

Winchester District Association of Local Councils

AGM

Minutes of the AGM of the above Association held at 7pm on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at The Ken Stainer Suite, Durley Memorial Hall, Durley Brook Road, Durley, Southampton SO32 2AA

Present: Cllr Mike Evans (Chairman) Whiteley TC, Cllr Malcolm Butler Whiteley TC, (Vice-Chairman), Members of the Executive: Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley Denmead PC, Cllr Barbara Holyome Bramdean and Hinton Ampner PC.

Cllr David Ashe Upham PC, Cllr Sam Charles Durley PC, Cllr Sue Walker Corhampton & Meonstoke PC, Anne Collins Clerk to Durley and Upham PCs, Nicki Oliver WDALC Admin and Clerk to Wickham PC and Whiteley TC.

1. **Chairman's welcome** The Chairman thanked Durley PC for hosting the AGM.
2. **To receive apologies for absence** Bishops Waltham PC, Compton & Cllr Kevan Bundell Curdrige PC, Shawford PC, Olivers Battery PC, Owslebury PC, Cllr Stewart Newell Kings Worthy PC, Cllr Vicki Weston Soberton PC, Tina Oliver West Meon PC.
3. **To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year** Cllr Mike Evans elected.
4. **To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year** Cllr Malcolm Butler elected.
5. **To elect members to the Executive** Cllr Barbara Holyome and Cllr Neil Lander-Brinkley elected.
6. **To consider the following agenda items:**

6.1 To approve minutes of the AGM held 1st December 2015 **Minutes approved.**

6.2 To review the accounts for 2015/16

October 2015 balance £707.00, October 2016 balance £656.80. Expenditure of £50.20 on Chairman's travelling expenses **Accounts approved.**

6.3 To receive report on 2015/16 activities

6.3.1 To receive annual report submitted to HALC and Chairman's report on HALC / NALC activities & the Councillor Commission (Cllr Mike Evans) **Report circulated prior to meeting. The Chairman has also circulated the Councillor Commission interim report to member councils. Cllr Evans has attending 27 roundtable sessions across the country to discuss issues with local councils. The overarching message is that Government does not understand parish and town councils.**

The countrywide discussions have highlighted the need for more training and that Hampshire is well provided for in this respect by HALC.

The uncertainty felt by town and parish councils regarding county and district council devolution discussions is of concern. Hampshire County Council has taken the time to explain the various options but Winchester City Council has not been forthcoming. It is noted that councils have been invited to a budget/devolution briefing on 7th December.

6.3.2 To receive report on South Downs National Park (SDNP) issues (Cllr Barbara Holyome) The Local Plan has been delayed due to staff changes, it is expected that the pre-submission will be made in 2017 with the adoption of the Plan in 2018.

The SDNP is looking at providing signage at the entrances to the Park particularly on A roads. Shared signage with villages is the preferred way forward. No decisions have been made.

SDNP member councils have concerns about Eastleigh Borough Council's housing proposals which appear to favour areas close to the Park boundary (north of Fair Oak and Bishopstoke). The impact on the landscape quality and traffic are of key concern to neighbouring parishes including Upham and Durley.

WDALC has developed a protocol for parish appointments to the SDNP.

Upcoming meetings will look at the final SHLAA sites for Petersfield.

Two meetings for parishes are planned for 2017.

Upham PC requested more support from the SDNP to ensure concerns regarding Eastleigh BC's proposals are heard. The Chairman will contact the HALC Chair and Deputy Leader of Eastleigh Borough Council Anne Winstanley to request support.

Upham PC also raised questions regarding CIL contributions. There are a number of new developments in the parish that have made no contributions to open space requirements as the SDNP CIL charging schedule has not been adopted.

6.3.3 To receive report on campaign to reduce antisocial motorbike noise in the Meon Valley (Cllr Sue Walker) Cllr Walker reported that the apparent positive actions that were noted at the last AGM have unfortunately not taken place. The newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner is not giving the problem any priority. No enforcement or accident statistics have been made available and funding for speed cameras has been denied.

MP George Hollingbery has said a Private Member's Bill calling for loud vehicle noise to be made an offense will force the Government to look into the issue. The Bill will not become law due to a lack of Parliamentary time but the MP has stated his commitment to solve the problem.

The Commissioner has called a meeting with local representatives, Cllr Walker will report in due course.

6.4 To receive issues from town and parish councils for future agendas

AGM to be called earlier in the year in 2017.

Quarterly meeting dates to be planned.

Invitation to be made to WCC's new Chief Exec to speak early in 2017.

Concerns regarding WCC's handling of planning applications are ongoing, suggested subject for a future meeting.

Meeting closed 9pm