



Brigade Council 2024 AGM Summary

Over 130 leaders from across the UK & RoI joined Council meeting on Saturday 7th September 2024, which was held via video conferencing. Full wording of all the motions can still be found at boys-brigade.org.uk/brigade-conference

The number of votes registered was as follows:

Ordinary	62
Postal	67
Proxy	19
Total	148

Very Rev Dr Martin Fair chaired the meeting and joining him were Jonathan Eales, Chief Executive, and several members of the Brigade Executive.

Following the Chair's welcome, opening devotions were led by Rev Stewart Cutter, the Brigade Chaplain, which included remembering those that have died over the past year.

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 3rd September 2023 were agreed.

The Chief Executive gave an overview of the successes and challenges of the last 12 months, with Peter Andrews providing an update on the work of the Ministry Team and Joe Harrison providing an update from the Young Leaders Network. Council watched a video review of the 2023/24 session. Both this and the Annual Review (in PDF format) are available at 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 31st March 2024 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 2024/25 session

Category		Fee
Fee per young person		£27.00
Adult fees	Officers / Leaders	£27.00
	(Second person at the same address)	£23.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£27.00
	Officers / Leaders in full time education or training	£23.00
	Helpers	£21.50

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £30.00.

Office Bearers

The following were elected as Office Bearers for the 2024/25 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 update the composition of the Brigade Executive.


Any Other Business

Alex Cooke and Paul Bracher raised questions relating to the sale of Felden Lodge. The Chief Executive noted that we anticipate the sale being completed shortly and membership will be kept informed.

Andrew Dalgleish highlighted concerns around the current branding review. The Chair noted that a consultation is currently taking place and that Trustees will reflect on learning from this exercise at their next meeting in October.

Closing devotions were led by the Chair.

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
October 2024