

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
Cllr. Robert Law	Englishcombe Parish Council
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
Cllr. Kathy Thomas	Peasedown St. John Parish Council
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
Cllr. Dick Whittington	Butcombe Parish Council
Cllr. Geoff Coombs	Flax Bourton Parish Council
Cllr. Mike Sewell	Kingston Seymour Parish Council
Cllr. Dave Johnson	Long Ashton Parish Council
Cllr. Jeremy Blatchford	Nailsea Town Council
Cllr. Cresten Boase	Winscombe & Sandford Parish Council
Cllr. 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
Cllr. Jayne Stansfield	Thornbury Town Council
Cllr. Malcolm Watson	Wick & Abson Parish Council
Cllr Cheryl Kirby	Yate Town Council
Cllr. Mike Drew	Yate Town Council

Rhiannon Prys – Owen **Bristol Representative**
Noel Walter **Honorary Treasurer**

Apologies:

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

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

Deborah White – Chief Officer

avoncalc@gmail.com

07496 514 035

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

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 45rd 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

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 10th October 2020 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

Deborah White – Chief Officer

avoncalc@gmail.com

07496 514 035