

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Held at Edington Village Hall, Edington at 10:15 am on Saturday 27th September 2014.

PRESENT: Cllr Dave Mitton, Wellington TC, Cllr Jean Allgrove, Comeytrowe PC, and 40 individuals representing 49 Member Councils:

In attendance: Justin Robinson (County Executive Officer) and Sam Winter (County Information Officer).

Cllr Mitton was in the chair for the start of the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting. Cllr Mitton read a letter from the President, Mr Tony Goverd, who was unable to attend due to personal circumstances and now wished to step down from his role as President. All present expressed their thanks for Mr Goverd's hard work on behalf of the association and the local council sector over a great many years.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from 20 member councils, 2 members of the County Committee, the President and a Vice President.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2013, were approved as a correct record with an amendment to the date at point 2 and signed accordingly.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President:

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Cllr Jean Allgrove be elected President.

Vice Presidents:

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Messrs Bishop, Lees and Raven be re-elected as Vice Presidents. This was agreed unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

It was formally agreed to re-appoint Apsleys of Tiverton as Reporting Accountants for the next financial year.

6. **ELECTION OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE, AND ONE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

It was unanimously agreed that Jean Allgrove (Comeytrove PC) be re-elected as the Association's representative to the Council of NALC, with Dave Mitton (Wellington TC) as Deputy Representative.

7. **ELECTION OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

It was unanimously agreed that Jean Allgrove (Comeytrove PC), Dave Mitton (Wellington TC) and Justin Robinson (CEO) are elected as the Association's representatives at the General Meeting of NALC.

8. **ELECTION OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOMERSET PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

It was unanimously agreed that Jenny Lawrence (Ashcott) will continue in the position as the Association's representative.

9. **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2014**

Cllr Mitton (as Chairman) presented the Annual Report. Cllr Mitton gave thanks to those who had assisted the running of the organisation following the death of Peter Lacey and acknowledged the significant contribution of the South West Regional Conference as a strong voice on the National Council.

Justin Robinson presented the accounts and described how years 3 & 4 have shown an unusual increase in income, together with a reduction in core running costs. This was attributed in the main to increased training provision, combined with a reduction in core office costs. The reserves are healthy and put the Association in a good financial position prior to the expense of moving office in the near future.

The opinions of those present at the meeting were sought to establish whether, in light of the current level of reserves, the Association should consider changing the formula used to increase subscriptions. Many present felt that the current formula was acceptable and that thought should be given to reducing the fees for training instead. Suggestions given are to be considered by the County Committee.

The Meeting closed at 11:00 am.