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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022, Hunnyhill Room, Riverside Centre, Newport, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Diana Conyers (Chair and Fishbourne PC Member), Anne Bamford (Vice Chair and Freshwater PC member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer and Lake PC member), Mick Lyons (Havenstreet and Ashley PC), John Graney (Brading PC), Emma Cox (Freshwater PC), June Davison (Newchurch PC), Paul Fuller (Cowes TC), Michael Smith (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Simon Cooke (Ryde TC), Penny Acton (Gurnard PC), Emily Brothers (Sandown TC), Giles Alldred (Shorwell PC), Nick Stuart (Brighstone PC), John Hobart (Chillerton and Gatcombe PC), Julie Hutchinson (Ventnor TC), Steve Cooper (Ventnor TC), Chris Adams (Bembridge PC), Shirley Stables (Shalfleet PC), Jonathan Bacon (St Helens PC), Debbie Andre (Sandown TC), Trish Redpath (Nettlestone and Seaview PC), Heather Rowell (County Officer), Jill Webster (Communications Officer).

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Councillors Liz White (Bembridge PC), Adrian Whittaker (Lake PC), Michael Paler (Cowes TC), Cameron Palin (East Cowes TC), Claire Critchison (Niton and Whitwell PC), Sherlie Burrige (Niton and Whitwell), Helena Hewston (Shalfleet PC), Bob Blezzard (Newchurch PC), Ed Hopper (Fishbourne PC), Shirley Smart (Newport and Carisbrooke CC), Josie Kettley (Wroxall PC), Vivian Roberts (Arreton PC), Steve Cowley (Yarmouth TC).

3. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting on 29th September 2022 (circulated to members)

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record unanimously (EM/GA).

4. Finance – to receive a report from the Treasurer and to discuss next year's staff salaries – Cllr Hardy

The report was received, and Cllr Hardy thanked.

Options for increasing staff salaries were presented, and it was agreed to increase salaries by 10% from April 2023 (SC/NS). The County Officer and Communications Officer left the meeting during this discussion.

5. Training – to receive a verbal report on training activities

Chairmanship Training is going ahead in January 2023 as well as First Aid Training. There will be a meeting of the Training Group in the New Year.

6. Communications – To receive a verbal report on communications, including update on website.

Councillor Cooke confirmed that the new website should be in place early in the New Year. Estimate of the costs and options will be available for members to consider at the January Meeting. The budget of £300 should be more than sufficient to cover hosting costs for the year.

The next Bulletin will be published mid-December.

7. Protocol 16 of IWC Constitution (Relations between IWC and Local Councils): To consider amended version proposed by working group, following its meeting on 14 October.

It was agreed unanimously to send the amended version to the IWC (EC/NS)

8. Provision of services for non-member councils: To consider proposal by County Officer that non-member councils be charged for any services provided by IWALC and, if agreed, to discuss possible charges and mode of implementation.

There are some services that non-member councils have to legally access through their County Association, in particular applications for Public Works Loans. It was agreed that a charge should be made and that the County Officer would work on a scale of charges with the Treasurer and report back to the next meeting with a proposal.

9. IWALC representative on IWC Planning Committee: To consider possible need to change representative.

Cllr Aldred is unable to continue at the moment as representative because of work commitments and the IWC Constitution doesn't allow for a deputy to attend in his place. Cllr Hopper, who would have been the deputy, is unable to take over the main role for the same reason. Cllr Cox offered to take on this role with Cllr Aldred's support. This was agreed (GA/SC), with Cllr Fuller abstaining due to his IWC Cabinet position. It was also agreed to try to get the current IWC Constitution revised to allow for a deputy, as part of the current review.

10. The following reports were received:

Health and Wellbeing Board – Cllr Emily Brothers

IW Planning Committee – Cllr Giles Aldred

IWBRUG – Cllr Diana Conyers

AOB – Cllr John Hobart

NALC – Cllr Bob Blezzard

IW Corporate Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Cameron Palin

11. Dates of Future Meetings were agreed -

- **Thursday 26th January – Executive Meeting**