

# GLASGOW BATTALION

# The Boys' Brigade



## Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

The Board of Trustees met at Battalion HQ on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at 7:30pm The following Trustees attended the meeting:-

John Armour, Rev. Neil Galbraith, Robin Linton, Craig Manson, Gary McQueen & Alan Murray

Key matters discussed & decisions taken:

The Board approved the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 noting that:

- Donation income increased by £6,881. The timing of donations from 2 of our main supporters meant that both were received in this financial year, rather than the usual alternate years.
- Legacy income of £9,000 was received (2017/2018 - Nil)
- Support costs are under control and marginally reduced.
- Investment income held up well together with an improvement in the value of our assets which resulted in a net reduction in funds of £6,839 (2017/2018 Reduction of £45,236)
- An operating deficit of £27,739 (2017/2018 – deficit of £44,462) was recorded.
- The Board note that the value of funds held by Districts (£8,064) is relatively high and may require some level of accountability in line with Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR) guidelines.
- The Board agreed the Review of Activities and Planning together with Future Plans.
- The Board approved the continuation of the Training Credit Scheme for session 2019/2020. Member Companies of the Battalion will again be allocated a £50 credit to be used against Battalion run courses during the session. Any unused credit at the end of the session will not be carried forward should the scheme continue for the following session
- The Board discussed the report from the Battalion Secretary which included:-
  - A visit from members of 12<sup>th</sup> Singapore Boys' Brigade on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019
  - Ongoing Chaplains events
  - A Carronvale Weekend for Leaders and Senior Boys arranged by Cathkin District
  - Arrangements for the Queen's Badge Certificate Ceremony at Glasgow City Chambers on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The Board agreed that:-

- No special events would be arranged to recognise the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battalion during session 2020/2021
- The Battalion Pantomime would continue in December 2019
- The Battalion Carol Service (or other agreed title) would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Easterhouse Parish Church with bus transport options offered to Companies wishing to attend. Invitations will also be issued to neighbouring Battalions
- Craig Manson reported on the Kilbryde Hike and communication with media organisations to recognise the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. 32 Teams have entered to date.

Brigade UK/Scotland: The Secretary reported on:-

- The current Brigade UK staffing reorganisation and the potential impact on Glasgow Companies.
- Brigade Council 2019 motions submitted by the Brigade Executive and London District on the structure of the Brigade Executive. The London District motion is likely to be withdrawn and a series of amendments to the Brigade Executive motions submitted.
- The new Brigade Scotland Guild Grant fund for Companies.
- The Brigade UK Strategic Review currently taking feedback from Leaders