Mins for 1st Belton Scout Group AGM 27th September 2025

Present: Dug Harrison Group Chairperson, John Clarke Group Lead Volunteer, Glen Chusonis Depty District Lead Volunteer, Gillian Mays Depty District Lead Volunteer, Danny Daniels District Chairperson, Carly Stroud Trustee, Claire Cox Trustee, Peter Clarke Cub Lead Volunteer, Lucy Clarke Assistant Cub Lead, Jane Clarke Beaver Lead Volunteer.

Apologies: Amy Emons, Tasha Woodrow Trustee, Andrew Raven, Harry Raven, June Fletcher and including other members of group scout council.

1. Introduction and housekeeping.
   John welcomed everyone and thanked district representatives for attending.
2. Governance topics
   a. Approve the mins from 2024 mins, Agreed true record and no questions. Proposed by Dug Harrsion, then show hands.
   b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR), No change for 2025-2026. Danny (District chair) made meeting aware that this does not need to be brought to this meeting as already agreed at pervious Trustee meeting.
   c. Note the Groups financial year, 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.
   d. Approve appointment and community members of Group Scout Council
      Peter Clarke, Lucy Clarke, Jane Clarke, Carly Stroud (standing down as treasurer, continue as trustee) – 1 year, Tasha Woodrow, Clarie Cox standing down as trustee.
   e. Agree number of members that may be appointed to Trustee board – min 8 people
   f. Agree quorum for future meetings of group trustee's) excluding this AGM) – 5 people.
3. Review of the previous year

a. Chairmans report – see appendix 1
   Group Lead report – see appendix 2
   Beaver scout report – see appendix 3

Cub Scout report – see appendix 4
Scout report – see appendix 5

b. Treasurers report – see appendix 6 re accounts which have been scrutinised by Andrew Mannall. Carly went onto explain final accounts for 2024 -2025, also explained breakdown money re building Discussion was then had re increase weekly subs from £2.50p to £3 to ensure that costs were covered for membership fee, 18p to section, cost HQ insurance, Elec, water, gas. Which was agreed.

4. Making appointments
   a. Appoint the group chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the group trustee board - Dug Harrison – 1 year
   b. Appoint the group treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the group trustee board - Amy Emons Group Treasure – 1 year
   c. Appoint the members, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the group trustee board if required – no other new trustee's
   d. Appoint the scrutineer - Andrew Mannall
5. District dignitary - Gillian Mays Depty District Lead Volunteer thanked everyone for coming to AGM. She was pleased to hear of so many young people enjoying scouting. Thanked the leaders, trustees for all their hard work.

Appendix 1

Chairperson report

Dug thanked everyone for coming to AGM. The group has had a very busy year with the building work progressing. He thanked Peter for overseeing work and Carly for her extra work with the accounts. He also thanked the trustees for all their support over the last year and the leaders for all their work giving the youngsters different programmes each week. Dug thanked Claire Cox for her support as a trustee as she is standing down (present with a small gift to say thank you). Carly is standing down as treasure, but will be continuing as a trustee.

Appendix 2

Group Lead Volunteer report

The Scout Group has had an unusual year with the sections moving out of the Scout HQ for 6 months to the village church while the HQ building work started, which we must thank the church for their thanks and support.

Our section numbers have remained good. With all the Beaves places taken (they only run at 18 beavers due to lack adult leaders), Cubs and Scouts have increased in numbers. We have also had 2 scouts have moved on to become young leaders at Beavers.

Can I please say a very big thank you to the trustee's and in particular to Peter (Akela) for taking on the role re the scout group building extension for all his hard work with the project. Along with Lucy who has been a great support to him.

Can I also say a very big thank you to all the leaders and parents who help out to give out young people such a great variety of programme items.

Appendix 3

Beaver scout report

At the time of writing we have 18 Beaver scouts (please note we are still only running at 18 Beaver due to lack of adult help rather than 24). There is 1 child of age on waiting list.

The Beavers have had a very busy year last October we moved into the church due to building work which was a challenge from an adult point of view, but I am not sure the young people took a lot of notice only that we were unable to do things out side, which some were not happy about. They also sometimes got fed up with me saying I had forgotten something which does not happen at HQ. For the summer we have returned home to the HQ.

