

AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held on 4th October 2014 at The Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire at 10:30

Present:

Cllr Antony Crouch - President
Cllr Noel Walter - Hon. Treasurer (Exec)
Deborah White – County Secretary

Bath & North East Somerset

Batheaston	Cllr Vito Pecchia & Mike Townley	
Camerton	Katherine Manchee	
Combe Hay	Peter Duppa Miller (Exec)	
Dunkerton	Cllr M Robinson & Katherine Manchee	
Englishcombe	Cllr B Hugget & Katherine Manchee	
Hinton Blewett	Liz Brimmel	
Midsomer Norton	Cllr Lynda Robinson & Cllr Richard Robinson	
Publow & Pensford	Cllr Sue Grimes	
Stanton Drew	Cllr John Harvey	11

North Somerset

Banwell	Cllr Paul Harding	
Cleeve	Cllr Jean Ashman	
Kingston Seymour	Leonie Allday	
Locking	Cllr Heather Willis & Cllr Noel Walter (Exec)	
Long Ashton	Cllr Ivor Scoones (Exec) & Cllr Charles Cave	
Winscombe & Sandford	Cllr Chris Ballard & Cllr Carol Ballard	
Yatton	Cllr Rhiannon Prys Owen (Exec)	10

South Gloucestershire

Bradley Stoke	Sharon Patela, Cllr Tom Aditya (Exec) & Cllr Andy Ward	
Charfield	Hannah Saunders (Exec)	
Cromhall	Hannah Saunders	
Dodington	Wendy Mayo	
Downend & Bromley Heath	Cllr Elizabeth Shepherd (Exec)	
Mangotsfield Rural	Beverley Ewans & Cllr Alan Maggs	
Pucklechurch	Cllr Malcolm Watson (Exec) & Cllr BoB Symons (Exec)	
Rockhampton	Hannah Saunders	
Wick & Abson	Cllr Malcolm Watson	
Yate	Cllr Ian Blair	
Independent	David Bell (Exec)	11

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Apologies

Nailsea	Cllr Rod Lees (Exec)
Yate	Cllr Mike Drew (Exec)
Frampton Cotterell	Cllr Pat Hockey (Ex Exec)

Bath & North East Somerset

Cameley
Charlcombe
Chew Stoke
Clutton
Compton Dando
Compton Martin
Corston
Freshford
Hinton Charterhouse
Kelston
Monkton Combe
Newton St Loe
Paulton
Peasedown st John
Priston
Shoscombe
South Stoke
Timsbury
Wellow
Westfield
Whitchurch

North Somerset

Backwell
Wrington

South Gloucestershire

Bitton
Marshfield
Hawkesbury

Kerry McCarthy MP
Jack Lopresti MP
Dawn Primarolo MP
Don Foster MP
Charlotte Leslie MP
Jacob Rees Mogg MP
Liam Fox MP
Steve Webb MP

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1. Welcome and Opening Address

ALCA president, Cllr Tony Crouch welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cllr. Ken Browse, Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils gave an Opening Address

Cllr Browse outlined the work of NALC - Representing Local Councils and lobbying government on issues such as passing down the local council tax support and electronic banking. The development of new councils is gathering pace and the first Local Council in London, Queens Park has been formed.

Under the guidance of the new CEO, Dr. Jonathan Owen, strengthening the relationship with County Associations and a closer partnership agreement with SLCC, are at the heart of the new emerging future NALC strategy.

Cllr Browse also took questions and comments from the floor that included:

- Planning policies and development control. Training and advice for Local Councils and the particular the problems in the Unitary Authorities where a Core Strategy has not yet been adopted.
- Local Councils Award Scheme. Rather than LC's asking what's in it for us, they should be using it to "raise the bar" and prove their worth.
- Changes in lobbying legislation, filming and recording of meetings
- The need to filter funding down to local communities through Rural Economy Sector group of the Local Enterprise Partnership

2. Tellers

Peter Duppa-Miller and Cllr Malcolm Watson were appointed as Tellers

3. The Minutes of the ALCA Annual General Meeting held on 2nd November 2013

The minutes of the ALCA General held on 2nd November 2013 were agreed *nem. con.*

4. The ALCA Annual Report for 2013/2014

The Annual report for 2013/2014 was received

5. The ALCA Accounts for 2013/2014

The ALCA Accounts for 2013/2014 (which was included in the Annual Report) were presented by Cllr N Walter.

An issue was raised about the reference to Scotland in the report and Cllr Walter duly apologised.

The accounts were approved *nem. con.*

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6. Proposal for the revision of the 2011 ALCA Constitution

It was suggested and accepted that this proposal would be considered in 3 parts

- a. To decide whether to adopt the new constitution
- b. To decide, if agreed, when the new constitution would be implemented
- c. To decide whether the name of the organisation should be changed to West of England Association of Local Councils (WELCA)

a. The process through which the new ALCA constitution was developed by a Working Group was described and how it was consulted on, by taking it to every area group AGM. The new constitution had the endorsement of the ALCA Executive Committee, carried by a large majority recorded vote.

The amendments were challenged by David Bell and the wording of the 2011 ALCA constitution were revisited. After some discussion it was clear that the timescale within which challenge could be made had passed and at the AGM points could only be raised for discussion only.

A counted vote was requested. The 2014 Constitution was adopted by a vote of 27 for, 3 against and 2 abstentions

b. It was agreed that the 2014 new Constitution be implemented with immediate effect

c. It was agreed to retain Avon Local Councils Association *nem. con.*

7 Election of Honorary Officers

The following Honorary Officer were elected *nem. con.*

President: Cllr Tony Crouch
Hon. Treasurer: Cllr Noel Walter

8 Appointment of the Auditor

Mr P Smith was appointed as the Auditor of the ALCA Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015

9 The ALCA Budget for 2015/2016

The ALCA Budget for 2015/2016 was presented by Cllr Noel Walter and duly noted

10 ALCA Subscriptions for 2015/2016

On behalf of the ALCA Executive Committee, the ALCA Subscriptions for 2015/2016 were proposed by Cllr Noel Walter, noting that the ALCA subscription would be unchanged from 2014/2014, but that the NALC subscription would not

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be known until after their AGM in November. The ALCA subscription was approved *nem. con.*

11 To note the membership of the ALCA Executive Committee

The requirement for the South Gloucestershire Area Group to agree its Executive Membership as set out in the new constitution was noted.

12 Approval of the Date of the AGM 2015

It was decided that the date of the 2015 AGM, to be held in North Somerset, will be decided at the 2nd December 2014 Executive Committee meeting

The meeting closed at 12:40

Date approved by the 2015 ALCA Annual General Meeting:

Signed by the person presiding at that meeting: