

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL COUNCIL (“COMMITTEE”)
OF SCOUT IRELAND (“ASSOCIATION”)
Venue: RDS Concert Hall, Dublin
Date: 12th September, 2015

Meeting Reference Number: NC 15002

A. PRESENT:

- (1) Michael John Shinnick – Chief Scout
- (2) Jimmy Cunningham – National Secretary
- (3) Ian Davy – National Commissioner (Youth Programme) - Acting Chairperson
- (4) Therese Bermingham – National Commissioner (Adult Resources) – Acting Chairperson
- (5) Annette Byrne – National Treasurer
- (6) All other attendees as listed in the Attendances Register

B. IN ATTENDANCE

- (1) John Lawlor – Chief Executive Officer
- (2) Ivan Cooper – Director of Advocacy for ‘The Wheel’
- (3) Gerry Kelly – Chairperson of the Corporate Governance Review Group

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING:

10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Thought• Opening Address of the Chief Scout• Meeting procedures and appointment of Tellers• Approval of Standing Orders• Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of the National Council 2015
10:15 – 11.30	Voting for positions on the National Management Committee
11.00	Motion for consideration by the National Council
11.30	Corporate Governance Project Update
13.00	Election Results
13.15	Address from Chief Scout Elect Investiture of the new Chief Scout
13.30	Close of the National Council

DOCUMENTS OF THE MEETING:

- Agenda [circulated in advance]
- Proposed Standing Orders [circulated in advance]
- Motion [circulated in advance]

- Registration Procedure [circulated in advance]
- Voting Procedure [circulated in advance]
- Report of the Scouting Ireland Chief Scout election
Review Committee [circulated in advance]

MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION POINT / FOLLOW UP				
1. Opening Thought					
<p>The Chief Commissioner Youth Programme, Ian Davy welcomed all delegates to the extraordinary meeting of National Council 2015 and made the housekeeping announcements. He reminded delegates that the ballot boxes would open for voting at 10.15am. He then handed over to John Lawlor Chief Executive Officer who lead the opening thought.</p>					
2. Address by Chief Scout – Michael John Shinnick					
<p>The outgoing Chief Scout Michael John Shinnick addressed the National Council. While expressing disappointment at recent happenings surrounding the election of a new Chief Scout; Michael John Shinnick, in his farewell speech as Chief Scout, highlighted the many joys, achievements and lasting memories that he holds from his seven years as Chief Scout of Scouting Ireland. He asked that members continue faithfully on the Scouting Trail with our Promise and Law as the inspiration and guide and requested that everyone give 100% Scouting support to the Chief to be elected at this National Council, and work together to build for the future.</p> <p>He thanked everyone who had sent good wishes and prayers during his illness and pointed out that this final day in the position of Chief Scout was seven years to the day since he was invested as Chief Scout and also his birthday.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“I’m honoured to have had the chance to walk the trail with you”</p> <p>The gathered delegates responded with a standing ovation and the singing of “Happy Birthday”</p> <p>Michael John Shinnick then handed over the Chair of the meeting to Ian Davy CCYP, who expressed the gratitude of Scouting Ireland and stated that he has been and continues to be an inspiration and embodies the words “labour without rest and toil without seeking reward”.</p>					
3 Apologies.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Gaughan – Member of National Management Committee • Pat O’Suilleabhain – Chairperson National Spiritual Religious Advisory Panel 					
4. Meeting Procedures					
<p>Ian Davy outlined the meeting procedures.</p>					
5. Appointment of Tellers					
<p>National Council approved the following as Tellers for the meeting: -</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Alan Palmer</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Chief Teller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill James</td> <td>Deputy Teller</td> </tr> </table>	Alan Palmer	Chief Teller	Bill James	Deputy Teller	
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<p>Niall Walsh Assistant Teller Brendan McNicholas Assistant Teller Gerard Garahan Jack Kavanagh Ruth Hurley Ryan Higgins Stephen Meagher Aisling Coyne Sorcha Coffee Ailbhe Owens Orla Whooley</p>	<p>John Rose Cillian Kavanagh Steven Quinn Holly Cluskey-Copeland Dylan Clancy Jessica Watters Luke Dowdall Laura Davis Conal Roe`</p>	
7. Standing Orders		
The Standing Orders were put before the delegates and approved by National Council.		
8. Suspension of Standing Orders		
<p>A Motion to suspend standing orders for a one hour period to debate the actions of the previous National Council. Proposed by Charles McGuinness, Tolka Scout County Seconded by Dermot Lacey, 3/40/41 Dublin Approved by National Council</p> <p>Charles McGuinness and Dermot Lacey addressed the assembled delegates and expressed sadness and upset at the issues surrounding the election process for a new Chief Scout that had occurred at the previous National Council. It was suggested that the NMC should consider Honorary Membership or Honorary Vice President titles for both candidates The National Secretary thanked Charles and Dermot for their contribution and stated that he would take their proposals to the National Management Committee.</p>		
10. Minutes		
The Minutes of National Council on 18 th April, 2015 were approved following a show of hands by the delegates		
11. Matters arising		
There were no matters arising from the Minutes of National Council on 18 th April, 2015.		
12. Motion to National Council		
Results of Motion as received by the National Secretary and referred by the National Management Committee – Appendix A to the Minutes of National Council 2015.		
16. Presentations to National Council		
Governance Review		
The gathered delegates viewed a presentation on the new Governance Code and a		

