



Brigade Council
6th September 2008
Tulliallan Castle, Scotland

The following notes have been prepared as a guide to the proceedings and decisions of Council.

The Revd Charlie McMillan, former Chaplain 4th Elgin Company conducted the opening service. Following the Opening Service young people who had come to The Gathering left Council for their own meeting.

The Brigade President, Professor Sir Kenneth Calman KCB, read a message of loyal greeting that had been sent to our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen on behalf of Council. Council then stood to receive her reply.

Members of Council were welcomed to Tulliallan by Mr David Richmond, Chairman of the Scotland Regional Committee. The Brigade President replied and welcomed members and guests.

The voting strength at Council was as follows: 159 ordinary, 65 proxy and 113 postal votes. Total votes 337.

Copies of the Standing Orders for the procedures at meetings of Council were accepted.

Members of the Brigade who had died in the past year were remembered.

Minutes of Council held in 2007 in Bradford, which had been circulated were proposed and seconded.

Mr John Young MBE, Brigade Vice President presented the Annual Report for the session 2007/08. Several matters in the report were highlighted. Mr Young spoke of the Visions into Reality Conferences and also the ongoing work of the development plan. In conclusion Mr Young reminded Council that through the Brigade thousands of boys and young men have an opportunity to develop a personal faith. Mr Perry Donaldson, Brigade Vice President seconded the Annual Report and highlighted the events that have taken place and are to take place to celebrate the 125th anniversary.

Mr John Williams, Brigade Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008. Mr Williams highlighted several key matters including a deficit of £91,862 on the year after paying pension fund contributions of £109,400. Legacy income in the year had been £33,679 and that the Brigade would be reducing its expectations from this source. Mr Williams indicated that the Brigade was controlling costs and that the Brigade had been successful in attracting project funding from a variety of sources. Mr Colin Preston member of the Finance Committee seconded the Accounts and thanked the Treasurer for his stewardship of the Brigade's finances..

Capitation fees over 2008/09 were noted as: Company fees £90; Officers £24; Associate Members £27; Boy Members £9.50.

Mr David Martin made a presentation on behalf of the Constitutional Review Group highlighting the consultation that had taken place and the reasoning behind the conclusions reached by the Group.

A constitutional motion in the name of the Brigade Executive was proposed by Mr John Williams, Brigade Treasurer.

To adopt the Memorandum and Articles of Association as set out in Appendix A as the constitution of The Boys' Brigade as approved by the Brigade Executive and the Charity Commission and that this shall be effective from 1st January 2009.

The motion was seconded by Mr Norman Batty, Brigade Vice President.

After a debate, a card vote was taken:

Ordinary votes for	137	Ordinary votes against	13
Proxy votes for	44	Proxy votes against	21
Postal votes for	99	Postal votes against	14
Total votes for	280	Total votes against	48

A two-thirds majority is required for a Constitutional Motion and the motion was carried.

A constitutional motion in the name of The Brigade Executive was proposed by Mr Chris Row, Brigade Vice President

To adopt the Brigade Regulations as set out in Appendix B with effect from 1 January 2009.

The motion was seconded by Rev Dr Ron Reid, Brigade Executive

After a debate a card vote was taken:

Ordinary votes for	121	Ordinary votes against	33
Proxy votes for	36	Proxy votes against	29
Postal votes for	93	Postal votes against	20
Total votes for	250	Total votes against	82

A two-thirds majority is required for a Constitutional Motion and the motion was carried.

Young People in Britain Today. Dr Peter Brierley and Mrs Heather Wright presented a summary of the research that had been carried out by Brierley Consultancy into the perception of the Brigade by the Church. The presentations highlighted background trends within the churches and majored on the specific issues facing the Boys' Brigade as it seeks to enhance its reputation.

Mr Scott Anderson and Mr David Love, representative young people from The Gathering, made a presentation to Council on the involvement of young people in decision making.

The Brigade President spoke of his impressions of his first year especially of his contacts with young people. Mr Chris Row, Brigade Vice President made a presentation to Mr John Young MBE paying tribute to his years of service to the Brigade in a variety of roles, especially his service to the Brigade Executive. Mr John Young was made a Brigade Honorary Vice-President. Mr Young responded reminding Council once again of the true work of the Brigade.

Mr Philip Daley, National Director, the Republic of Ireland made an invitation to Brigade Council 2009 which will take place in Dublin, 4th – 6th September 2009.

Council closed with worship led by The Revd Charlie McMillan, former Chaplain 4th Elgin Company.