

**Minutes of Ormskirk Network Core Meeting & AGM – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2002 –  
Ormskirk District HQ**

**1. Welcome:**

Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for coming down.

**2. Present:**

Sarah Brett	-	Chair
Richard Charnock	-	Secretary
Tim Seed	-	Media Manager
Pamela Tompsett	-	Social Secretary
Chris Lomas	-	Officer without Portfolio
Margaret Lomas	-	Ormskirk Network Co-ordinator

Chris Phillips, Liz Lomas, Emma Cunningham, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Jenny Abbott, Alison Daniels, Chris Nicol, Leigh Phillips, Kate Breithaupt, Lucy Errington and Mike Evans.

**3. Apologies were received from:**

Alison Chambers (Treasurer), Jenny Ramsbottom, Amy Dunn, Nobby, Andy Wroe, Fay Collier, John Potter, Tom Hopley and Ash Green (DESComm)

**4. Approval of Minutes of Core Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2002:**

Everyone had received the minutes and there were no matters arising.

**5. Network Programme:**

Pamela and Chris led us through a brief look at the events which members of Ormskirk Network have taken part in since the last Core Meeting. These include: - Fun Day, Canoeing Day, Work at the HQ, Connected, Alcatraz, End of Venture Scout Ball, County Venture Scout Camp, Cartmell Races, Network Launch, Punch Party, and the regular Network Drinks.

Some feedback was given about some of the above events. The comments were recorded and will be either taken to the County Network Council or discussed at the Ormskirk Network Exec depending on the organiser's of the event.

**Up and coming events:**

**COUNTY EVENTS:**

**Environment Weekend – 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2002:**

This is the annual county link event with the Explorer Scouts/Ventures where you go up to Great Tower and spend the weekend doing Environmental Work and putting something back into the campsite. It is fantastic weekend and at £5 fully catered it's a bargain. Flyers are attached to these minutes.

**Network Ball:**

The annual County Scout Network Ball is once again taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2003 at the Clermont Hotel in Blackpool. The cost is £18.50 for a 4-course meal and a disco. Last year there were over 100 people there and this years event is one not to be missed. Again, flyers for this event are attached to these minutes.

**Red Rose 2003:**

The County are organising an International Camp in Zellhof, Austria from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2003 to 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2003. More information is available on the web-site and if you are interested please contact Chris Lomas ([chris@clomas.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:chris@clomas.freeserve.co.uk)).

**DISTRICT EVENTS:**

**Activities Weekend – 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2002:**

After the huge success of the last two Ormskirk Network Activity weekends Nev and Leigh are already planning the next one which will take place on the above dates. Locations are being researched and activities found and more info will come out soon – but keep the weekend free in you diaries!

**The Gathering 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2002:**

The District's "Big" camp will once again be taking place at Tawd Vale and the Network will again be helping to run different things over the weekend. Those able to attend please contact Ricko Charnock.

**Power-Boat Course:**

Some members of Ormskirk Network will be going on a RYA PowerBoat Course on 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2002. If you're interested please contact Chris Lomas ([chris@clomas.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:chris@clomas.freeserve.co.uk)).

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

Alison sent her apologies for the meeting as she was back at university. She had sent her annual financial report, which was presented to the members present and accompanies these minutes. Any questions on this please contact Alison. Also the Network is still owed over **£90** by different members – so if you know you owe money could you please pay ASAP!!

**7. Membership Officer's Report:**

James Nevill was unable to attend the meeting but in his absence Sarah updated the list of members who had and hadn't been invested.

**8. Media Manager's Report:**

**Web-site:**

Tim informed the members present that the new Ormskirk Network web-site has been up and running for a while now and contains loads of information as well as reports and pictures on all the past events and news on up and coming events. New stuff added are a message board, which Tim encouraged

the members to use and a shop where members can purchase Ormskirk Network merchandise. The address for the web-site is [www.ormskirk.network.westlancashirescouts.org.uk](http://www.ormskirk.network.westlancashirescouts.org.uk)

#### 9. Secretary's Report:

If anyone changed their details could you please let Ricko know so he can update your details.

If for some reason you require some of your details to remain confidential, again please let Ricko know.