<p>report on the Governance Review.</p> <p>Members of the National Council were informed that it is now a requirement for all Scout Groups to register as a Charity before the end of 2015.</p> <p>Members were invited to send their queries to governance@scouts.ie</p> <p>Further information bulletins will also be circulated to all member groups and the PowerPoint presentation will be on the Scouting Ireland website.</p> <p>A Question and Answers session was facilitated by Gerry Kelly, Chairperson of the Corporate Governance Review Group. Delegates were informed that the questions and presentation would be published on the scouts.ie website.</p>	
<p>17. Adjournment</p>	
<p>National Council adjourned at 1pm to allow for completion of the processing of voting for the positions of Chief Scout and International Commissioner.</p>	
<p>19. Announcements of Results</p>	
<p>National Council resumed at 2pm.</p> <p>Those stepping down were as follows:</p> <p>Chief Scout:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael John Shinnick</p> <p>International Commissioner:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christy McCann</p> <p>Following the votes cast by delegates, the following candidates were declared elected for the following positions of the National Management Committee: -</p> <p>Chief Scout</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christy McCann</p> <p>International Commissioner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Claire McAroe</p>	
<p>20. Chief Scouts Address</p>	
<p>The new Chief Scout was invested and addressed the meeting of the National Council.</p>	
<p>CONCLUSION</p>	
<p>The National Secretary thanked the Tellers, CEO John Lawlor and the staff of Scouting Ireland. He also thanked the outgoing Chief Scout and International Commissioner for all of their work in those roles; and all of the candidates who had put themselves forward to fill the positions.</p>	

Therese Bermingham CCAR, concluded the meeting with thanks to all of the Presenters who contributed to the meeting and wished the new Chief Scout and International Commissioner all the best in their new roles.

Therese thanked Michael John Shinnick who had been an inspirational Chief Scout and wished him well in his future journey.

There being no other business the meeting was concluded at 2.30pm

Date and venue for the 2016 AGM of the National Council:

- 16th April 2016, RDS Dublin, 2016

Appendix A

Motions (notice of motion having being accepted at the last meeting of the National Council)			
M - 1	Article 6	<p>That Notice of Motion be accepted to amend Article 6 of the Constitution, subject to the written consent of the World Scout Committee, to read as follows:</p> <p><i>The Scout Promise:</i> <i>On my honour I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.</i></p> <p><i>Gealltanais na nGasóg:</i> <i>Geallaim ar m’onóir go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall, mo dhualgas do Dhia a chomhlíonadh, fónamh a dhéanamh do mo phobal, cabhrú le daoine eile agus Dlí na nGasóg a choimeád.</i></p> <p>OR the following variation</p> <p>On my honour I promise that I will do my best, to further my understanding and acceptance of a Spiritual Reality, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.</p> <p>Geallaim ar m’onóir go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall, mo thuiscint agus mo ghlacadh den Réaltacht Spioradálta a chur chun cinn, fónamh a dhéanamh do mo phobal, cabhrú le daoine eile agus Dlí na nGasóg a choimeád.</p> <p><u>OR the following variation</u></p> <p><u>On my honour I promise to do my best, to uphold our Scout Principles, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law</u></p> <p><u>Geallaim ar m’onóir go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall, chun na príosabail ghasóige a sheasamh, fónamh a dhéanamh do mo phobal, cabhrú le daoine eile agus Dlí na nGasóg a choimeád.</u></p> <p><i>(National Venture Forum)</i></p> <p>Note:</p> <p>The proposed additional wording to Article 6 is underlined in RED</p>	<p>Carried</p> <p>For: - 678 Against: - 12 Abstain: - 1</p>