

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUTS

MINUTES OF ACTIVITIES SITES BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL 2016

1. Members present. Nigel Pullen, Dorothy Ryan Kieron Ryan, Ray Salisbury, Mick Woods.
2. Apologies were received from Giles Worthington, Anthony Pilling, Terry Bond.

Following Anthony's recent heart attack he has reluctantly decided that he can no longer continue as a of the Board. The chairman has sent him an e-mail thanking him for his contribution and hard work over the years and wishing him a speedy recovery back to good health.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising. Progress on the insurance claim after the break in at Littledale has been slow. Following Alan Hague's trawl of district records, Ray had sent the results to the loss adjusters asking if this was sufficient to prove ownership.

It is not known if the District Chairman has written to the council concerning the top road drain.

Nigel had found a marquee that it was agreed would be a suitable replacement It was agreed that Ray would place an order to include tie down straps and heavy duty pegs at a cost of £1,702.46 to be delivered to Littledale on Thursday 19th May. District to be asked if they would fund this, or at least make a contribution, as it would be a District asset.

There has been no progress from the DC or ADC on a payment from the explorers for the use of Silverhelme lodge for their meetings. It was agreed again that a payment should be made. If no information is received soon it was thought that the explorers should be billed.

5. Finance. CAF account £32,998.10 in addition £10,000 at Nationwide and £35,000 at Skipton. Expenditure to date for 2016 £14,491.93 and income £ 14,986.85 including £7,122.92 for the emergency mast.

Fisher's have carried out a valuation of the buildings on the sites as follows: Littledale, Lodge £175,000 Toilet block £85,000 Barn £125,000 Top field toilet £25,000 Wardens hut £50,000. Silverhelme, Lodge £150,000 Toilet block £60,000 Den £15,000 Wardens hut £20,000 Shelter £30,000. Ray will contact Unity insurance with the revised valuations.

6. Silverhelme toilet block. Planning permission has been granted for the revised plans. Anthony has said that when he is recovered he will give a briefing on the construction method. It was agreed that a target start date for the project would be 1st October 2016. An offer of help has been given by Network.

7. Health and Safety. Chubb had visited both sites to check on fire alarms and emergency lighting. The report for Littledale fire alarms stated that 3 banshee alarms be fitted as the existing alarms were not loud enough, in addition a fused spur to be fitted to the control panel. Regarding the emergency lights all failed the duration test, new batteries to be fitted with 5 needing new tubes. A copy of the report was passed to Mick who will arrange for the work to be carried out.

8. Silverhelme report. The water pump for the lodge had failed. It was replaced at a cost £700 with the opportunity being taken to re-locate it on the outside of the lodge to reduce noise level. Work on replacing the roof of the wardens hut is to start on Wednesday 20th April. South facing wall of the Den has been found to be rotten, cost of materials for repair is £500 with the work being carried out by the Silverhelme volunteers. SASU are to paint the toilet block internals the last week-end in April to make it more presentable for the season. Electricity board are to take down the ash tree at the entrance on Thursday 21st April as it is causing problems to their overhead lines. Shop stock to be checked.

9. Littledale report. The new rifles are being collected this week by Craig Graham. Steps to the archery range have been cleared and the raised foot way has been progressed. Sceptic tanks have been emptied. Costains have promised delivery of the load of stone that they are donating sometime this week. One of the heating boilers in the lodge has failed. A quote of £2,050 was received to replace both boilers with a 30kw more efficient boiler. It was agreed to accept this the work to be done this week.

10. Bookings. The bookings for Littledale for this year are now 45 and for Silverhelme 68. There are still problems in obtaining the services of instructors for the activities bookings. Nigel to contact the DC and ADC activities about this continuing problem.

11. AOB. In view of the problems in proving ownership with the insurers after the break in the chair asked that full inventories be produced for all equipment that is held at each site, including the contents of the lodges. These could then be sent to the insurer as a definitive list of what we own.

Date of next meeting Monday 6th June at District HQ.