Ricko then led the group in a discussion about communicating to members. From this discussion the new exec will be looking at providing a text messaging service to contact members about events. More news at the next Core Meeting.

#### 10. Co-ordinator's Report:

**Well Done:** Margaret thanked all the Network for their hard work over the last year and congratulated them on the achievements so far.

**C.R.B. Forms:** All members of Network, being over 18, must fill in a Criminal Record Bureau form. Margaret is co-ordinating this and will be in contact with those people who haven't filled one in shortly.

**Craft Fair at Rufford Old Hall:** Ormskirk Network have been asked if they would help with stewarding and car parking at this event on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2002 – anyone available please contact Margaret.

**Group Award:** We hope in the near future to be setting one of these up at Rufford – more information to follow shortly.

#### 11. A.O.B:

##### Duke of Edinburgh Award:

Anyone who wants to sign up for Duke of Edinburgh Award please contact Chris Lomas ([chris@clomas.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:chris@clomas.freeserve.co.uk)). Also anyone either owing money or awaiting a book please contact Chris.

##### Ormskirk Network Packs:

Chris explained that although we had hoped to have these to give out on the night we have had to hang-fire on these as we are awaiting a report from the County Network Membership Group as to what they are producing with respect to a membership pack. We hope to know more by the next Core Meeting.

##### Core Meeting's this year:

The exec informed the members of the next 4 core meetings over the coming year, they are:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2002

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2003

(All at the Ring O Bells in Lathom)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2003

(At Ormskirk District HQ – will also be AGM)

**District Explorer Scout Commissioner:**

Ash Green was unable to attend the meeting but he asked if the following could be read out:

*“The relationship that the Network and Ventures have had has always been fantastic – to say the least – but it is very important that with the Explorer Scout section we maintain and improve links for the benefit of both sections – I have no doubt that this will happen and wish the Network all the best for the next 12 months.*

*From the District, many thanks to the Network Exec who’ve managed to create the most successful Network in probably the whole country.*

*Following on from that, on a personal note, as I have said before on numerous occasions. I am proud and honoured to call many of you friends, and thank-you for the warmth and friendship that you’ve shown me for the past 12 months and beyond.*

*Ricko said that he’s so impressed with you all, drinks are on him tonight!! Mines a pint!!”*

**Investitures:**

At this point in the evening, Sarah Brett invested the following people into Ormskirk Network:  
Emma Cunningham, Lucy Errington, Kate Breithaupt.

**The Core Meeting side of the evening then finished and Sarah welcomed everyone to Ormskirk Network’s AGM.**

**1. Chair’s Annual Report:**

Sarah Brett presented her chair’s annual report to the meeting. A copy of which accompanies these minutes.

After her report Sarah handed out some awards for Network members:

Leigh Phillips	-	“Mini-bus driver of the Year”
Liz & Pamela	-	“Stress of the Year”
Chris Phillips	-	“Most injuries of the Year”
Mike Nolan	-	“Photographer of the Year”
Ricko Charnock	-	“Organiser of the Year”

**2. Elections:**

At this point in the evening Sarah asked Ricko if he would inform the members of how the Ormskirk Network elections would take place according to the election procedure. This procedure is available on the web-site or by request.

Sarah then handed over the evening to Margaret Lomas who acted as returning officer and led the elections.

The following people were elected to sit on Ormskirk Network Exec for the forthcoming year, their nomination forms and records of people who proposed and seconded them are available on request from the Chair:

Chair	-	Ricko Charnock
Vice Chair	-	Mike Nolan
Secretary	-	Emma Cunningham
Treasurer	-	Jenny Ramsbottom
Membership Officer	-	Chris Phillips
Media Manager	-	Tim Seed
Social Secretary	-	Mike Evans

### **3. Thanks:**

Sarah offered her thanks to everyone for coming down to the meeting and a thanks to the past exec for the efforts of the last year. She wished the new exec all the best for the forthcoming year.

### **4. Presentation:**

Then followed a fantastic picture presentation on what Ormskirk Network have been up to over the last year – the presentation was called, “*A Year in the Life of Michael Nolan.*”

The AGM was formally closed – the next meeting will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2002 at the Ring O Bells, Lathom.