

Arun District Association of Local Councils

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Minutes of the Meeting of Arun District Association of Local Councils held on Wednesday 19 January 2022 commencing at 7pm via a Zoom video/audio conference.

Present:

Michael Warden	Aldingbourne Parish Council
Martin Beaton	Aldingbourne Parish Council
Alison Reigate	Angmering Parish Council
Michael Tu	Arundel Town Council
Paul Ayling	Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council
Patrick Hastings	Bersted Parish Council
Sandra Daniells	Bognor Regis Town Council
Sarah Lindfield	Clapham and Slindon Parish Councils
Pat Gander	East Preston Parish Council
Dave Smart	Felpham Parish Council
Trevor Ford	Ford Parish Council
Dawn Smith	Ford Parish Council
Carole Ward	Rustington Parish Council
Rosie Costan	Rustington Parish Council
Jan Rees	Slindon Parish Council
Andy Vawer	Walberton Parish Council
Stephen Haymes	Yapton Parish Council

Dr John Godfrey (Joint President, WSALC)
Douglas Denham St. Pinnock (Chairman, WSALC)
Trevor Leggo (CEO, WSALC)
Anna Beams (Secretary)

1. Welcome and introduction

Dr John Godfrey DL opened the meeting and introduced himself as the Joint President of WSALC. He welcomed all those present.

2. Apologies for absence

Received and noted from Gillian Yeates (Treasurer), Terry Gayle (Clapham Parish Council), Elizabeth Linton & Steve Toney (East Preston Parish Council) and representatives from Pagham and Kingston Parish Councils.

3. Nominations for Chairman

Trevor Leggo reported that one nomination had been received by the deadline, namely Cllr Michael Tu of Arundel Town Council.

4. Election of Chairman

On a proposal by Cllr Stephen Haymes and seconded by Cllr Alison Reigate it was **AGREED** to appoint Cllr Michael Tu as Chairman.

Dr John Godfrey DL duly handed the Chair to Cllr Michael Tu.

The Chairman gave thanks for his appointment and stated that he is honoured to take over the role. He added that he looks forward to working together on common goals and joint initiatives such as climate change in order to take the association forward with a clear purpose.

5. Secretarial and finance report

Cllr Michael Warden reported that the current Treasurer, Gillian Yeates, is happy to continue in her role.

Therefore, on a proposal by Cllr Dave Smart and seconded by Carole Ward it was **AGREED** to appoint Anna Beams of Mulberry & Co as Secretary to the association.

6. Financial position

In the absence of the Treasurer, Anna Beams reported that the association holds a current balance of £726.20. She added that WSALC have agreed a grant of £500 to be paid to the association which will bring the balance to £1226.20.

7. Management Committee

Trevor Leggo explained that Wealden District Association in East Sussex have appointed small Management Committees to work with the Chairman between meetings and develop initiatives suggested by member councils. He recommended that this model is adopted by ADALC and invited expressions of interest to serve on the Committees. Trevor noted that prior to the meeting, expressions of interest have been received from Cllr Nikki Hamilton-Street of Angmering Parish Council and Cllr Martin Beaton.

The Chairman added that he will work with Cllrs Nikki Hamilton-Street and Martin Beaton to establish and facilitate the Committees.

8. What do member councils expect from a working relationship with Arun DC?

The Chairman recommended that the association requests a half yearly meeting with the Leader and Chief Executive of Arun District Council, he added that he is keen to build a positive relationship with key officers.

Cllr Martin Beaton suggested that the association identifies some of the key issues that they would like Arun DC to address before approaching them in order to establish a framework and identify the frequency of meetings required.

Cllr Douglas Denham St. Pinnock introduced himself as the Chairman of WSALC and advised that he was in attendance in order to offer his support for ADALC. He added that he would be happy to answer any questions and feedback matters to the Board along with Cllr Martin Beaton, the WSALC Vice-chair.

9. Queens Green Canopy and Platinum Jubilee

Dr John Godfrey DL advised that, in his capacity as Deputy Lieutenant, he has been asked to form a group of DLs to encourage participation in the Queens Green Canopy campaign across West Sussex.

He reported that 50 mainly larger organisations in West Sussex have pledged to become involved and develop tree planting schemes with approximately 35,000 trees pledged to date.

The group are working closely with the Queens Green Canopy creators, the Woodland Trust and Sussex Wildlife who are all keen to offer support and advice.

The scheme runs for 3 planting seasons, Autumn 2021 and Spring and Autumn 2022 and the group are very keen that smaller local schemes are encouraged. Dr Godfrey would therefore urge local councils and their residents to take part and is keen to hear about tree planting projects.

He added that the Queens Green Canopy contains further information and a map for marking planted trees.

Cllr Douglas Denham St. Pinnock advised that 3 Deputy Lieutenants visited his parish council for a tree planting ceremony and that the programme will continue in his parish.

Arundel Town Council, Aldingbourne Parish Council and East Preston Parish Council reported that they have committed to tree planting schemes.

Bognor Regis Town Council reported that they are helping to facilitate a 'giant tea party' as part of the Jubilee celebrations which the organiser is hoping to be included in the Guinness Book of Records. They would like any councils that would like to take part to contact them.

