



ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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DRAFT minutes IWALC AGM 26th June 2025 at The Riverside Centre,
Newport Isle of Wight, starting 7pm.

Present;

Cllr Bob Blezzard (Chair), Cllr Julie Hutchison (County Officer)

Members,

Cllr Diana Conyers (Ryde), Cllr Michael Smith (Newport), Cllr Jonathan Hill (Shalfleet), Cllr Jane Timbrell (Shalfleet), Cllr Penny Acton (Gurnard), Cllr Ian Boyd (Sandown), Cllr Tony Barry (Havenstreet), Cllr Warren Whyte (Freshwater), Cllr Peter Whiteman (Chillerton and Gatcombe), Cllr Steph Toogood (Ventnor), Cllr Trish Redpath (Nettlestone and Seaview), Cllr Nick Stuart (Brighstone), Cllr Sarah Morris (Lake), Cllr Jon Ellis (Brading), Cllr Jess Higgins (Ryde)

1. **Welcome.** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from; Cllr Claire Critchison , Cllr Steve Cooper, Cllr Sue Hardy, Cllr Vix Lowthion, Cllr Vivian Roberts, Cllr Lorraine White, Cllr Mick Lyons, Cllr Brin Martin, Cllr Patrick Farrell, Cllr Bill Freshwater
3. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. **Minutes;** to approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 25th July 2024. The minutes of the AGM were approved by a show of hands as a true and accurate record of the meeting (NS/ DC)
5. **Election (a) Chair.** Cllr Steve Cooper was nominated by Cllr Diana Conyers, there were no other nominations received for the role of Chair. Cllr Steve Cooper was duly elected by a unanimous show of hands. **(b) Vice Chair.** Cllr Patricia Redpath was nominated by Cllr Diana Conyers, and Cllr Warren Whyte self nominated. The Chair raised the point that the Constitution should be reviewed regarding future AGM nominations, since nominations should be made by councils . Cllr Diana Conyers offered to give her reasons to why she nominated Cllr Redpath. Cllr Warren Whyte gave his reason for self nomination. Both Councillors were asked to leave the room whilst the vote took place. Cllr Patricia Redpath was duly elected by a show of hands (c) **Treasurer:** To appoint a treasurer for 2024/2025. One nomination had been received for Cllr Sue Hardy to continue the role of Honorary Treasurer from Lake Parish Council members, the Chair expressed it is good to see Lake Parish Council re-join IWALC. There were no other nominations received for this role. The nomination was proposed by Cllr Bob Blezzard and approved by a show of hands. Cllr Sue Hardy was thanked by the chair for her continued support and hard work.(d) **Auditor.** Cllr Sue Hardy had nominated Maxine Warr, (previous County Officer and experienced Clerk). This was approved by a show of hands.
6. **Accounts:** There was one question raised regarding reserves, Cllr Bob Blezzard explained it is good practice to have reserves in place, there were no further questions. The accounts were approved by a show of hands.
7. **Chairs Annual Report.** There were no questions about the Chair's report, the Report was accepted.

8. **Training.** To appoint members to the Training Group. There were no nominations made. Cllrs Diana Conyers, Trish Redpath and Ian Boyd volunteered were appointed to the Training Group. The Chair and Vice-Chair are automatically members.
9. **Communications.** No nominations had been received, and no volunteers came forward. The Chair and Vice Chair are automatically members.
10. **Representatives to Outside Bodies:** to appoint representatives to:
 - a. **National Association of Local Councils** - Cllr Bob Blezzard (nominated by Newchurch Parish Council), Cllr Ian Boyd (Deputy)
 - b. **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HIWLGA)** - Cllr Ian Boyd.
 - c. **Isle of Wight Council Corporate Scrutiny Committee** - Members were advised by Cllr Nick Stuart that Corporate Scrutiny no longer exists. It was recommended by the Chair and agreed by members that the County Officer make enquiries regarding an IWALC member being representative on each of the service committees.
 - d. **Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee** - Cllr Steph Toogood
 - e. **Isle of Wight Council Health and Wellbeing Board** - Cllr Ian Boyd
 - f. **Isle of Wight Council Appeals Committee** - Cllr Mick Lyons
 - g. **Local Access Forum** - Cllr Mick Lyons with Cllr Penny Acton acting as Deputy
 - h. **Voluntary Sector Forum** -Cllr Jess Higgins
 - i. **Isle of Wight Bus and Rail Users Group** -Cllr Vix Lowthion / Cllr Michael Smith as Deputy
 - j. **Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)** - Cllr Nick Stuart advised that nothing had been heard from CPRE.
 - k. **AONB (National Landscapes)** - Cllr Nick Stuart
 - l. **Community Led Housing Board** - There was some confusion as to whether this exists, County Officer to investigate but Cllr Ian Boyd will assume the role if it exists.
 - m. **Together For Mission Zero** - Cllr Penny Acton / Cllr Caroline Pakel / Cllr Vix Lowthion
 - n. **Isle of Wight / German Twinning Association** - Cllr Michael Smith
 - o. **Hampshire and IW Wildlife Trust** - Cllr Penny Acton / Cllr Vix Lowthion (deputy)
 - p. **Anti-Poverty board** - Cllr Ian Boyd
 - q. **PREVENT** - Cllr Jess Higgins
12. Meeting dates: to approve meeting dates for 2024/2025. Cllr Nick Stuart raised a Topic meeting request from National Landscapes. The meeting dates for the forthcoming year were approved as Option 1 being the preferred option, voted on by a show of hands.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 7.32pm.