



## ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Via Zoom

Present: Councillors Diana Conyers (Chair and Fishbourne PC Member), Mick Lyons (Vice Chair and Havenstreet & Ashey PC member), Sue Hardy (Treasurer), Helena Hewston (Shalfleet PC), June Davison (Newchurch PC), John Hobart (Chillerton & Gatcombe PC), John Medland (Freshwater PC), David Hardy (Lake PC), David Adams (Nettlestone & Seaview PC), Patricia Redpath (Nettlestone & Seaview PC), Alison Child (Godshill PC), John Graney (Brading PC), George Cameron (Freshwater PC), Jonathan Bacon (St Helens PC), Paul Fuller (Gurnard PC), (Steve Cowley (Yarmouth TC) Heather Rowell (County Officer), Jill Webster (Communications Officer).

Cllr Gill Kennett (to update members on Item 8 which was brought forward to follow Item 3.

#### 1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies to those who would prefer a face-to-face meeting.

#### 2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Bob Blezzard (Havenstreet & Ashey), Shirley Smart (Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council), Martin Kimber (Arreton PC), Kai Wacker (Wroxall PC), John Cirrone (Brighstone PC), Peter Whiteman (Chillerton & Gatcombe PC).

#### 3. **To Approve the Minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (circulated to members)**

The minutes were approved (ML/HH).

#### 4. **Finance – to receive a report from the treasurer – Cllr Hardy**

The report was received and noted.

#### 5. **Southern Water: To receive update on action taken regarding complaints about Southern Water (see item 10 of the Minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021).**

Members were informed that Southern Water representative Keith Herbert is visiting town and parish councils to brief them on flooding and pollution issues. Member councils can invite Keith Herbert to their meetings, it would be useful to invite the Environment Agency and Island Roads to the same meeting. Cllr Fuller informed members that Northwood had

a presentation from Southern Water and councillors were invited to visit the treatment works at Sandown, it was agreed that IWALC would coordinate a visit for all members. Cllr Bacon suggested that it would be useful for IWALC to collate evidence from individual councils about problems in their area and send these to Southern Water.

**Action: To write to members a) asking them to send through any issues of concern, b) provide them with the information on how to request a visit from Southern Water, and c) ask if they would like a visit to the pumping station at Sandown.**

**6. Training: To receive update on training activities.**

The Chair reported that the Code of Conduct Training run by the Monitoring Officer and Deputy at the Isle of Wight Council, via zoom, encountered technological problems and participants felt it wasn't sufficiently geared for Town and Parish Councillors. Alternatives are being explored. Finance Training is being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December via Zoom and a face-to-face Planning Training is due in the New Year. The Training Group will be looking at additional training in the New Year including equality and diversity and the implications for councils.

**7. Communications Group – To receive updates on:**

**a. Progress in replacing the website (Cllrs Alex Watts and Dave Hardy)**

The website has been slower in development, than anticipated. Cllr Hardy will contact Cllr Watts and Wight Computers to progress this.

**b. Future plans for Bulletin (Communications Officer)**

December issue will include articles on housing to try and stimulate a debate around how to meet the need for social affordable housing. Island housing associations have been invited to contribute.

**8. Community Resilience Workshop: To receive updates by Chair on follow-up activities:**

**a. Survey of councils' current and possible future role in promoting community wellbeing.**

A small steering group was set up following the workshop, Cllr D Conyers, Cllr G Kennett, Ian Lloyd (IWC) and Mike Bulpitt (Community Action IW). At the first meeting it was agreed to send councils a survey about community resilience activities to town and parish councils. Councils were encouraged to complete the survey as fully as possible to inform future work.

**b. IWC's tender for Living Well and Early Help Service**

The IWC has just gone out to tender for the above programme, currently led by Age UK IW. The new specification focusses on the outcomes from the Community Resilience Workshop. The closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and it is possible that bidders may request support from IWALC. Members agreed to support any potential bidders who are taking a 'bottom up' community led approach that included town and parish councils.

**9. Age Friendly Island (AFI): To approve IWALC's Digital Friendly Island Pledge.**

Members approved the draft IWALC Digital Friendly Island Pledge. It was agreed to encourage members to do the same.

**10. IWALC Constitutional Review Update**

The review group has met and are working on a revised draft to be presented to members at the January meeting for discussion, with the final revised document being approved at the AGM. Members were encouraged to forward any suggestions to members of the group.

**11. Corporate Scrutiny Committee: To receive report and discuss recommendation regarding Topic Meeting.**

A report has not been received, however following the Scrutiny Meeting Cllr Palin suggested inviting the Community Safety Partnership to a future Topic Meeting. In Cllr Palin's absence it was agreed to consider this at a future meeting.

**12. Reports from Representatives and delegates to other organisations:**

The following reports and updates were received:

- NALC AGM
- SERCAF
- Carisbrooke Castle Museum Trustees Committee
- AONB

**13. Dates of Future Meetings were agreed –**

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Executive Meeting**
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Topic Meeting**

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