



## **Brigade Council 2023 AGM Summary**

Over 110 leaders from across the UK & RoI attended the Council meeting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023, which was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow. Please note that the full wording of all motions can still be found at [boys-brigade.org.uk/brigade-conference](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/brigade-conference)

The number of votes registered was as follows:

Ordinary	68
Postal	69
Proxy	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>

Drew Buchanan MBE, chaired the meeting and joining him were Jonathan Eales, Chief Executive, and several members of the Brigade Executive – Lee Bird, Ronnie Campbell, Robert Cunningham, Rev Stewart Cutler, Philip Daley, Jaime Ellis, Steve Mann, Margaret Pang and Sam Templeton.

Following the Chair's welcome, opening devotions were led by Rev Dez Johnson, Brigade President. Council paid tribute to leaders who had passed away since the last meeting.

A message of loyal greeting to His Majesty The King was read, along with His Majesty's reply.

The Procedural Rules for this meeting and the minutes of the last Brigade Council meeting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 were both agreed.

The Chair explained to Council that Very Rev Dr Martin Fair had been co-opted to the Brigade Executive for the new session and would take on the role of Co-Chair.

The Chief Executive gave an overview of the successes and challenges of the last 12 months, with Rachael Knowles and Sam Templeton providing an update on the Young Leaders Network.

Council watched a video review of the 2022/23 session. Both this and an Annual Review (in PDF format) are available at [boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/annual-review](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/annual-review)

Council then considered other items of business.

### **Presentation of Annual Accounts**

Steve Mann, Brigade Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and updated members on the current financial position. The accounts were agreed.

### **Auditors**

Whiting and Partners were reappointed as the Brigade's auditors.

## Capitation Fees

Council agreed the Capitation Fees for the 2023/24 session

Category		Fee
Fee per young person		£25.00
Adult fees	Officers / Leaders	£25.00
	(Second person at the same address)	£21.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£25.00
	Officers / Leaders in full time education or training	£21.00
	Helpers	£19.50

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

## Office Bearers

The following were elected as Office Bearers for the 2023/24 session:

President:	Rev Dez Johnston
Vice-Presidents:	David Aubrey KC Alison Chambers Ian Rumbelow
Chaplain:	Rev Stewart Cutler
Treasurer:	Steve Mann

## Motion in the name of the Brigade Executive

Council agreed a motion in the name of the Brigade Executive to join together the England and Wales Regions.

## Motion in the name of Paul Bracher, Vicki Brownlee, Paul Haggan, Calvin Hanks & John Tibbles


A Special Resolution to “Instruct the Brigade Executive to ensure that a new property (following the sale of Felden Lodge) will be acquired by the Brigade, to provide residential and non-residential accommodation for training and events in England” was considered by Council. Council voted against the motion (62 votes for, 122 against).

## Any Other Business

Alan McIntosh highlighted that a baton relay will be taking place in North Scottish Area as part of the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities, noting that HM The King had just presented the baton to members at the Braemar Gathering.

Closing devotions were led, via a pre-recorded video, by Very Rev Dr Martin Fair.

The Chair thanked leaders for attending, as well as the members of Brigade Staff and the Brigade Executive who contributed to the day.



**Jonathan Eales**  
Chief Executive  
September 2023