

AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting held on 7th October 2017 at Bradley Stoke Town Council offices

Present:

Noel Walter - Hon. Treasurer
Rhiannon Prys Owen – Bristol Rep.
Deborah White – Chief Officer

Bath & North East Somerset

Cameley	Cllr Tony Hooper & Jenny Howell
Clutton	Cllr Rosemary Naish
Compton Martin	Jane Griffiths
Englishcombe	Cllr Robert Law
Midsomer Norton	Cllr Lynda Robertson & Cllr Richard Robertson
Nempnett Thrubwell	Cllr John Mallone
Peasedown St John	Cllr Kathy Thomas & Cllr Steve Goodwin
Publow & Pensford	Cllr Jeanette Stephenson
Stowey Sutton	Cllr Chris Brookes

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North Somerset

Backwell	Cllr Bob Taylor & Cllr Mo Bowerman
Banwell	Cllr Phil Hale
Barrow Gurney	Cllr Geoff Coombs , Cllr Claire Arbery & Joanna Van Tonder
Blagdon	Cllr Maggie Mooney
Brockley	Joanna Van Tonder
Butcombe	Cllr Dick Whittington
Cleeve	Cllr Jean Ashman
Kenn	Eleanor Wade
Locking	Cllr Mike Cooper
Long Ashton	Cllr Ivor Scoones
Nailsea	Cllr Jeremy Blatchford
Portishead Town Council	Cllr Lesley Cotterell
Wraxhall & Failand	Tony Jay

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South Gloucestershire

Bradley Stoke	Cllr Tom Aditya
Dodington	Cllr John Malone
Downend & Bromley Heath	Cllr Janet Biggin
Emersons Green	Cllr Simon Budd
Piling & Severn Beach	Cllr Peter Tyzak
Pucklechurch	Cllr BoB Symons
Westerleigh	Cllr Jean Butler & Sue Simmonds
Yate	Cllr Mike Drew & Cllr Cheryl Kirby

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Regional Committee members are in BOLD type.

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Apologies

BN&S	Bathampton	George Ardrey
BN&S		Judith Chubb Whittle
BN&S	Batheaston Parish Council	
BN&S	Charlcombe Parish Council	Alastair MacKichan
BN&S	Chew Magna Parish Council	
B&NS	Compton Dando	Dawn Drury
BN&S	Corston Parish Council	
BN&S	Freshford Parish Council	Andrew Orme
B&NS	Keynsham TC	Clive Fricker
BN&S	Marksbury PC	NF Downdney
BN&S	Whitchurch Parish Council	
NS	Bleadon Parish Council	
NS	Priston Parish Council	
NS	Wrynton PC	Georgie Bigg and David Glynn
SG	Bitton Parish Council	
SG	Frampton Cotterell Parish Council	Pat Hockey

Welcome and Introduction

Cllr Tom Aditya of Bradley Stoke Town Council welcomed everyone to Bradley Stoke.

Chairman of ALCA and the SG ALCA Area Group Cllr BoB Symons presided over the meeting

The Key Speaker:

Cllr. Peter MacFadyen of Frome Town Council “Anyone for Flat Packed Democracy?”

Cllr MacFadyen gave a thought provoking talk on how the political mix of Frome Town Council changed. With national party politics having no part to play at parish council level, FTC moved to an all independent councillor council within a few years and went on to challenge many of the conventions of a Local Council, whilst still respecting the regulations, to adopt a more community development approach to local governance.

BoB Symons gave a vote of thanks to Cllr. MacFaydn.

1. Jane Griffiths and Cllr Bob Taylor were appointed as **Tellers**.
2. **The Minutes of the ALCA 43rd Annual General Meeting** held on 8th October 2016 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

AGREED - UNANIMOUS

3. The ALCA Annual Report for 2016/2017 was received.

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

NORTH SOMERSET UA Group. Chairman – Cllr G. Coombs. Representatives – Cllr Jeremy Blatchford and Cllr Dick Whittington. Secretariat provided by Joanna Van Tonder
1 Vacancy

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE UA Group. Chairman – Cllr. BoB Symons.
Representatives – Cllr Mike Drew and Cllr John Malone
1 Vacancy.

BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET UA Group. Chairman – Cllr Rosemary Naish.
Representatives – Cllr Kathie Thomas, Cllr Clive Fricker and Cllr Dawn Drury

Rhiannon Prys Owen retains the role of independent representative for the Bristol Area.

5. **The ALCA Accounts for 2016/2017** were presented by Hon. Treas. Noel Walter. Of particular note were:

- The rise in expenditure due to the workplace pension offered to the Chief Officer
- The cost of using external training providers reduced the profitability of providing some courses

Acceptance of the accounts
AGREED – UNANIMOUS

6. Philip J Smith ACIB Cert ITCM. Was proposed as **Auditor for 2017 / 18**
AGREED - UNANIMOUS

7. **The ALCA Budget for 2018/2019** was presented by Hon. Treas. Noel Walter.
AGREED - UNANIMOUS

A separate vote was taken on the proposed 2% increase in the ALCA portion of the subscription
AGREED – UNANIMOUS

Chairman BoB Symons proposed a vote of thanks to Noel Walter, who acts in an Honorary capacity on the County Committee and provides an invaluable service to the organisation

8. To **CONSIDER the adoption of a new** Constitution as proposed by the County Committee of ALCA.

Several suggestions of amendments by member councils were considered (separate document).

The new revised ALCA Constitution, with agreed amendments, was adopted.
AGREED – UNANIMOUS

9. The **date for the 2017-18 Avon Local Councils Association AGM** will be 6th October 2018 at the Conygre Hall, Timsbury. The key speaker will be Cllr Tim Bowles, West of England Mayor.

10. Recognising Success

Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

- Hazel Jones – Hawkesbury Parish Council
- Hannah Saunders – Dodington Parish Council
- Julia Alden – Yate Town Council
- Victoria Bywater – Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

Local Council Awards

Foundation

- Compton Martin Parish Council
- Hinton Blewett Parish Council
- Cameley Parish Council
- Long Ashton Parish Council

Quality

- Bradley Stoke Town Council.

Star Councils

Finalists in the NALC Star Councils **Local Council Outstanding Project of the Year – Health and Well Being**

- Barrow Gurney Parish Council

The winner will be announced at the NALC AGM on 30th October 2017