining some ground, donations received in the 6 months included new sources of funding. While the total was below budget, a generous annual donation usually received in September did not arrive until the first week in October. We will have to work hard to produce an increase in donations in the remainder of this financial year. A legacy resulted in the six-month accounts showing a much-reduced deficit than was budgeted for. A significant further legacy has been received together with a contribution from a lapsed donor over the last week.
- Investment Income is an important part of our budget. The stock market is volatile at present, however the consensus among investment advisors is that dividend income will continue to increase at a greater rate than inflation. The value of stock market investments continues to be turbulent, our broker ensures that our funds are invested defensively, to weather economic storms and protect our income.

### 7 Committee Reports

#### 7.1 Board of Trustees Report

Jim McVean 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.

- Work is in hand to develop a new Company Section at the 162nd Glw (Carntyne Parish Church) This will include support from the Brigade Scotland Cashback fund
- A pilot 'hub' initiative is being run with the 125th, 200th & 212th Glw Companies in Springburn District.
- A Chaplains Event for Churches in the Glasgow, Lennox & Argyll and Strathkelvin Battalions was held on 11/8/19 at Lenzie Union, hosted by the Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery. Over 20 Chaplains attended the event which was designed to promote the Boys' Brigade as a mission tool for churches and provide advice on effective partnerships between Company & Church. It is planned to use the format at other events.

#### 7.2 Activity Committee Reports

The Secretary provided the following updates. Meetings attended by District Section representatives were held in early September. A number of changes were proposed to the schedules and are detailed online and in the recently distributed mailshot.

##### 7.2.1 Anchor Section

The Anchor Section Pantomime is scheduled for 7th December 2019 and will provide 2 performances with Junior Sections invited to attend.

Following the success of the Lego event on 26 October an additional date is planned for January 2020.

### 7.2.2 Junior Section

A successful Subway Challenge event was held in October. Details of Junior Section Events are as per the printed schedule. A change to the Figure Marching event will see sections send in videos of their entry.

Junior Section Kip on a Ship – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### 7.2.3 Company Section

Boys from the 128<sup>th</sup>, 135<sup>th</sup>, 152<sup>nd</sup> & 195<sup>th</sup> Glw Companies participated in the rearranged 2019 Scottish Cross Country event at Colzium Park in Kilsyth, hosted by Strathkelvin Battalion. Our highest place finish was Callum Paterson, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior race. Schedules for events have been distributed. A Football fun day took place on 5<sup>th</sup> October with 2 Companies participating.

Events continue with Badminton & Drill scheduled for next week.

## 7.3 Training Committee Report

Jim McVean provided a report to Council highlighting;

- Skills 4 Queen's Badge Course A on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 35 Boys attended.
- It was unfortunate that the Heartstart Instructors Course scheduled for the next day had to be postponed due to a lack of numbers.
- A total of 31 Boys from within the Battalion and further afield attended the Building your Skills Course and feedback was positive.
- Saturday and Sunday 1 & 2 November saw a number of young leaders attend Youth Leader Training at Battalion HQ. An additional module on Mental Health Awareness was included in the course.
- Skills 4 Queen's Badge Course B takes place on Sunday 17 November from 13.30 – 18.00 at Battalion HQ and will focus on media skills. Due to the nature of this course attendance is limited.
- The Queen's Badge Completion Course is restricted to 52 participants next year. Options to pre-register Boys from Glasgow Companies prior to release regionally closed yesterday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## 7.4 Scotland Committee Report

Ronnie Campbell provided a report highlighting;

- A proposed Captains & Officers in Charge event scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- An update on the Brigade Scotland Work-plan
- An update on the recruitment of a new Development Officer whose remit will cover Central Scotland
- The positive response to the new Under 11's programme material

## 7.5 Kilbryde Hike

Council noted the date of the 2020 event – June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and the continuation of the day only option for younger participants.

## 8 Forward in Fellowship

Jim McVean presented a workshop designed to encourage Leaders to consider how they operate in a changing environment and what barriers occur to prevent a positive change of direction. Council then moved to groups to discuss and feedback on 3 questions:- What Skills, Incentives and Resources are needed? How can they find these? And Who Needs to provide support? Feedback was provided and noted for further discussion at the next Council meeting.

## 9 Any other business

Rev Neil Galbraith, in his capacity as CEO of Glasgow The Caring City, offered Companies an opportunity to support local children's projects in their areas using a cuddly toy initiative provided by his charity.

## 10 Date of next meeting:

Gary McQueen noted the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7:30pm at Battalion HQ.

## 11 Closing Devotions

The meeting was closed with prayer.