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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 November 18

Present: Councillors, Helena Hewston (Chairman), Mick Lyons Vice Chairman), Sue Hardy (Treasurer), Bob Blezzard (Lake), Ali Goodchild (Arreton), John Cirrone (Brighstone), Debbie Andre (Sandown), Peter Whiteman (Newport and Carisbrooke), John Graney (Brading), Paul Fuller (Cowes, Gurnard and Northwood), Diane Conyers (Ryde), June Davison (Newchurch), Jonathan Bacon (Godshill), Gill Kennett (Freshwater) and Maxine Warr (County Officer)

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Members and said she was getting better acquainted with the town and parishes by attending monthly meetings across the Island.

Cllr Hewston welcomed the guest speaker Richard Samuel, Senior Responsible Officer, from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sustainability & Transformation Partnership.

2. **Richard Samuel, Senior Responsible Officer, from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sustainability & Transformation Partnership**

Mr Samuel gave a verbal update on the proposed changes to health delivery on the Island. He explained the concept of grouping health and care workers into clusters with simple points of access. This would ease the pressure on GPs and encourage better targeted resources.

Members asked a number of questions and expressed concern that some areas were not well served by transport links, so it would be difficult to get to a 'hub'. Also, it was highlighted that the West and Central cluster didn't work. Mr Samuel suggested that Members talk to GPs and community carers and feedback to him, as grass roots information was fundamental to getting the balance correct. The withdrawal of the LAC service was mentioned, and Members felt strongly that this was a backward step.

It was agreed to invite Mr Samuel to attend a future topic meeting along with the IWC Cabinet member Cllr Mosdell and a member of the CCG.

3. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mick Thirkettle (Arreton), Geoff Brodie (Newport and Carisbrooke), Denise Kilpatrick (Fishbourne) and Janice Young (Niton and Whitwell)

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **To approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 20th September and the topic meeting held on Thursday 18th October 2018**

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurers report was accepted, and it was noted that the balance was slightly higher than for the same period of 2017.

Bank Signatory - It was noted that an additional bank signatory would be beneficial, and it was agreed that Cllr Andre would be added to the bank mandate.

Projector - A projector was required for the finance training and one had been borrowed from Arreton PC. It was agreed to purchase a similar piece of equipment for future sessions, with a budget of £300. The County Officer will explore all options with a view to purchasing equipment that could be hired out to other T&PCs.

ACTION – County Officer

7. **Meeting with HALC**

The notes from the meeting with HALC on 19th October were circulated, along with the subsequent proposals from the Interim CEO of HALC. Members were not comfortable with being completely tied in to HALC and felt IWALC could be consumed by the larger organisation. They felt they were getting a good service from NALC and SERCAF and had no confidence IWALC would get everything they would pay for from HALC. There had not been any figures provided for evaluation, so an informed decision could not be made at this time. Members also felt the principle of CALCs having to join their local association, before joining others, should be pursued.

ACTION

- **County Officer to ask HALC for financial details of proposals**
- **County Officer and Cllr Blezzard to pursue outcome of the NALC management board discussion regarding CALCs joining local associations before joining others.**

8. **County Association Training Group**

The notes from the meeting held on 18th October were circulated and discussed. The Finance training had taken place on 6th and 7th November with 39 councillors taking part. The feedback had been very positive and there were several suggestions put forward from delegates for a further session.

It was noted that an update on the Island Plan will take place on 5th December at 5pm in the Council Chamber at County Hall. Members were dissatisfied with the consultation process for the Island Plan, as only one workshop had taken place.

9. **Quarterly Meeting between IWC and IWALC**

The notes from the meeting held on 1st November were circulated and discussed. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the quarterly seminars, as they felt they were being 'talked at' rather than it being a session arising from items requested by T&PCs.

Cllr Andre expanded on her scoping document regarding communication with the IWC and said a survey would be circulated soon. She asked for examples of problems with communication for better understanding of the issues.

It was agreed to invite Cllr Stewart to attend future IWALC Executive meetings, as he is the liaison Member of the IWC for T&PCs.

Representation at the IWC Planning Committee was discussed and Cllr Conyers was agreed as the dedicated observer. This representation will be reviewed in 6 months, to see if a more formal footing can be established.

NIIR – Members were disappointed that the spreadsheets were based on IWC wards rather than the town and parishes

ACTION – County Officer

- **Invite Cllr Stewart to future Executive meetings**
- **Gather examples of communication problems with IWC from T&PCS**

10. **Meeting with Cllr Abraham, Interim Head of Planning, Paul Barton and Director of Regeneration, Ashley Curzon**

This meeting took place on 14th November and a verbal update was given by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

This was a productive meeting with reassurance given that comments from T&PCs were useful and taken into consideration when determining planning applications. It was agreed that better communication was needed from IWC and a training session was offered to explain the whole planning process. This would be in the form of an interactive workshop and take place early in 2019. The S106 process was discussed and the IWC agreed to send a list of all the monies available across the Island. The process for S106 distribution and discussions on the benefits of CIL would be part of the Island Plan review.

Cllr Lyons had asked if the separate files on planning applications could be merged or arranged in a more user-friendly manner. The IWC agreed to look into this, as it may be an IT issue that could easily be resolved.

11. Reports from delegates to outside bodies

- Cllr Brodie circulated a report from the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25th October. It was agreed to advertise for a H&WB representative as Cllr Brodie had stood down. Following a discussion, it was agreed to ask for a voting representative on all IWC Scrutiny Committees.
- Cllr Kennett and Davison circulated reports from the IWC Scrutiny meetings held on 9th October and 8th November
- Cllr Blezzard circulated reports from the HLOWLGA held on 21 September, SERCAF meeting held on 9 October and the NALC Conference held on 31 October
- IWC Consultation on the Public Space Protection Orders proposals – Members had a number of questions and it was agreed to ask Lee Matthews to attend the topic meeting on 21 February

12. Points of Interest from Councillors attending meeting of outside bodies

Cllr Hewston reported on a recent CPRE meeting and highlighted the Dark Skies project. She offered to circulate a template letter of support and this will also be put on the website.

Cllr Bacon and Cllr Hewston updated on the biosphere project. This is a partnership body through UNESCO and is identifying biosphere areas across the UK. Cllr Bacon said there would be an award ceremony in June.

Cllr Fuller asked if a topic meeting could be held with Island Roads to discuss the utility companies digging up the roads and leaving them in a poor state. Cllr Andre said there was movement on this matter - Island Roads have taken over monitoring the roads as they have been made aware that utility companies had been flouting the rules.

Cllr Graney reminded members of the CSP annual meeting on 5th December.

Cllr Bacon updated on AONB matters – the Glover review has changed slightly and will look at funding, with designation for national parks status removed from the agenda. The AONB team have a meeting with the MP on 20th November.

13. Dates of future meetings: -

- 7.00p.m. Thursday 17 January - Executive Committee
- 7.00p.m. Thursday 21 February – topic meeting – Grass cutting and Public Space Protection Orders