

BRIDGEND DISTRICT SCOUTERS
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
3RD DECEMBER 2007

1. Welcome and Apologies. Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Mark Casling, Peter Smith, Moira Batters, Janet Batters, Jacqueline Jones, Jean Thomas and Sian Protheroe-Williams.
2. Sainsbury Initiative. Margaret had completed a follow up questionnaire from Headquarters, regarding the Scout Community Week at Sainsbury. She outlined the difficulties that had been faced by those who took part.
3. District LDO. A favourable response on the matter of employing a District LDO had been received by Martin, following the questionnaire that he had circulated to Groups. Two plans of action will be presented for consideration, to the District Executive Meeting, being held on Tuesday 4th December 2007.
4. District Carol Service. Lynn Batters gave details of the Service that is to be held at Trinity Church Porthcawl, 7.00pm on Friday 14th December 2007. Members of the Porthcawl, Nottage and Cornelly Groups will be giving the readings. A collection will be taken and donated to the CLIC Sargent appeal.
5. District Events. Concern was raised that there were no events planned on a District basis for the coming 12 to 18 months. Adam Jackson had put together plans for a Challenge Day that included all Sections, he gave an overview of how the day would run and all thought that it would be an exciting event for the children. A large area is required to stage all the bases and enquiries will be made as the availability of land at Pencoed College. Adam will do this and report back. At the next Scouter's Meeting a decision will be taken on what date the event will be held. Margaret gave details of closing dates for the Chief Scout Award Presentations for both the Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Sections. She also asked if there would be any interest from the District in entering the Area Cub Scout 5-A-Side Football Competition. Two teams can be entered from each District and it was agreed that Bridgend would take part. Margaret stressed that if a play-off was held in the District to decide on the two teams to go forward to the Area Competition, it must be self financing and must not go over budget, as happened last year. Steve Sloan will price the hire of local sports halls for the play-off.
6. St George's Day Parade and Service. An organising committee needed to be formed for this event and on the back of last years successful parade, the same people volunteered to organise the 2008 day. Peter Richards will Chair the committee and will be assisted in the planning by Peter Faulkner, Maggie Richards and Margaret Hopkin.
7. January 2008 training for Leaders. Andrea Soulsby had emailed requesting a final date for this training to be provided. The date acceptable to most is the 19th/20th January 2008, venue 3rd Bridgend Scout Headquarters. It is hoped that First Response and Module 25 can be held at some time on the same weekend and some leaders requested Module 16.

8. Nights Away Permits. Margaret reminded Leaders that the majority of Night's Away Permits, issued when the scheme was introduced, had now expired. Applications for renewals should be sent to Peter Richards as soon as possible. Those who had expired Permits, but who had not showed evidence of use, would have to prove need for a renewal.

9. Commemorative Centenary Mugs. Margaret had brought the mugs that the District had commissioned from Ewenny Pottery. They are for presentation to the children and Leaders, based on the numbers given and paid for at the Census 2007. Groups not represented at the meeting should contact Margaret to arrange collection of the mugs from her. Any mugs not collected within the next few weeks will be distributed between the other Groups in the District.

10. Date of Next District Scouters Meeting. The next meeting will be held jointly with the Group Scout Leaders, on Monday 14th January 2008, 7.00pm at 3rd Bridgend Scout Headquarters.

Margaret Hopkin
Acting District Commissioner
4th December 2007

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year