

NOTE OF A DISTRICT GSL MEETING, HELD 15TH OCTOBER 2007
AT CORNELLY SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL

PRESENT: Margaret Hopkin Act DC Debbie Robley 2nd Bridgend
Chris Faulkner 3rd Bridgend Peter Faulkner 3rd Bridgend
Martin Cox 1st Bridgend Lynn Batters 1st Nottage
Meirion Lewis 1st Porthcawl

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from Adrian Morgan, 1st Cornelly Scout Group

2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting.** These were approved as a true record

3. **Matters arising: Sainsury Community Week.** This initiative had been a slight disappointment because of the lack of co-operation on behalf of the store. There had been some interest shown from shoppers both for adult recruitment and Sectional recruitment and almost £300 was donated, although the collection was secondary to the reason for the week. The money collected was equally split between those who had manned the display throughout the time of the event - 2nd Bridgend, 3rd Bridgend, 1st Cornelly and Cefn Glas Explorer Scout Unit.
Module 25/First Aid Training. Roger Fielding has indicated that he will not be readily available to run training in the near future, in light of this Margaret will ask Andrea Soulsby to arrange a Module 25 Course for those in the District who need to complete this. Beth Barton had contacted every Group asking for details about First Aid training that was required but not many GSL's have replied to her enquiry. In order for Beth to arrange a date to provide First Aid Training she needs feedback from Groups and GSL's were asked to provide this as soon as possible.
Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Adam Jackson has undertaken to communicate with Groups regarding this training but to date no contact seems to have been made. Margaret will ask Adam about progress.
District Equipment Container. A question has arisen as to whether this container holds any equipment that is usable. Martin, Peter Richards and Peter Faulkner will inspect what is there and report back.

4. **Nights Away Experiences:** GSL's are asked to provide Margaret with the total number of nights away experiences that have been offered to Sections since the start of 2007. This total is not the number of those who have taken part, but the number of nights of each camp/holiday. Margaret also pointed out that there are those who still do not inform District of residential experiences that are carried out. This is against Association rules as set out in POR. GSL's were provided with a copy of updates to the Nights Away Permit Scheme.

5. **District Amalgamations - New DC Appointments:** Craig Middle has been appointed District Commissioner for the new District that will comprise the present Districts of Rhondda, Taff Ely and Cynon Valley and Robert Redmond has been appointed DC of the present Districts of Caerphilly, Rhymney Valley and Islwyn. The appointments will be applicable from June 2008.

6. A.O.B: The closing date for submission of names of Cub Scouts eligible to attend next years Area 'Chief Scout's Silver Award Presentation' is 31st January 2008.

GSL's were asked to remind Scouters in their Groups, that the next District Scouters Meeting will be held on Monday 3rd December 2007, 7.00pm at 3rd Bridgend Scout Headquarters. The response to the last planned meeting had been extremely poor.

Plans for the District Carol Service are well underway. The Service will be held at Trinity Church, John Street, Porthcawl on Friday 14th December 2007, commencing at 7.00pm. Groups are urged to support this District event the collection of which will be donated to this years chosen charity - CLIC SARGENT.

A discussion took place on which charity should be adopted as next year's recipient from District events. A suggestion was made to support the 'Young Carer's' and Christine Faulkner will make enquiries about this charity and its local connections.

7. Date of Next District Group Scout Leader Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th January 2008, 7.30pm at 1st Cornelly Headquarters.

Margaret Hopkin

Acting District Commissioner
Bridgend District
16th October 2007