



ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 30th May 2024 at the RIVERSIDE CENTRE NEWPORT

Present: Councillors Steve Cooper (Chair and Ventnor TC Member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer),

Cllr Vivian Roberts (Arreton PC), Cllr Patricia Redpath (Nettlestone and Seaview), Cllr John Graney (Brading TC), Cllr Steph Toogood (Ventnor TC), Ian Fletcher (Sandown), Nick Stewart (Brighstone), Shirley Stables (Shalfleet PC), Paul Fuller (Gurnard PC), Bob Blezzard (Newchurch PC), Julie Hutchison (County Officer)

1. **Welcome and apologies.**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. **Apologies had been received from:** Cllr Anne Bamford (Freshwater PC), Cllr Alison Childs (Godshill PC), Cllr Diana Conyers (Ryde TC and Fishbourne PC), Cllr Simon Cooke (Ryde TC), Penny Acton (Gurnard PC), Cllr Liz White (Bembridge PC)

2. **Minutes from the previous meeting:** One amendment was made re apologies. Cllr Paul Fuller was happy to approve the Minutes.

3. **Chair:** There was no report from the Chair.

4. **Finance: Report from the Treasurer:** Cllr Sue Hardy, gave the Finance Report. Recommendations had been made by the Auditor to allocate £10k into a deposit account. Cllr Bob Blezzard made the recommendation that the Treasurer have the delegated authority to make those decisions without having to consult the Executive. **It was approved by a unanimous show of hands that the Treasurer allocate funds for 6 months, and for the Treasurer to carry out recommendations by the Auditor.**

5. **Clarification on nominating representatives to outside bodies.**

After discussion it was **agreed by a show of hands that nominations should come from Member councils, since it is councils that are members of IWALC and not Executives, who are representatives of respective councils. The importance of specialist interests should be noted by councils in making nominations.**

6. **Hybrid Meetings.** NALC have confirmed that CALC meetings can be hybrid, and that members joining the meeting remotely have voting rights. **It was recommended to look into tech solutions**, for the County Officer to work alongside Brian Jennings in Nettlestone and Seaview, who has experience of sourcing appropriate equipment.

7. **Steve Cooper Landslips in Ventnor.** Cllr Cooper outlined the challenges facing Ventnor and efforts made by the ventnor community and council with the question – Can IWALC get behind this? Response was enthusiastic and in support. Discussion took place regarding other areas of the UK and the lack of Government support, particularly noted was Cornwall and Norfolk. **It was agreed for the County Officer to approach all PPCs with the following questions; What work will you do to prevent flooding, to protect our coastline, to prevent landslips and to protect infrastructure.** Cllr Cooper thanked all councillors for their support.

8. **County Officer: Carbon Literacy Project Training.** The County Officer explained that the training takes 8 hours, that it will cost £120 to be trained. Follow on cost if this were to be offered to IWALC Members is £300 for a 3 year license to use the training resources. **It was agreed to start with the training of the County Officer and then assess needs for member councils for further training.**

9. **County Officer: Community Manifesto Project.** The Community Manifesto (a large patchwork of words and drawings) was laid out on the floor and comments were invited on the prospect of rolling it out across the Island in all Towns and Parishes subject to finding funding. **Feedback was positive from all councillors and recommendations made were to contact AONB.**

10. **Reports and questions:** Question and a comment were raised from Cllr Vivian Roberts and Cllr Paul Fuller regarding IWBRUG to be passed to Cllr Diana Conyers.

11. Discussion took place on AGM, that many councillors are busy. It was proposed by Bob Blezzard that this be moved to July owing to availability around the General Election. **It was unanimously agreed by a show of hands to move the AGM to July 2024.**

Meeting ended at 8.20pm.