

**AVON LOCAL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the**  
46th Annual General Meeting  
5th October 2019 – Flax Bourton



**Present:**

Bath & North East Somerset

Cllr. Derek Greener	Batheaston Parish Council
Cllr. David Veale	Clutton Parish Council
Jane Griffiths	Compton Martin Parish Council
<b>Cllr. Robert Law</b>	<b>Englishcombe Parish Council</b>
Cllr. Peter Richards	High Littleton Parish Council
Cllr. Neil Downey	Marksbury Parish Council
Cllr. John Baker	Midsomer Norton Town Council
Cllr. Lynda Robertson	Midsomer Norton Town Council
Cllr. Richard Robertson	Midsomer Norton Town Council
Cllr. Jo Davis	Peasedown St. John Parish Council
<b>Cllr. Kathy Thomas</b>	<b>Peasedown St. John Parish Council</b>
Cllr. Colin Moore	Ubley Parish Council

North Somerset

Cllr. Hilary Power	Backwell Parish Council
Cllr. Zoe O'Keefe	Backwell Parish Council
Cllr. Alastair Barr	Blagdon Parish Council
<b>Cllr. Dick Whittington</b>	<b>Butcombe Parish Council</b>
<b>Cllr. Geoff Coombs</b>	<b>Flax Bourton Parish Council</b>
Cllr. Mike Sewell	Kingston Seymour Parish Council
Cllr. Dave Johnson	Long Ashton Parish Council
<b>Cllr. Jeremy Blatchford</b>	<b>Nailsea Town Council</b>
Cllr. Cresten Boase	Winscombe & Sandford Parish Council
David Robinson	Wraxall & Failand Parish Council
Cllr. Georgie Bigg	Wrington Parish Council
Cllr. Barrie Taylor	Wrington Parish Council

South Gloucestershire

Cllr. Janet Biggin	Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council
Cllr. Chris Davies	Thornbury Town Council
<b>Cllr. Jayne Stansfield</b>	<b>Thornbury Town Council</b>
Cllr. Malcolm Watson	Wick & Abson Parish Council
<b>Cllr Cheryl Kirby</b>	<b>Yate Town Council</b>
<b>Cllr. Mike Drew</b>	<b>Yate Town Council</b>

<b>Rhiannon Prys – Owen</b>	<b>Bristol Representative</b>
<b>Noel Walter</b>	<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>

**Apologies:**

**Cllr. Dawn Drury – Compton Dando Parish Council**  
**Cllr. Gail Boyle Pucklechurch Parish Council**

*NOTE: ALCA Regional Committee members in **BOLD***

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Almondsbury PC	Keynsham TC
Banwell PC	Nempnett Thrubwell
Bathford PC	Oldbury on Severn PC
Bradley Stoke TC	Paulton PC
Brockley PC	Pilning & Severn Beach PC
Chew Magna PC	Siston PC
Cleeve PC	Sodbury TC
Combe Hay PC	South Stoke PC
Cromhall PC	Timsbury PC
Bathford PC	Tytherington PC
Falfield PC	Westerleigh PC
Frampton Cotterell PC	Wickwar PC
Hanham PC	
Kelston PM	

**Cllr. Jane Moss Chairman of Flax Bourton Parish Council** welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation of how S106 funding was secured to build the Village Hall

Two presentations were given:

**[Councils Declaring a Climate Emergency](#)**

**[Cllr. Bridget Petty North Somerset Council](#) (LINK)**

Cllr Petty talked about the background to the first UK Climate Emergency motion proposed and resolved by Bristol City Council and the work currently being undertaken by North Somerset Council. How Local Councils could get involved and what they can do in practical terms

**[The “65, High Street” project.](#)**

**[Ian Morrell, Project Director](#) Nailsea Town Council (LINK)**

An NHS Pathfinder Project and supporting the local economy

1. Tellers were appointed and the meeting was declared as quorate.
2. To Minutes of the ALCA 45<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 6th October 2018 were APPROVED as a correct record of the proceedings.
3. The ALCA Annual Report for 2018/2019 was NOTED

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4. The membership of the ALCA Regional Committee was NOTED as:

Cllr Kathy Thomas, Chairman  
Cllr Jeremy Blatchford, Vice Chairman  
Cllr. Mike Drew – NALC Representative  
Cllr. Geoff Coombs  
Cllr. Robert Laws  
Cllr. Dick Whittington  
Cllr. Dawn Drury  
Cllr. Cheryl Kirby  
Cllr. Gail Boyle  
Cllr. Jayne Stansfield  
Rhiannon Prys-Owen  
Noel Walter – Honorary Treasurer

5. Hon. Treas. Noel Walter presented the ALCA Accounts for 2018/2019 and explained the impact of the recurring deficit and level of reserves held.

The proposal to approve the accounts was AGREED

6. A proposal to appoint Phil Smith as Auditor was AGREED

7. Hon. Treas. Noel Walter presented the ALCA Budget for 2020/2021 which includes 2.5% increase in line with RPI.

There was discussion about the current lack of resources available to ALCA in comparison with neighbouring CALC's and the annual deficits in this and previous years. Training income is keeping ALCA viable. If ALCA was unable to continue the Local Councils would have the option to join neighbouring CALC's, who's subscriptions are considerably higher.

Approval was – AGREED (UNANIMOUS)

8. The date of the 2019-20 Avon Local Councils' Association AGM will be 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in South Gloucestershire

## **Recognising Success**

### **Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)**

- Jack Turner – Patchway Town Council
- Helen Richardson – Clutton Parish Council
- Cheryl Scott - Keynsham Town Council
- Paula Heath – Clevedon Town Council
- Lottie Smith-Collins – Salford Parish Council

### **Local Council Awards**

#### Foundation

- Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council
- Cleeve Parish Council

#### Quality

- Pucklechurch Parish Council

### **NALC Star Councils**

#### **Nominated for Clerk of the Year**

- Donna Ford – Midsomer Norton Town Council

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