



Brigade Council 2019 – Summary

110 leaders and guests attended the Council meeting on 7th September. Please note the full wording of all motions can still be found on the website and in the conference calling notice.

The number of votes registered was as follows:

Ordinary	82
Proxy	50
Postal	90
Total	231

The Brigade President chaired the meeting and opened the proceedings with prayer. A particular welcome was extended to Mr Michael Good the National Director of BB New Zealand.

A message of greeting from Our Patron HM The Queen was read and Council also paid tribute to leaders who had passed away since the last meeting.

A printed copy of the Annual Review for 18/19 was available and members viewed a video presentation highlighting key aspects from the report.

Council then considered other items of business.

1. Annual Accounts

Clifford Bygrave, Brigade Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2019 and up-dated members on the current financial position which is still very challenging. The accounts showed a deficit of £79K for the year. A staffing review had been undertaken since the last meeting and as a result cost savings had been made. The Treasurer and the finance team were thanked for their work in managing the Brigade's finances.

2. Capitation Fees

Council agreed that from 1st September 2020 the Capitation Fee structure would be: -

Fee Type	HQ Element	Regional Element	Total Fee
Fee per Young Person	£13.50	£9.00	£22.50
All Officers	£13.50	£9.00	£22.50
(Second person at same address)	£11.00	£7.50	£18.50
Battalion & District Officers (not on Company Roll)	£13.50	£9.00	£22.50
Officers in receipt of state retirement pension	£11.00	£7.50	£18.50
Officers in full time education or training	£11.00	£7.50	£18.50
Helpers	£10.00	£7.00	£17.00

The Regional Fees shown above are for England, Scotland and Wales. The fees for Northern Ireland / Republic of Ireland Districts have still to be agreed but are not expected to exceed those in the other regions.

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £28.00.

The maximum fee (both elements) that a Company will pay in respect of young people is £2,100.

Mr D Doggart, 42nd Belfast questioned whether we should still have a maximum per company. On behalf of the Executive Ronnie Campbell indicated that this would be reviewed.

3. Auditors

Whiting and Partners were re-appointed as the Brigade's auditors.

4. Appointment of Office-Bearers

The undernoted were elected as Office-Bearers for Session 2019/20.

President: Lord Griffiths of Burry Port

Vice-Presidents: David Aubrey, QC

Alistair Burrow

Ian Rumbelow

Treasurer Clifford Bygrave

Chaplain Rev Leigh Maydew

5. Motion to amend the size and length of service for Brigade Executive Members

Alistair Burrow, Vice-President, proposed a motion in the name of the Brigade Executive which would reduce the size of the Brigade Executive and change the maximum length of service from nine to six years.

An amendment was proposed in the name of leaders from Northern Ireland to ensure the Brigade Chaplain would continue to be a trustee. After a vote the amendment was agreed by 126 votes to 102.

London District had proposed a number of amendments; however, these had been withdrawn before the meeting.

The amended motion was agreed by a large majority.

6. Motion in the name of the Brigade Executive regarding correspondence to Heads of State / Government

David Aubrey QC, Vice-President, proposed a motion on behalf of the Brigade Executive amending Brigade Regulations so that any correspondence with HM The Queen, the President of RoI and government ministers should be submitted via BBHQ or the appropriate Regional Office.

This was agreed by a large majority.

7. Motion in the name of the Brigade Executive regarding Districts / Regions with coterminous areas.

David Aubrey, QC, Vice-President, proposed a motion on behalf of the Brigade Executive permitting Districts, where the District / Regional boundaries were co-terminous, with consent of Brigade Executive, to undertake the functions of the Region.

This was agreed by a large majority.

8. Accountable Autonomy – report from Brigade Executive regarding the Northern Ireland Motion approved in 2017.

David Aubrey, QC reported that since last year's Council there had been further discussions between the Brigade Executive and the Northern Ireland District relating to safeguarding and two-tier capitation fees. Mr Aubrey said that a review of the Safeguarding processes had been carried out and that the Brigade Executive had approved a new Safeguarding Policy and Procedure that was now in operation. Therefore, the position in relation to Safeguarding had been resolved. Mr Aubrey was hopeful that a final agreement on the remaining outstanding question relating to two tier capitation fees would be reached before next year's Council.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The President thanked the Director for England and Staff, Brigade Staff and all the members of the Wales Regional Committee who had contributed to the success of the weekend.

The President also paid tribute to the Brigade Secretary who would be leaving the Brigade's service at the end of the year.

10. Invitation to Birmingham 2020

Members were invited to attend Brigade Council which would take place in Birmingham from the 4-6 September 2020.

The meeting was closed at 3.50 pm.

Bill Stevenson
Brigade Secretary
September 2019