

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUTS

MINUTES OF THE ACMB MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2017

1. Present: Nigel Pullen, Ray Salisbury, Dorothy Ryan, Kieron Ryan, Mick Woods, Andrew Kayll, Craig Dewar.
2. Apologies: Tony Andrews, David Wilkinson.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
4. Matters arising: The Littledale play area is still to be started although some prices for equipment have been obtained.
5. Governance document from the District Exec was discussed and current state of the items was reviewed.
6. Finance Report: CAF Bank has £39,665.02 and Skipton has £15,000. Year to date expenditure at Littledale is £14,209.55 and income is £16,830.65. The figures for Silverhelme, excluding the new toilet block, are expenditure £9,922.66 and income is £18,016.09. The overdue payment from Airwaves for the emergency mast rental at Silverhelme of £7,122.92, which should have been received last March has now been received.
7. Silverhelme toilet block: The work on the toilet block is well underway. The work was inspected by those present who were all impressed with the standard and quality. Expenditure so far is £61,408.66 with plumbing and electrical work expected to cost £27,000. A team of plumbers, recruited by Richard Roberts, are working at week-ends at no charge, one of the volunteer's employers has donated some copper components. There is likely to be some additional costs as the ground had a fall greater than realised and will have to be made up. Final cost estimated at £95,000. The grant of £20,000 from the Vera Wolstencroft Charity Trust has been received to help with the cost.
8. Littledale Report: Maintenance work continues. Kick plates have been fitted to the toilet doors. Toilet block has been painted by the team from Penwortham, who have a hut on the site and who often carry out work and tasks on the site. The path to the archery range is to be re-routed to make it safer. The tractor is again giving problems, as is the one at Silverhelme. As they are both quite old prices for replacement are to be sought.
9. Silverhelme Report: Trenches have been dug across the car park and ducts installed for the B4RN project, the cables to be fitted soon when a connection will be installed in the warden's office.
10. Bookings: This year to date, Silverhelme 109 with 14 for next year, and Littledale 108 with 6 for next year. The increase at Littledale is thought to be because of the great improvements brought about since Mick became warden.
11. Health and Safety: Two incidents, both at Silverhelme, a scout broke his ankle playing football shortly after arriving and a scout cut his hand using a knife when making camp gadgets. Both required visits to A&E at Lancaster and in both cases the parents collected them. Details are in the accident book. The state of the drive at Silverhelme will be addressed once the toilet block is completed.
12. Marketing: the best marketing for both of the sites continues to be personal recommendation. Alan Hague has also made a great job with the web page.
13. Next Meeting: January 9th at Littledale.