



ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 March 18

Present: Councillors Peter Whiteman (Chairman), Helena Hewston (Vice Chairman), Sue Hardy (Treasurer), Bob Blezzard (Lake), Alison Childs (Godshill), Debbie Andre (Sandown), Geoff Brodie (Newport), June Davison (Newchurch), Janice Young (Niton & Whitwell) John Graney (Brading), Mick Lyons (Havenstreet & Ashley), Mick Thirkettle (Arreton), Jim Moody (Ryde), Diane Conyers (Ryde) Carole Wolton (Wootton Bridge PC) Ali Hayden (Arreton PC) and Maxine Warr (Secretary).

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker Robin Courage MBE

2. **Presentation from Robin Courage MBE Chairman IW Day**

IW Day 2018 will be held on 22nd September and the main parade this year will be in Cowes. It is hoped to hold the 2019 parade in Shanklin. The new mascot, 'Nipper', was unveiled and the main feature for 2018 will be a coastline beach clean, over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September. The full presentation is attached for information.

A number of questions were asked, including if the flags could be bio degradable in keeping with the bid to make the Island plastic free. Although this is not possible for practical display reasons, Mr Courage said the flags were reusable and the team wished to encourage people to remove the flags straight after the day and keep for the following year. It is hoped to contact the Guinness Book of World Records to set a UK coastline clean up record. Mr Courage was invited to return to a future meeting to update members on progress.

3. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors, Geoff Butler (Shorwell), Mike Anderson (St Helens), John Cironne (Brighstone PC) and Iain Maclennan (Newchurch PC)

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **To approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 18th January 2018 and the Grass Cutting Topic Meeting held on 15th February 18**

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

The meeting held with the clerks from the non IWALC member councils was discussed. These representatives felt their councils did not need IWALC and could receive everything they required through being development partners or affiliates to HALC. They considered it would be more beneficial for the Island to become an 8th borough of HALC.

Members felt that a strong line should be taken with NALC to stop HALC encouraging Island councils to join them. It was agreed to invite the Chairman and Chief Executive of NALC to visit the Island in April

ACTION: Secretary

6. **To receive the Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was received and Cllr Hardy was thanked for her detailed information.

7. **To receive the Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was received and it was agreed that a Twitter and Facebook account would be set up. It was also agreed to circulate regular media updates to help raise the profile of the organisation.

ACTION: Secretary

8. **NALC and SERCAF representatives**

Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Moody were nominated as representative to NALC and SERCAF. Cllr Blezzard was selected by 7 votes to 5.

9. **To receive an update on training**

The Code of Conduct training took place on 14th March with 24 Members attending. It was agreed to request a representative on the appeals board for when town and parish council issues arise. This will be discussed at the next meeting with IWC on 27th March.

Members were urged to take part in the national consultation for the Review of Local Government Ethical Standards.

It was noted that Part 2 of the Chairmanship Skills training would take place on 21st March.

ACTION: Secretary and Chairman

10. **IW Fire and Rescue Service Review**

Members were deeply concerned about the health and wellbeing implications for Islanders of the Fire Service Review, in particular the recommendation to IW Council Cabinet of Option 4. Cllr Brodie asked for this item to be included on the IW Health and Wellbeing agenda for April but this was declined and it will now be discussed as a review at the July meeting.

All town and parish councils were urged to make representations to the IWC, as the decision had been deferred until a specially convened meeting in April.

It was agreed that IWALC should send a robust response against the recommendation of Option 4.

ACTION: Secretary

It was also agreed to seek deputy representatives for the IWC Scrutiny Committee and the IW Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure attendance at every meeting. This will take place at the May meeting.

11. **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

The need for Data Protection Officers was discussed and it was agreed to conduct a survey of whether Councils would prefer to have reciprocal arrangements with other Councils or pay into a pooled scheme.

ACTION: Secretary

12. **Island Roads Lay Assessors**

Members were not convinced the scheme allowed any influence on the standard of delivery and were not keen to actively promote it across the town and parish councils.

13. **Update on IWALC Website**

Cllr Graney said he was starting to build the website up and was making adjustments for it to run better on Android. He encouraged Members to send their bios for inclusion on the site.

11. **Reports from delegates to outside bodies**

- Cllr Davison circulated two reports from IWC Scrutiny meeting on 12 February and 6th March.
- Cllr Graney circulated a report on two AONB meetings, the AGM on 30 January and a steering committee meeting held on 13 February.
- Cllr Hewston gave a verbal on a recent CPRE meeting.
- Cllr Brodie said the next Health and Wellbeing meeting would be in April but after the topic meeting so he would circulate a report by email. He said it had been an interesting first year and he would welcome feedback from his reports.

12. **Dates of future meetings:-**

7.00p.m. Thursday 19 April at the Riverside Centre – Topic: to discuss the meeting with NALC

7.00p.m. Thursday 17 May at the Riverside Centre – Executive Committee – guest speaker John Brownscombe, Community Led Housing Project officer at Community Action