

**BRIDGEND SCOUT DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A DISTRICT SCOUTERS MEETING**  
**HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2007**

**PRESENT:**           Representatives from

1 <sup>st</sup> Bridgend (Lord Robert's Own)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bridgend (Brackla)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgend (Cefn Glas)	1 <sup>st</sup> Cornelly
1 <sup>st</sup> Kenfig Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> Nottage
1 <sup>st</sup> Porthcawl	3 <sup>rd</sup> Maesteg

1. Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Ken Woolley 1<sup>st</sup> Penyfai; Meirion Lewis 1<sup>st</sup> Porthcawl; Liz Devine and Christine Faulkner 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridgend; Peter Smith, Moira Batters and Janet Batters 1<sup>st</sup> Nottage.
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The Minutes were approved as a true record.
3. Matters Arising.

First Aid Training. Martin Cox had tried, without success, to contact the person who arranged the last First Aid training for the District. He will keep trying to make arrangements for this training but in the meantime Beth Barton offered to run a First Response Course, for those who need it, within the near future. Beth will find out what is required to run the training and details will be cascaded to Groups in due course. It was estimated that at least 20 leaders require this training.

Area Sunrise Ceremony. Andrea Soulsby, the Area 2007 Agent, has arranged a planning meeting for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the Area Office. Most Groups in the District prefer to hold their own celebration and have plans well in hand.

Commemorative Benches. Christine Faulkner had been asked at the last meeting to find out if permission would be given to put three commemorative benches around the Borough. No further information available at this stage. Pauline Sloan thought that it might be an idea to set up a District fund of some kind that would benefit children undertaking special projects - such as representing the District at World Jamborees etc. Lynn Batters will take the proposal to the next District Executive Meeting for its opinion. Further discussion will take place at the next District Scouters Meeting.

Role of District Treasurer. This position is still vacant and ideas for a possible willing person to take on the role will be greatly appreciated.
4. Sainsbury Community Week. At a previous Scouters Meeting, it had been decided that a small organising committee would be set up to plan this activity. Kath Davies would Chair the committee that will consist of Christine Faulkner, Moira Batters and Margaret Hopkin. Kath will arrange a first meeting in the near future and Groups will be kept informed of plans and progress. Margaret will ask the District Executive for funding to purchase the promotional material available from Headquarters. In a recent Group Scout Leader's Meeting, it had been decided that volunteers would be required to man a promotional display throughout the day, during the Community Week 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Several GSL's had already offered their help but more uniformed help will be appreciated.
5. District Events. Margaret would like to see a programme of District events for the next eighteen months and felt that such activities required a dedicated team of people to be responsible for the organising. Kat and Adam had ideas for a daylong team-building event that would cater for all Sections. Keep this as an agenda item.
6. District Development Officer. The first meeting had taken place of the three people who had been charged to put together a Business Plan for this project. Every Group in the District has been identified as having a possible need for the services of a DDO and it had to be ascertained whether Groups would use the services of a DDO or if it were preferable to use the Area LDO. The first step is to write to all Group Scout Leaders/Scouters in Charge and obtain feedback (by tick list) of what thoughts they had regarding this, it I hoped to have answers by the end of July 2007.

7. Leader Training/Module 25. It appeared that those undertaking 'Getting Started' training felt somewhat isolated because of the lack of local TA's. Roger Fielding explained that it is the job of the Line Manager in a Group, to see that training is completed and that Leaders do not feel as though they have just been left to 'get on with it'. The question arose as to whether GSL's/Scouters in Charge realised that they should be guiding these people with their training. After some discussion, it was suggested that Roger write to those in a Line Manager role and invite them to attend a training session on managing Leader Training. It was noted that not all those who should complete Module 25, have done so and Roger will arrange a further Course for those who need this Module.
8. Applications for Role of District Commissioner, Bridgend. Margaret drew attention to the letter that had been sent to Groups by the Area Commissioner, informing them of the changes that will take place in 2008. These changes will require new personnel and applications are invited from those who wish to take on a Commissioner role. Besides the role of District Commissioner, other appointments will be made in line with the new structure, a DESC, a Grants Advisor, an Events Co-ordinator and a Recruitment person. As well as these, Commissioners will be required to take on the role of managing the Clusters and applications for these roles are also invited. Anyone interested in a new challenge should speak, in the first instance, to Margaret.
9. Cluster Groups. In line with the changes mentioned above, the Group Scout Leader Meeting had decided on the formation of the Cluster Groups that will operate in the District. It was decided to form two Clusters - one of six Groups and one of five, with one of the existing Groups in the District, joining another District from June 2008. The Clusters will be as follows:
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Nottage     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Bridgend  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Porthcawl   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bridgend  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Kenfig Hill | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgend  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Cornelly    | 12 <sup>th</sup> Bridgend |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Maesteg     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pencoed   |
|                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Penyfai   |
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Bridgend (1<sup>st</sup> Llanharan) Group has decided, after consultation, to move to the new District of Rhondda, Cynon, Taf.
10. Centenary Celebration Bell Ringing. Jon Laver, 1<sup>st</sup> Kenfig Hill, informed Scouters that the Scout Association wished to involve as many bell ringers as possible in doing something special for the Centenary. Jon is a bell ringer at Coity and extended an invitation to those who might already be interested in this hobby, or who might like to take the pastime up, to speak to him about going along to Coity. More information can be found on this subject on the attachment to these Minutes.
11. A.O.B. Adam Jackson, AESL Cefn Glas Explorer Scout Unit, has offered his help and expertise to those who wish to promote the Duke of Edinburgh Award to the relevant age group. Although it is recognised that some Groups within the District already have the facility to work on this Award, it was felt that there are some who would appreciate direction in getting this work up and running. Adam will communicate with the relevant people in Groups, to gauge interest. He will also find out if the 'Mayor's Award' for the younger age group is still in operation within Bridgend County Borough.
12. Date of Next District Scouters Meeting. The next Scouters Meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 7.00pm at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridgend (Cefn Glas) Scout Headquarters.

Margaret Hopkin  
9<sup>th</sup> July 2007