

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUTS

MINUTES OF ACMB MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2017

1. Members Present: Nigel Pullen, Dorothy Ryan, Kieron Ryan, Ray Salisbury, Mick Woods, Andrew Kyall, Terry Bond.
2. Apologies: Tony Andrews.
3. Chairs remarks: Nigel said that he would not be able to attend the District AGM on the 29th June as on that evening he was being installed as the President of Lunesdale Rotary Club. He had sent his apologies to the secretary and a report on the ACMB to Tony Andrews.
4. Matters arising: It was decided to no longer chase up the unpaid invoice from the guides, the figure being about £20. The idea of spending the bequests for Littledale on a climbing tower had been shelved and instead was to be spent on providing a play area for Beavers. Mick is obtaining prices for a slide and a swing.
5. Finance report: CAF bank account is £33,434.74. In addition there is £45,000 deposited with the Skipton Building Society. This gives a total of £78,434.74. Expenditure at Littledale in the year to date is £8,322.84. The major items being work to fix the soakaway, £2,568, plus the payments to Chubb Fire and Lancaster City Council. Income is £6,080.09. Expenditure at Silverhelme in the year to date is £7,266.47. The principal items being the payments to Chubb Fire and Lancaster City Council. Income is £9,950.60. Payments to both our Housekeepers have been made on the 1st June, and on schedule. We need to decide the probable payments schedule for the Silverhelme toilet block rebuild. Ray said it would be better if we pay from the CAF account before using the Skipton account. Kieron said that neither of the builders or plumber were asking for an upfront payment, but would like monthly payments as work progressed. Ray also said that he would need clarification on how the grant would be paid. Nigel said that in his dealings with the chair of the charities trustees he had been informed that they would wish to pay direct to the builders, he would however speak to their representative when he next meets her.
6. Silverhelme Toilet Block: Kieron had held a site meeting with the builder, plumber and electrician. Work is to start on the 21st August with the plumber disconnecting the water and gas supplies, the electrician will disconnect electrical supplies and rationalise the site supplies by fitting 3 circuit breakers. Any useful materials will then be removed from the old block by Kieron and his team with any scrap being weighed in. The builder will start demolition on the 23rd August and install the slab, this will take 3 weeks. Erection of the building will take 6 weeks after which the internal work by the plumber and the electrician will start. The builder will organise the building inspector. Kieron has a quote for the internal doors and vanity units, Andrew said that he would contact one of his customers to see if he could obtain a lower quote.
7. Littledale activity ranges: Archery range now back in use. The shooting range still awaiting inspection. Nigel had received a proposal from Craig Graham that the ranges should be made available to schools, other outside organisations and groups of adults who may provide their own instructors. This was discussed and was rejected with no member being in favour of the proposal, all members speaking against. It was thought that problems would arise from insurance, safeguarding and verification. Nigel to write to Craig Graham informing him of the ACMB's decision.
8. Littledale report: The telephone box needs wiring to be rectified. The mower starter motor has failed, the mower is away for repair. The same problem had occurred just over a year ago. The seal on the oven door in the lodge needs replacing, Ray to check back records to

find the supplier for the seal. There had been a complaint that no hot water was available at the new pot wash, Mick said that it was never intended to have a hot water supply. Work is required on a silver birch and a oak tree to prevent falling onto the wardens hut, Mick to arrange.

9. Health and Safety: No accidents reported at either site. Trees had been checked at Silverhelme on the 7th June. Ticks had been a problem at Silverhelme, Dorothy has informed users of the site to be vigilant.
10. Bookings: Littledale has 73 to date this year and Silverhelme has 103. These are the highest for a number of years
11. Marketing: Still awaiting report from David Wilkinson.
12. AOB: Discussion on the group owned huts on Littledale took place. Those belonging to the 13th Lancaster and 23rd Lancaster are thought to be in poor condition. Nigel to contact the groups to find out the owner's intentions and to check if they are insured, have fire alarms and extinguishers and have internal smoke alarms. Mick will check the same with the Penwortham group when he next sees them.
13. Date of next meeting: To be held at Littledale on 18th July starting at 7pm.