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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31st March 2022 Trafalgar Room, Riverside Centre, Newport, at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Diana Conyers (Chair and Fishbourne PC Member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer), Helena Hewston (Shalfleet PC), June Davison (Newchurch PC), Giles Aldred (Shorwell PC), Peter Whiteman (Chillerton & Gatcombe PC), Bob Blezzard (Havenstreet & Ashley PC), Heather Humby (Sandown TC), David Hardy (Lake PC), Steve Cooper (Ventnor TC), Julie Hutchison (Ventnor TC), Alison Child (Godshill PC), Shirley Stables (Shalfleet PC), John Hobart (Chillerton & Gatcombe PC), John Graney (Brading PC), Shirley Smart (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Simon Cooke (Ryde TC) Heather Rowell (County Officer), Jill Webster (Communications Officer).

Via Zoom: Councillors Mick Lyons (Vice Chair and Havenstreet & Ashley PC member), Patricia Redpath (Nettlestone and Seaview PC).

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to new IWALC members Ventnor TC, represented by Cllrs Steve Cooper and Julie Hutchison, and Bembridge PC who sent apologies

2. **Apologies**

Councillors Shirlee Burridge (Niton & Whitwell PC), Liz White (Bembridge PC), John Cirrone (Brighstone PC), John Pullen (Northwood PC), Terry Martin (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Paul Fuller (Gurnard PC) and Ian Rigaud Barrett (Rookley PC).

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 January 2022 – To approve.**

The minutes of the meeting were approved (HH/BB)

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

The reports were received, and Cllr Hardy thanked.

5. **Training: To receive report of meeting of Training Group held on 30 March 2022**

Minutes of the meeting were received. It was agreed to undertake a survey of Councillor training needs after the Annual Meeting. The Training Group requested that if anyone was able to offer Social Media Training to let the County Officer know.

- 6. Communications: To receive verbal update from Communications Officer**
It was agreed to continue to send the Bulletin to non-member councils and ask member councils to sign up for direct receipt from NALC of notifications.
- 7. Meeting with IW Council: To get feedback from first meeting held on 10 March and discuss time and format of future meetings**
It had previously been agreed to hold a 30-minute online meeting (via Teams) with Cabinet members on the 2nd Thursday of every month. There was a discussion about whether it would be better to hold the meetings early evening, the consideration of a hybrid option, the need to extend the time to an hour and the need to send questions in advance. Since Cllr Fuller was not able to respond to these issues, it was agreed that the next meeting on April 14th will be as originally planned. (N.B. It has subsequently been agreed with Cllr Fuller that the meeting will start at 12 noon, in order to allow an hour.)
- 8. April Topic Meeting: To discuss requests by IW NHS Trust to attend the meeting on 28 April and consider combining that with presentations on new Living Well and Early Help Service and Community Action's Resilience Project.**
The following were agreed:
- To invite Kirk Mills Ward from the IW NHS Trust to talk about the new Health and Care Plan.
 - To invite Trevor Nicholas CEO Aspire Ryde to talk about the new Living Well and Early Help Programme and its relationship with Town and Parish Councils.
 - To invite Ian Boyd (Community Action IW) to talk about the Community Resilience Project.
 - To invite Joanna Smith, Healthwatch to talk about their role.
- 9. IW Bus and Rail Users Group (IBRUG): To consider becoming a member of IWBRUG.**
It was agreed to join IBRUG, appoint a representative at the AGM and invite their input for the Bulletin.
- 10. Representative on IWC Planning Committee: To accept Cllr Shirley Smart's resignation as representative and appoint a replacement to hold office until the AGM.**
Cllr Giles Aldred was proposed by Cllr Smart and seconded by Cllr Blezzard. It was unanimously agreed that Cll Aldred would become the IWALC rep until the AGM, when a deputy would also be appointed.
- 11. Issues raised by members :**
- Road safety (Newport and Carisbrooke).** It was noted that there is a current speed limit review in place and the data will be published in October. It was agreed to raise members concerns at the meeting with the IWC Cabinet in April.
 - Police response to incident reports (Northwood PC).** Northwood PC was not represented so the item was not discussed.
 - Quality of work done by Island Roads (Cowes TC)** Cowes TC were not in attendance, so this was not discussed.
 - Aid to Ukraine (Newchurch PC).** It was agreed to write to Mike Bulpitt (Community Action IW) to see what practical support IWALC members could provide.
- 12. Reports from representatives and delegates to other organisations: The following reports were received:**
- SERCAF**
 - HIWLGA**

- **Voluntary Sector Forum**
- **Age Friendly Island**
- **AONB**

Cllr Blezzard reported that there would be a combined NALC and Management Board report at the next meeting. He also gave a brief verbal report on the Parliamentary Boundaries Review.

13. Dates of Future Meetings:

- Thursday 28 April: Topic Meeting
- Friday 26 May: Executive Meeting

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