



**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
BRIGADE COUNCIL**

2nd September 2023 at 12.30pm

**Held at Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Congress Road, Glasgow**

The meeting was chaired by Drew Buchanan MBE (Chair of Brigade Executive) and he was joined by the Chief Executive, members of Executive, Brigade Staff and 107 leaders.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Brigade Executive had called the meeting to update the organisation's governing documents. This follows the decision by members in Northern Ireland to operate as a separate entity from the rest of the Brigade in the UK & RoI. A separation agreement has been agreed and the Brigade Executive has been guided by our lawyers throughout. The calling notice detailing the motions for discussion had been published in accordance with the governing documents.

The Chair explained that this has been an extremely difficult and complex matter, and that attempts had been made to keep leaders updated. In preparation for this meeting a webinar had been held to give members the opportunity to ask questions to the Chief Executive and members of Executive.

A total of 132 votes had been registered for the meeting. These comprise of 65 ordinary votes, 24 proxy votes and 43 postal votes.

2. ADOPTION OF BRIGADE COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULES

The Chair explained that before the motion is considered, the meeting must agree the procedural rules that will govern the proceedings.

It was stated that the procedural rules had been made available on the website prior to the meeting and are the standard rules used to conduct meetings of Brigade Council.

The process for voting and speaking during the meeting was explained.

The Chair asked those present and registered to vote to adopt the procedural rules.

The meeting APPROVED the adoption of the procedural rules.

**3. A SPECIAL RESOLUTION IN THE NAME OF THE BRIGADE EXECUTIVE TO
UPDATE THE MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING THE
SEPARATION AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND BOYS'
BRIGADE.**

The Chair reminded the meeting that as the motion concerns updating the memorandum & articles of association it will require 75% of those registered to vote voting in favour for the motion to be passed.

The Chief Executive gave the background to the situation and gave an overview of the agreement reached with the Northern Ireland Boys' Brigade. It was explained that the organisation is remaining as The Boys' Brigade in the UK & RoI and the changes are effective while an agreement is in place with the Northern Ireland Boys' Brigade.

On behalf of the Brigade Executive the motion was proposed by Ronnie Campbell and seconded by Philip Daley.

There were no questions raised by members.

The meeting APPROVED the motion by a show of hands.

4. AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION IN THE NAME OF THE BRIGADE EXECUTIVE TO UPDATE THE BRIGADE REGULATIONS FOLLOWING THE SEPARATION AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND BOYS' BRIGADE.

That Brigade regulations SECTION THREE be amended as follows:

- a) Regulation 56 by deleting Regulation 56.3 and renumbering the remaining sub clauses accordingly;
- b) Regulation 70 by deleting clause 70.1 (e) iii) and renumbering the remaining sub clauses accordingly; and
- c) By deleting the provisions relating to Northern Ireland in Schedule A.

This motion was also proposed by Ronnie Campbell and seconded Philip Daley on behalf of Brigade Executive.

Following no questions or comments by members the motion was APPROVED by a show of hands.

The Chair thanked members for the way in which it had considered this difficult matter and closed the meeting.

Alison Chambers led a prayer of thanks before lunch.