

AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 3rd October 2015 at The Jubilee Pavilion, Long Ashton Community Centre, North Somerset at 10:30

Present:

Cllr Noel Walter - Hon. Treasurer
Deborah White – County Secretary

Bath & North East Somerset

Bathampton	Cllr George Ardrey
Camerton	Katherine Manchee
Clutton	Cllr Rosemary Naish
Compton Martin	Cllr Dr. Axel Palmer & Cllr Julia Halling-Brown
Dunkerton	Cllr Martin Robinson & Katherine Manchee
Englishcombe	Katherine Manchee
Hinton Blewett	Emily Meerko
Midsomer Norton	Cllr Lynda Robertson & Cllr Richard Robertson
Nempnett Thrubwell	James Everett
Peasedown St John	Cllr Kathy Thomas
Publow & Pensford	Cllr Janette Stephenson
Stanton Drew	Cllr John Harvey
Timsbury	Cllr Veronica Packham
Westfield	Emily Meerko

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North Somerset

Backwell	Cllr Robert Taylor
Banwell	Cllr Paul Harding
Barrow Gurney	Cllr Geoff Coombs (CC) & Joanna Von Tonder
Butcombe	Cllr Dick Whittington
Brockley	Joanna Von Tonder
Churchill	Cllr Valerie Langley
Locking	Cllr Janis Grant
Long Ashton	Cllr Dave Johnson (CC) & Cllr Charles Cave
Nailsea	Cllr Rod Lees (CC)
Winscombe & Sandford	Cllr Chris Ballard & Cllr Carol Ballard
Wraxhall & Failand	Cllr David Robinson
Wrington	Cllr David Glynn & Cllr Georgie Bigg
Yatton	Cllr Rhiannon Prys Owen (CC) & Cllr Mike Petersen (CC)

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South Gloucestershire

Bitton	Sharon Robbins & Cllr Virginia McNab
Downend & Bromley Heath	Cllr Janet Biggin & Cllr Graham Riley
Pilning & Severn Beach	Cllr Peter Tyzack & Victoria Bywater
Pucklechurch	Cllr BoB Symons (CC)
Hawkesbury Upton	Cllr C Winbow
Yate	Cllr Mike Drew

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Deborah White – County Secretary
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Apologies

Cllr Antony Crouch – President
Cllr Tony Heaford (CC)
Cllr Judith Chubb-Whittle (CC)
Cllr Malcolm Watson (CC)
Batheaston Parish Council
Corston Parish Council
Saltford Parish Council
Emerson Green Town Council
Falfield Parish Council
Charfield Parish Council
Kingston Seymour Parish Council
Bradley Stoke Town Council

In the absence of Cllr Tony Crouch (President) the Chairman for the meeting was Cllr Geoff Coombs, Chairman of the North Somerset ALCA Area Group.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Cllr Charles Cave, Chairman of Long Ashton Parish Council welcomed everyone to Long Ashton and gave an update on recent events in the Parish – in particular the Neighbourhood Plan.

2. “Back to the Future”

Cllr David Johnson, Senior Lecturer in Planning and Associate Head of Department in the Department of Planning & Architecture at the University of the West of England.

Dave drew a comparison between plans drawn up in the 1930’s for the West of England and the emerging Joint Spatial Strategy and gave insight into the role Local Councils could play in influencing Planning in the future, particularly through Neighbourhood Planning.

The presentation is available [HERE](#)

3. Cllr Dave Johnson and Victoria Bywater were appointed as Tellers

4. The Minutes of the ALCA 41st Annual General Meeting held on 4th October 2014 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Charles Cave
Seconded by Cllr Rhiannon Prys-Owen
UNANIMOUS

5. **Membership of the ALCA County Committee** was noted as:

NORTH SOMERSET. Chairman – Cllr G. Coombs. Vice Chairman – Cllr Mike Petersen. Area Secretary – Cllr Rhiannon Prys-Owen. Representative – Cllr Rod Lees

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE. Chairman – Cllr. BoB Symons. Vice Chairman – Hannah Saunders. Area Secretary – Cllr Malcolm Watson. Representative – Cllr Mike Drew

BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET. Chairman – Cllr Tony Heaford. Vice Chairman – Cllr Judith Chubb-Whittle

Cllr BoB Symons of Pucklechurch Parish Council was proposed by the members of the County Committee as Chairman of the ALCA County Committee for 2015/16.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **The ALCA Annual Report for 2014/2015** was presented by Cllr BoB Symons

7. **Honorary Officers**

Cllr. Tony Crouch was re-elected as President and Noel Walter as Honorary Treasurer for 2015 / 2016

8. **The ALCA Accounts for 2014/2015** were presented by Hon. Treas. Noel Walter. Of particular note was:

- increase in income from Training
- a refund from HMRC
- grant income
- a rise in income from subscriptions due to new members
- rental of a franking machine – now finished

Cllr Dick Whittington questioned the build-up in reserves. This was explained by the period during which ALCA almost ceased and was operating without a County Secretary, providing a strategic opportunity to review operations. The CS now works from home (releasing ALCA from office rental costs). There are plans to invest in modern technology to assist in future performance and improved communication with the ALCA membership.

Acceptance of the accounts
Proposed by Cllr. Robert Taylor
Seconded by Cllr. Richard Robertson
UNANIMOUS

9. Philip J Smith ACIB Cert ITCM. Was proposed as **Auditor for 2016 / 17**

Proposed by Hon. Treas. Noel Walter
Seconded by Cllr. Charles Cave
AGREED

10 The ALCA Budget for 2016/2017 was presented by Hon. Treas. Noel Walter
Proposed by Joanna Von Tonder
Seconded by Cllr Rosemary Naish

11 To AGREE the ALCA Subscriptions for 2016/2017

Hon. Treas. Noel Walter explained the likelihood of an increase in the NALC element of the subscriptions. Cllr Mike Drew clarified the NALC proposal to cap the upper limit for larger councils

No increase in the ALCA subscription was proposed.
Proposed by Cllr Janet Biggin
Seconded by Cllr Janette Stephenson
AGREED

12 To APPROVE amendments to the ALCA Constitution 2014.

The main amendment was to remove the requirement for the Honorary Treasurer to be an acting Councillor / Clerk.

The proposal from the floor was to deal with all the amendments “on block”

Approval of the amendments:

Proposed by Kathryn Manchee
Seconded by Cllr Robert Taylor
AGREED

13 Saturday 8th October 2016 was proposed as the next Avon Local Councils Associations’ AGM. It will be held in Bath & North East Somerset – Midsomer Norton Town Council has provisionally offered to host.