The beavers have taken part in many activities from making a Christmas wreath out of green paper sticking them on card and putting jewels on them for the church, grew sweet corn to take home, these were quite a challenge to grow and French marigolds from seed which were then planted out at Rectory corner, they are still in flower. Evening on the beach, Burgh Castle Fort to be Romans for the evening and a walk in Blue Bell wood litter picking and leave ID. We had an evening doing emergency aid stage 1 someone had given us a lot of eye bandages which the beavers had great fun in having a go putting on their arms, they can now put someone into the recover position even an adult. There was an evening doing there healthy eating badge making a poster of good and bad food form magazine pictures. Had an evening bowling at Wellington Bowl. We had an evening collecting wood, making fires and then toasting marshmallows. As it was raining on another evening making garlic potatoes with cheese. We have made fish tanks out of coffee jars thinking about endangered sharks. May I say and so much more.

We jointed the other Beavers in the district at Eaton Vale activity center going on the river, crate stacking, and obstacle course. Did a ramble down Great Yarmouth Sea front in aid of children in need. Then took part in the ten-pin bowling competition.

The group joined together for remembrance Sunday service at All Saints Church and a joint Christmas party of silly games and food. The group gather to make bug houses for the scout HQ field as part of the building work funded by the youth devilment fund. They also had the opportunity to toast marshmallow on that day to.

The Beavers and Leaders have been very disappointed over the last year due to not being able to have their usual indoor and outdoor sleepover experience at Scout HQ, after doing a risk assessment it was deemed not to be safe. At this point it hasn't prevented anyone gaining their Bronze Chief Scout Award.

My thanks need to go to Bouncy beaver and Red Beaver for their ongoing support. We have welcomed William (Rocket Beaver) when his son joined beavers and Jeannette (Sunshine Beaver). Can I also thank the parents who stay and help with parent's Rota? We have also welcomed 2 young leaders William (Tiger Beaver) and Charlie to be decided by Beavers on his Beaver Name.

Lastly can I say thank you to Gov for his support and at present time is fed up with eating small tins of baked beans! We need them to make Christmas cakes.

Appendix 4

Cub report

This year we have had an increase in numbers due to beavers moving up and young people joining us who have not be involved in scouting at all.

We joined the rest of the district for dodge ball competition and Wiltshire throphy which is a basic scouting skill competition. Had a very interesting evening at the Great Yarmouth Minster following a Great Yarmouth Scout history around the church which everyone gained a badge for.

They have covered all of the challenge badges, done activity badges, we have also had a go at some staged badges not tried before which has been fun packed. We had a fun packed camp over 2 nights at the scout hq, walked to Caldicott Hall to have a go at there frisbee golf, which no one had done before. This meant that some of the Cubs gained have gone onto gain their silver chief scout award.

Appendix 5

Scout report

The scout has had an increase in numbers to 16 this year.

The scouts found it challenging meeting at the church, with having to think a little bit more about programme items and games. They particularly missed cooking a favourite item on the programme but we did manage to make armpit fudge!

We have to think a little more about the programme and games we did while meeting at the church.

The Scouts had the opportunity to do clip and climb, ten pin bowling, walking around the village founding out about the history of our short walk. We had great fun and district camp doing air rifle shooting, archery, sailing and cannoning etc. We had a wonderful week at Norjam 25 taking part in activities from go-charting, paddle boarding, crafts, large inflatables, evening activities it was nonstop fun.

Can I please say a very big thank you to Kelly, Maggie and John for their ongoing support at scouts.

Appendix 6

Accounts 2024/25

Nominal Account List	Income	Outgoing	Balance
Beavers (Opening balance £849.79)	281.38	483.68	647.49
Cubs (Opening balance £175.81)	435.32	472.56	138.57
Scouts (Opening balance £640.48)	441.96	739.77	342.67
Fundraising	3,342.06	-	3,342.06
Hut Running Costs and Income	82.52	1,506.98	-1,140.46
Current balance:	4,583.24	3,202.99	1,380.25

BANK ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	40291.08
Cash/Chqs Income Paid In	295641.69
Cash/Chqs Expend. Paid out	245485.93
Account Charges	0.00
Closing Balance	90446.84
Variance to Previous Year	50155.76

MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE	Incoming	Outgoing
Membership	£ 3,590.00	£ 2,260.00
Insurance (£1265.58 + £52)		£ 1,317.58
Total	£ 3,590.00	£ 3,577.58

SUBS BREAKDOWN	
Subs received per child per session	
Membership fee	
Remaining subs left towards group	

HUT EXTENSION (Dec 23 - to April 25)	Funds Received	Outgoing	Balance
	£ 293,850.45	##########	£10,361.86