10. A27 Consultation

It was confirmed that 12 public consultation events are being held in various locations between 18th January and 24th February, the six 'Live Chat' events between 25th January and 4th March <https://a27arundelbypass.consultation.ai/> and the documents on deposit at 15 separate locations. Copies of documents are also available on line at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a27arundel

The Chairman commented that he has visited the first of the exhibitions at Arundel Town Council and advised the parishes to attend and provide input. He noted that the events are to consult on the design and final proposal.

Concern was raised regarding the response to questions being raised at the public consultation events.

It was noted that the scheme showed no slip roads into Ford Road to enter or leave the A27; this was likely to force drivers to travel into Arundel town centre as a way of accessing or leaving the A27. This was seen as detrimental to Arundel.

The Chairman urged member councils to take part in the process by attending, and encouraging their residents to attend, the events.

11. Rampion 2 Windfarm

Trevor Leggo reported that Dr Colin Ross, Protect Coastal Sussex, delivered a presentation regarding the proposed extension of the Rampion Windfarm (Rampion 2) to the recent WSALC Chairs Forum and that the slides have been circulated to all clerks.

The main points to note from the presentation were that the pylons are planned to be approximately 1000ft in height and visible from most areas of East and West Sussex and that the cabling will run from Clymping to Twineham.

Cllr Douglas Denham St. Pinnock advised that the Rampion 2 website contains a detailed map of the cabling route and the parishes which will be affected can be clearly seen.

Cllr Dave Smart stated that his understanding from Rampion is that not all pylons will be as large as 1000ft and that the larger ones will be situated further out to sea. He advised that, within Felpham, an equal number of residents are for and against the proposed extension and that the Parish Council has made all of the information available to residents on their website.

The Chairman noted that any further information received regarding the proposed extension will be circulated.

12. WSCC Chargepoint Network

Trevor Leggo updated member councils on the county wide initiative being led by WSCC with all Districts and Boroughs other than Chichester who he understood to be developing a scheme of their own.

WSCC have arranged a contract with a firm called Connected Kerb to provide electric charging points across West Sussex. Connected Kerb will incur all the costs for installing, maintaining and running the network and, should a parish council wish to install a charge point, they would only need to provide the licence. Trevor understands that the power will be provided from a separate individual supply.

WSCC and Connected Kerb are hosting a briefing on 27th January 2022 to provide further information. The booking link has been circulated to clerks and member councils are invited to send up to 2 representatives.

13. Any matters to be raised by member councils

Carole Ward (Rustington Parish Council) queried subscription rates referred to in agenda item 6. The Chairman apologised for the omission and advised that outgoings would be

assessed at a future Management Committee meeting with a view to bringing a recommendation to the next meeting.

Cllr Michael Tu (Arundel Town Council) provided an update regarding the proposed incinerator at Ford, he advised that the application was withdrawn but that it may be re-submitted. He thanked all other parishes for their letters of objection and support but noted that they need to be mindful that the application may be re-submitted.

Cllr Alison Reigate (Angmering Parish Council) requested that 5-year land supply and the HELAA document is included as an item on the agenda for the next ADALC meeting.

Cllr Paul Ayling (Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council). A large planning application within Barnham & Eastergate has recently won an appeal by developers. Cllr Ayling referred to an Inspectorate Report previously circulated to member councils which lists numerous occasions where it breaks the Barnham & Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan and the Arun Local Plan. According to the Report, the appeal was won due to land supply, although Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council are unaware of current land supply figures. The Report refers to HELAA indicating that the application should be allowed to go ahead and states that any applications that are in the HELAA document in the future are likely to be approved.

Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council are concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan is therefore a worthless document and that HELAA is not being used as it should be. The Parish Council have written to all Arun District Councillors, Arun District Council and Michael Gove MP. The Council would like the opinion of other parish councils within the Arun District.

Cllr Patrick Hastings added that environmental issues are also a factor and that Government Policy is outdated. He feels that parish councils can work closely with Arun District Council who also have concerns.

Cllr Martin Beaton feels that the association should organise a unified approach and set up meetings with local MPs.

Cllr Douglas Denham St. Pinnock reminded member councils that WSALC had circulated a survey regarding Neighbourhood Plans in the Autumn but that response had been low. The survey will be re-issued and he urged member councils to respond to the survey so that WSALC can approach NALC with a view to working collaboratively on the matter.

Cllr Paul Ayling requested that member councils contact him directly if they would like to provide their opinion on the matter so that they may collate the local parishes position.

Trevor Leggo suggested that Karl Roberts of Arun District Council is invited to the next ADALC meeting and if no response is forthcoming an FOI request is submitted. Cllr Ayling advised that an FOI request has been submitted by Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council and that the response will be circulated once received.

Cllr Denham St. Pinnock advised that WSALC are happy to co-ordinate all 4 district associations across West Sussex on the matter and that he feels it could be beneficial for East Sussex to also be involved.

Cllr Martin Beaton (Aldingbourne Parish Council) thanked Trevor Leggo and Dr John Godfrey DL for organising the meeting.

14. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm

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