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## District Minibus Update May 2017

Following the recent GSL meeting a suggestion was made that some groups are not using the minibus as they do not have the D1 Classification or passed their driving test after 1997. The suggestion at the meeting was to create a pool of drivers willing to assist those groups who would like to use the minibus but lack drivers. If you would like to volunteer please email the minibus team at [southportminibus@gmail.com](mailto:southportminibus@gmail.com) and we will place your name on the list. If you would like to hire the minibus and do not have a driver please let us know and we will do our best to find one for you.

Have you booked your summer camp yet? If so how about booking the District mini bus. The team have received a number of bookings for the minibus already from outside Scouting so if you are thinking of booking it please come forward to avoid disappointment. The minibus is also available for days out, hikes etc with favourable rates for Scout Groups within Southport. To make an enquiry for the bus please email [southportminibus@gmail.com](mailto:southportminibus@gmail.com).

*Kath, Norah, Dorothy and John*  
Mini Bus Support Team

## Do we replace the District Minibus?

The District Minibus is now 12 years old and we have owned it for 5 years. The time has now arrived when we need to decide has it been worth it and should we replace it with a newer model? The current minibus was funded by grants, donations and various fund raising activities and the running costs for the last 5 years have come out of the funds that remained after the purchase, the 100 Club and hire fees.

The minibus has not received any funding from the District Executive.

The current minibus has some limitations in that anyone without a D1 classification on their licence cannot drive it owing to the weight restriction. We need to know if the membership of the District:-

- Want to replace the existing minibus
- Are willing to assist in the Fund Raising required to purchase a replacement

As a starter the proposal would be to replace the existing vehicle with a model capable of being driven by anyone with the following conditions:-

- you're 21 or older
- you've had your driving licence for at least 2 years
- you meet the '[Group 2' medical standards](#) if you're over 70 - check with your GP if you're not sure you meet the standards, (although our insurers will only insurer drivers up to the age of 70 years)
- you're driving on a voluntary basis and the minibus is used for social purposes by a non-commercial body
- the maximum weight of the minibus is not more than 3.5 tonnes - or 4.25 tonnes including specialist equipment for disabled passengers, e.g. a wheelchair ramp
- you're not towing a trailer

After some research the only minibus with 16 seats to fall within the above would at this moment in time be a Peugeot Boxer, if we go for a Ford Transit this would only have 14 seats.

Please let your GSL know if you wish the District to replace the existing minibus.

*John Simpson*

# **Southport District Scout Council**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Thursday 8th June 2017**

The Annual General Meeting of Scout District Scout Council will be held on Thursday 8th June 2017 commencing at the conclusion of the Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd AGM (approx. 8pm).

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016 – approved as a correct record by the District Executive on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
6. Presentation of Accounts 2016/2017 and Trustees' Report
7. District Commissioner
8. Waterside Lodge Report
9. District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chairman
10. Election of the District Treasurer
11. Election of the District Secretary
12. Election of the District Badge Secretary
13. Election of members of the District Executive
14. District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive
15. Election of a Group Scouter to the County Scout Council
16. Appointment of the District Independent Examiner
17. Ratification of the Quorum for District Executive Meetings
18. Address by the County Representative
19. Any Other Business previously notified to the District Chairman.
20. Close of the meeting.

#### **NOTE:**

- A. Apologies should be sent to the District Secretary.
- B. Nominations for Election to the District Executive should be submitted, on the appropriate form to the District Secretary by 5pm Thursday 01 June 2017.
- C. Items for inclusion in Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the District Secretary by 5pm Thursday 01 June 2017. Items received after that time will not be discussed at the meeting.

***Penny Rimmer***  
District Secretary  
Southport District Scout Council

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## Annual General Meeting

### Thursday, 8th June, 2017

#### Nominations for election to the District Executive Committee 2017-2018

Members of Scout District Scout Council are invited to submit their nominations to Penny Rimmer, District Secretary by 5pm Thursday 01 June 2017.

Only original, signed, nomination forms are acceptable.

Nominee's Name: ..... Signature: .....

Current appointment, if applicable .....

Proposed by (Name): ..... Signature: .....

Seconded by (Name): ..... Signature: .....

#### Waterside Lodge Activity Diary

- June**
- 1/3 CCF – Dinghy Training
  - 1 Sefton Council, Conference/Disabled
  - 2 Sea Cadets – Pulling
  - 3 Formby District, Beavers' Water Fun
  - 4 Formby District, Cubs' Water Fun
  - 5 61st S'port Scouts, Nautical Skills
  - 5 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
  - 6 Sea Cadets- Training
  - 6 Pyro Explorers
  - 6 A.S.U. – Shooting
  - 7 Larkhill Primary School – Water Day
  - 7 **WET NIGHT**
  - 8 A.G.M. – Waterside Lodge
  - 8 A.G.M. – Southport District Scouts
  - 8 Sea Cadets – Training
  - 8 Womens Institute – Conference
  - 9 Southport Cubs' Dragon Boat Races
  - 10 Sea Voice Training
  - 10/11 1st Formby – Water Days
  - 12 48th Southport Beavers – Navigation
  - 12 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting
  - 12 61st S'port Scouts – Nautical Skills
  - 12 Parbold Scouts – Sailing
  - 13 1st P'bold & Lathom Guides, Bell Boat
  - 13 Sea Cadets – Training
  - 13 Pyro Explorers
  - 14 M'Side Scouts – Training Course

- 14 **WET NIGHT**
- 15/18 10th Oldham Cubs/Scouts, Camping
- 15 Sea Cadets, Training
- 18 10th Oldham - Archery
- 19 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 19 61st Scouts – Nautical Skills
- 19 Parbold Scouts – Sailing
- 20/21 Nottingham High School CCF, Reside
- 20 Sea Cadets – Training
- 20 Pyro Explorers
- 21 **WET NIGHT**
- 22/23 Rossall School CCF – Sailing
- 22 Sea Cadets – Training
- 23 Birkdale Primary Sch. – Staff Training
- 23 CCF - Preparation
- 23 1st Marple – Camping
- 24/25 CCF Regatta
- 26 Parbold Scouts – Sailing
- 26 61st Southport Scouts– Nautical Skills
- 27 2nd Appley Bridge Guides, Bell Boat
- 28 **Chernobyl Children**
- 28 M'Side Scouts – Training Course
- 28 **WET NIGHT**
- 28 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 29 14th Southport Guides, Kayak, Bell B.
- 30 St Anthony's College CCF - Sailing