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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2022 Little London Room, Riverside Centre, Newport, at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Diana Conyers (Chair and Fishbourne PC Member), Mick Lyons (Vice Chair and Havenstreet and Ashley PC Member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer and Lake PC member), Helena Hewston (Shalfleet PC), June Davison (Newchurch PC), Bob Blezzard (Newchurch PC), Emily Brothers (Sandown TC), Steve Cooper (Ventnor TC), Julie Hutchison (Ventnor TC), John Graney (Brading PC), Shirley Smart (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Simon Cooke (Ryde TC), Liz White (Bembridge PC), Cameron Palin (East Cowes TC), Anne Bamford (Freshwater PC), Emma Cox (Freshwater PC), Sherlie Burrige (Niton and Whitwell PC), Patricia Redpath (Nettlestone and Seaview PC), Debbie Andre (Sandown TC), John Ward (Wootton Bridge PC), Paul Fuller (Cowes TC), Michael Smith (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Penny Acton (Gurnard PC), Richard Whiting (Brading PC), Nick Stuart (Brighstone PC) and Heather Rowell, (County Officer), Jill Webster (Communications Officer).

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to newly elected IWALC representatives.

2. **Apologies**

Councillors Claire Critchison (Niton & Whitwell PC), David Adams (Nettlestone and Seaview PC), Michael Paler (Cowes TC), Adrian Whittaker (Lake PC), Alison Child (Godshill PC), Jonathan Bacon (St Helens PC), Heather Humby (Sandown TC), Giles Aldred (Shorwell PC).

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 March 2022 – To approve.**

The minutes of the meeting were approved (SS/SH)

4. **Finance: To receive reports from Treasurer – Cllr S Hardy**

The reports were received, and Cllr Hardy thanked.

5. **Training: To receive verbal update on training activities.**

The Chair reported that:

The Code of Conduct Training was successful with positive feedback from participants. Cllr Trish Redpath and County Officer Heather Rowell were thanked for stepping in and delivering the training on the 4th May 2022.

There has been a request for a special Code of Conduct Training specifically for Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council Councillors, who have offered to pay for the training.

The next IWALC Training is on the 15th June on local plans and will be delivered by the IWC Planning Department in the Council Chamber, County Hall.

Equality and Diversity Training is booked for the 20th July.

Discussions have taken place with Mark Pink who is now the Chair of the local SLCC branch. He will be attending the next Training Group meeting, with the view to consider a training partnership with IWALC and possibly the IW Council. In the past the IW Council contributed £1000 to a County Wide Training Partnership. **Action:** Cllr Paul Fuller will discuss this with IWC Cabinet Colleagues.

It was agreed to explore the possibility of putting on another Basic Skills training for new councillors. **Action:** Cllr Conyers to contact Sue Chilton.

6. **Communications: To receive update on Communications Update on communications offer proposed by Richard Priest.** A proposal had been received from Richard Priest suggesting an award scheme for the best community activity/venue etc. Working with the Observer. It was agreed that it was important to celebrate good projects, learn from each other and share best practice through the Bulletin. But it was decided that all media outlets should have the opportunity to promote IWALC and the work of member councils.
7. **LGA Planning Service Peer Review Report: Cllr Aldred**
Cllr Aldred sent apologies, so Cllr Conyers provided the update. IWALC was invited to participate in the LGA Review. Representatives met with two of the reviewers and attended the feedback session. A report has been circulated to members and the presentation of the findings will be distributed once it has been received.
8. **June Topic Meeting: To decide a topic for the meeting.**
Two possible topics were discussed: Road Safety and Biosphere/Mission Zero. It was agreed that both topics are important and following a vote it was agreed that Biosphere/Mission Zero will be the topic for June and Road Safety the topic for October.
9. **NALC Constitutional Review: To receive and consider a report from the NALC Assembly Member: Cllr Blezzard**
It was agreed that if any members have comments they will submit them to Cllr Blezzard, who will then submit the report.
10. **Royal Garden Parties: To explain why no one was nominated to attend this year and to clarify nomination procedures for future years.**
Cllr Conyers and County Officer Heather Rowell apologised to members for the omission this year in the opportunity for nominations being sent to members. A report was circulated to members with an explanation. Nominations for 2023 will be determined at the January 2023 Executive Meeting.
11. **Sharing Experiences Between Members: To consider proposal by Chair about advantages of sharing experiences and possible ways in which this might be done.**

It was agreed to hold a half day event in the Autumn to enable councils to share, network and build relationships, in a semi-social setting.

12. HIWWT Beaver Recovery Project Steering Group: To consider whether to accept invitation to be represented on the Steering Group and if so to appoint a representative.

Cllr Davison agreed to make contact and provide a link to IWALC.

13. Reports from representatives and delegates to other organisations: The following reports were received:

NALC

LAF

IWC Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Carisbrooke Castle Museum

14. Dates of Future Meetings:

- Thursday 30 June: Topic Meeting
- Thursday 28 July: Annual General Meeting

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm