



## ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Present: Councillors Diana Conyers (Chair and Fishbourne PC Member), Mick Lyons (Vice Chair and Havenstreet & Ashley PC member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer), Helena Hewston (Shalfleet PC), June Davison (Newchurch PC), Shirley Smart (Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council), Peter Whiteman (Gatcombe and Chillerton PC), David Hardy (Lake PC), David Adams (Nettlestone & Seaview PC), Patricia Redpath (Nettlestone & Seaview PC), Cameron Palin (East Cowes TC), Heather Rowell (County Officer), Jill Webster (Communications Officer).

#### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Graney (Brading), Bob Blezzard (Havenstreet & Ashley), Dave Martin (Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council), John Pullen (Northwood PC), Heather Humby (Sandown TC), Kai Wacker (Wroxall PC), Michael Paler (East Cowes TC).

#### 3. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (circulated to members)

The minutes were approved (PW/SS).

#### 4. Finance – to receive a report from the Treasurer– Cllr Hardy

The report was approved by members.

#### 5. NALC AGM: To receive a report from Cllr Blezzard on NALC Assembly meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September (circulated to members) and to:

- **Appoint three voting delegates to the NALC AGM to be held via Zoom at 11am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – It was agreed that David Hardy and Mick Lyons would join Bob Blezzard as the three IWALC delegates.
- **Consider mandating delegates on: (i) proposed 1% increase in affiliation fees;** It was agreed that IWALC would vote against this increase **(ii) proposal to bring forward date for payment of 80% of fees from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> May;** It was agreed that IWALC would vote against this proposal **(iii) any other matters.** No other matters were discussed.

- 6. Training Group – to receive a report of meeting of the County Training Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (circulated to members) and receive update on training activities.**  
There are two training sessions on planning booked, one face-to-face and one via Zoom. The face-to-face had to be postponed due to Covid 19 and is now likely to take place in Ryde. Finance Training is booked for 27<sup>th</sup> October and Code of Conduct on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Both will take place in County Hall. It was agreed that at the next meeting of the Training Group charges for non-member councils would be reviewed.
- 7. Communications Group– To receive report of meeting of the Communications Group held on 31<sup>st</sup> August (circulated to members) and to:**
- **Endorse the following membership of the group for 21/22: Cllrs Diana Conyers Mick Lyons, Sue Hardy, John Graney, Dave Hardy, Helena Hewston and Alex Watts.** The membership was agreed unanimously.
  - **Endorse decision that Cllrs Alex Watts and Dave Hardy contact Wight Computers regarding upgrading the IWALC website:** this was agreed unanimously, and John Graney was thanked for all the hard work he had done on the website for IWALC. **Action: Dave Hardy will follow up with Alex Watts.**
  - **Discuss proposal that Cllr Alex Watts conduct course for members on use of social media.** It was agreed to run a course in the New Year.
- 8. IWALC Representative on IWC’s Planning Committee. To endorse appointment of Cllr Shirley Smart as IWALC’s representative and to appoint a deputy.**  
It was unanimously agreed to endorse this appointment (DH/DA). The possibility of a deputy is unclear. **Action: County Officer to contact Democratic Services to find out if a deputy can be appointed.**
- 9. IWALC submission on Draft Island Planning Strategy: To agree IWALC’s submission (paper circulated to members).**  
It was unanimously agreed to submit the paper with a few minor additions. It was agreed to contact town and parish councils and encourage them to post their responses on their websites. Through an item in the Bulletin and by email **Actions: County Officer/Communications Officer**
- 10. October Topic Meeting: To discuss the request of Phil Jordan, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to attend Topic Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October to brief members on the impact of changes to the Island Roads PFI.**  
This was agreed. **Action: Cllr Diana Conyers to confirm with Cllr Phil Jordan.**  
Concerns about Southern Water were raised, and it was agreed to start exploring this with Cllrs Jordan and Bacon with a view to writing to Southern Water from IWALC.
- 11. Community Resilience Workshop: To receive feedback from Workshop.**  
A multi-agency press release about the event has been issued. Cllr Diana Conyers was congratulated on the workshop, and the partnerships that are building as a result.
- 12. Age Friendly Island (AFI): To agree that IWALC sign up to AFI’s new Digital Friendly Island Scheme, the aim of which is to make the Island digitally friendly for everyone.**  
It was agreed to sign up and consider this for a future Topic Meeting.
- 13. To receive any reports from delegates and representatives to outside bodies not already discussed.**  
The following reports were received from:
- SERCAF

- HIOWLGA

**14. Dates of Future Meetings were agreed –**

- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Topic Meeting**
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Executive Meeting**

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