



SCOUT NETWORK TEAM FOR WALES

The minutes of the meeting of the Scout Network Team for Wales held on Saturday 6th March 2010 at Builth Wells High School.

PRESENT:	Helen Mayston	Commissioner, Wales, for Scout Network
	Adrian Wray	HQ Adviser for Scout Network
	Hannah Dooley	Clwyd
	Chris Austin	Carmarthenshire
	Nic Shepherd	Catvog
	Peter Sheppard	Gwent
	Mark Hicks	Glam West
	Marc Rogers	Mid-Glamorgan
	Gareth Johns	Catvog
	Chris Grove	Glam West
	Richard Organ	Glamorgan West
	Tom Williams	Gwent
	Vikki Booth	Pembrokeshire

PART 1 – RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scout Network Team for Wales recommends:

- That a meeting for the project team for the reorganisation of Scout Network in Wales takes place on 17th April 2010 at Llandrindod Wells.
- That the Network team negotiates 'taking over' Talkabout 2011 to launch the new ideas for the reorganisation Scout Network in Wales.

PART 2 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Helen welcomed all present to the 14th meeting of the Scout Network Team for Wales. Introductions were made around the table.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Nic Shepherd and seconded by Marc Rogers.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE)

There were no matters arising.

5. RESPONSES FROM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LAST MEETING

- *That the Area Commissioners ensure that every Area has a designated Queen's Scout Award co-ordinator (as detailed in the new QSA resources), to be in post as soon as possible, and that these contacts are known to Network office at HQ and the WSC.*
The recommendation has been approved in principle.
ACTION : Team members to ask at local level who theirs is, and if one is known, to tell Janet Edwards at Gilwell and Shirley at ScoutsWales who it is.
- *That Network Wales challenge badge be launched [project form to be submitted with details].* The Network Wales challenge badge will happen.
ACTION : Helen to do Small Project Proposal and get this going.
- *That a training weekend incorporating Taking The Lead training for members and Modular Training validation for Commissioners and Leaders takes place during 2010.* It was agreed that the training needs to happen but this should now be fitted into the right time / place in relation to the proposed changes to Scout Network in Wales.

6. WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Area reports

Mid Glamorgan

6-7 members, a few members come but there is a lack of interest. More Explorers due to come through soon, some of these went to Frostbite camp.

Gwent

30 members on census, 4 local units, two members have completed their QSA, 10 have come up from Explorers. Lots of camping and linking with other Network units. Going well.

CATVOG

6 members – 2 out of area. Ran Frostbite camp, went very well. Penarth have 4-6 members.

Carmarthenshire

4 regular members. Lost meeting hall so are back meeting with Explorers, not doing their own thing. Trying to increase numbers and find own meeting place.

Clwyd

10-15 members and going well. Clwyd have rebranded as a Network and have good links with Chester. Struggle at District level due to lack of knowledge of Network and paperwork.

West Glamorgan

5-10 members, some of these in university so most events are during school holidays. 4-5 coming up from Explorers.

Pembrokeshire

Nothing happening at the moment, only 2 members.

No reports were received from : *Brecknock, Eryri a Mon, Ceredigion, Montgomeryshire or Radnorshire.*

Helen asked that everyone makes sure that all their Network members / contacts are on the Networklist (NetworkWales emailing list). Send any new contact email addresses to Helen.

7. DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SCOUT NETWORK IN WALES.

Helen and Chris gave the team a presentation about the development plan for Scout Network in Wales. This presentation had been given to the AC's at their recent meeting. Ken gave feedback from the AC's meeting stating that they were in favour of option 3 and having 4 divisions. They thought that this option gives responsibility to Network members but the 'Divisional Commissioners' will need to keep in contact with the AC's. SSAGO and local units still need to happen.

After viewing the presentation the consensus of the Network team was that 4 divisions was a good idea and all present agreed that one executive for the whole of Scout Network in Wales would be the option that they wanted.

Adrian added that the people put into these roles must be the right people and have the right training. Adrian gave the team a proposed timescale and list of what is to be done by the project team. A provisional date of 17th April 2010 was recommended for a project team meeting to discuss what happens next.

It was suggested that the Network Team could 'take over' Talkabout 2011 to launch the new ideas for Scout Network in Wales. This to be put forward as a recommendation.

ACTION : Helen, Adrian and Ken to discuss framework for the April 17th meeting and to convene the meeting.
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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gareth suggested that an event over New Year 2010/2011 should be held for Network members in Wales.

The Network Wales website needs a Network member to update it regularly, if anyone would like to volunteer or knows of anyone suitable, let Helen know ASAP.

Peter stated that the start up grant for new groups doesn't suit new Network units. Also, Network members who are Leaders as well do not get included when the grant is reviewed the following year.

ACTION : Adrian will investigate this at HQ and report back .

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 13th November 2010

10. AFTERNOON SESSION

Adrian Wray, Headquarters Adviser for Scout Network, gave a presentation on **Development, Advice and Support**.

He showed updates from HQ about,

- The new Explorer Belt pack, hopefully being released by summer 2010
- The Membership Pack, which can be downloaded
- Activities.

He then looked at **Recruitment & Retention**.

The team was then split into two and asked to make an 'advert' to recruit new members.

Adrian then gave team members a transition checklist to complete and take back to Areas. He also distributed a Resource sheet containing information about where to get all Network downloadable forms.

Adrian Wray questioned the team about QSA and gave out a question sheet. Members gave feed back and talked about how the QSA is working in their Areas.

PART 3 – ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THESE MINUTES

ASNA	Area Scout Network Administrator
ASNC	Area Scout Network Commissioner
ASNL	Area Scout Network Leader
AWSC	All-Wales Scout Camp
CATVOG	Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan (Area)
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DofE	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
HQ	Scout Association Headquarters at Gilwell Park
QSA	Queen's Scout Award
WSC	Welsh Scout Council

PART 4 – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following dates may be of interest to Network members:

Talkabout 2010 – 30th October 2010

Further details can be found on the website: www.networkwales.org.uk

Dates for mountain weekends at Hafod can be found on their website, but run roughly once a month through the summer.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____