



## ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Trafalgar Room, Riverside Centre, Newport, at 7.00 pm.**

Present: Councillors Anne Bamford (Vice – Chair, Freshwater PC member and Chair of this meeting) Diana Conyers (IWALC Chair and Fishbourne PC Member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer and Lake PC member), Mick Lyons (Havenstreet and Ashley PC), John Graney (Brading PC), Emma Cox (Freshwater PC), June Davison (Newchurch PC), Paul Fuller (Cowes TC), Michael Smith (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Simon Cooke (Ryde TC), Emily Brothers (Sandown TC), Giles Alldred (Shorwell PC), Julie Hutchinson (Ventnor TC), Steve Cooper (Ventnor TC), Helena Hewston (Shalfleet PC), Debbie Andre (Sandown TC), Trish Redpath (Nettlestone and Seaview PC), Josie Kettle (Wroxall PC), Liz White (Bembridge PC), Vivien Roberts (Arreton PC), Heather Rowell (County Officer), Jill Webster (Communications Officer).

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Michael Paler (Cowes TC), Bob Blezzard (Newchurch PC), Penny Acton (Gurnard PC), Ian Riguard Barrett (Rookley PC).

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (circulated to members)**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record unanimously (JD/PF).

**4. Draft Island Planning Strategy: To receive update from Cllr Paul Fuller, IWC Cabinet Member for Planning.**

The Draft Island Planning Strategy is being delayed for 3 months whilst awaiting a Government decision on the New National Planning Policy Framework.

**5. Finance – to receive reports from the Treasurer, Cllr Hardy, and to approve IWALC budget for 2023/24.**

The budget was approved unanimously and Cllr Hardy was thanked for all her hard work.

- a. **To approve the charge for non-IWALC members for any work that the County Officer is formally requested to undertake, eg the processing of PWLB Applications.**

The proposal to charge £100 for processing the application with an additional £25 per hour for any ongoing work if required was unanimously agreed.

**6. Training – to receive report on meeting of Training Group held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

The Chairmanship Training has taken place with positive feedback. Cllr White requested that could training not always be held on a Wednesday in future.

**7. Communications – To receive a verbal report on communications, including update on website.**

Councillor Cooke is still working on it and will arrange to meet with the County Officer next month to go through the site.

**8. Royal Garden Parties: To receive update from Jill Webster on the current position.**

NALC have written to the Garden Party Office, but as yet no information has been released.

**9. Request for local councils to help fund Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector: To discuss recent email from IWC (sent to members) and determine IWALC's position regarding provision of support.**

It was agreed that the time frame within which this request was presented so close to budget setting was unfair, making it difficult to consider the request appropriately. It was agreed to write to the IWC explaining our concerns about making this sort of request within such a short -time scale, and to offer to meet with the IWC to discuss their pressures and what we may or may not be able to deliver as town and parish councils.

**10. IWALC Open Days: To decide when to have next Open Day(s), including possibility of having regional events.**

It was agreed to hold a workshop instead of an open day, to discuss the relationship between local councils and the IW Council. It was suggested that the workshop is held on a Saturday in March, in Newport with an external facilitator.

**11. February Topic Meeting: To determine topic for February meeting, including possibility of having workshop-type session on challenges currently facing member councils.**

It was agreed to hold the Topic Meeting on Planning and Housing and to invite the following IWC Officers:

Ollie Boulter – Strategic Manager for Planning

Cllr Ian Stephens – Cabinet lead for Housing

Dawn Long – Housing Officer

Russell Chick – Planning Policy and Enforcement

**12. The following reports were received:**

Health and Wellbeing Board – Cllr Emily Brothers

IWBRUG – Cllr Diana Conyers and Cllr Emily Brothers

NALC – Cllr Bob Blezzard

Community Led Housing – Cllr Hewston

HIOW Wildlife Trust – Cllr Davison

**13. Dates of Future Meetings were agreed -**

- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Topic Meeting**
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Executive Meeting**