Communication from Scouting Ireland - Dated November 7th 2026

Dear Colleagues,

My thanks and that of the Chief, Board and our Chair for the day Kiernan for your attendance today.

I hope everyone had a safe trip home.

Please find attached the slides as promised and a first draft of FAQ's, which we can build on over the coming weeks.

The meeting this afternoon was an incredibly positive and uplifting one, with many inspiring and respectful contributions.

The overwhelming support in the room for the decision in 2018/2019 to support our survivors was palpable.

Four Key messages for consistency purposes -

1. Scouting Ireland continues to grow and develop - with positive momentum in growth, compliance, governance, safeguarding, programme, technology and commitment from volunteers. Scouting Ireland continues to be operationally solvent.
2. Scouting Ireland is to implement a financial resilience programme aimed at rebuilding its cash reserves and meeting its obligations to survivors in full. The meeting today was an opportunity to understand the exact financial impact of historical abuse cases and a vision / pathway to crystalizing those obligations over the next three years.
3. Scouting Ireland has identified a range of initiatives with clear targets and a credible route to securing our future, minimising risk to our assets and protecting our values and reputation as scouts. We all have a role we can play.
4. There are two initiatives we are asked to support and get behind over the coming weeks, sooner we can support same sooner Scouting Ireland can minimise the overall financial cost of the hurt we caused.
    a. Prepayment of Membership fees with a signed MOU from Scouting Ireland to repay same from 2030 e.g. 10,000 euro advance would be repaid from 2030 over 4 years at 2,500 per annum set against membership fees each year.
    b. Remembrance Memorial personalised purchase - this can be personalised to a name, location, and end product - paving stone, brick in a remembrance wall, tree, or a remembrance plaque for a Scout Group, County or Province. This virtual Remembrance Park will be launched in the coming weeks, including a virtual heritage and reflection area for survivors. Your support for this will be critical furnishing every member and ex-member of Scouting Ireland an opportunity to support and protect our future.

It is fair to say without your support for these initiatives the movement we love and cherish will face an existential threat, to fulfil our mission, protect our legacy, minimise risk to our assets and secure/ stay in full control of our future, then your support is critical.

Thank you again for your time and support, we will agree as discussed today a suite of dates to meet with each Province and leaders over the coming weeks.

Yours in Scouting, Sean/ Aidan / Chief