

Mid Sussex District Association of Local Councils (MSALC)

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Minutes of the AGM of Mid Sussex District Association of Local Councils held on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 6.30pm by Zoom.

Present:

Cllr Jenny Forbes	Ashurst Wood Village Council
Cllr Alison Stevenson	Balcombe Parish Council
Cllr Martin Sheldon	Cuckfield Parish Council (Vice Chair)
Cllr Ian Weir	Hassocks Parish Council
Cllr Matt Jeffers	Haywards Heath Town Council
Cllr Michael Pulfer	Haywards Heath Town Council
Cllr Rodney Jackson	Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish Council
Cllr Martin Robinson	West Hoathly Parish Council
Cllr Trevor Hodsdon	Worth Parish Council
Trevor Leggo	West Sussex Association of Local Councils, CEO
Anna Beams	Secretary

- 1. Welcome**
In the absence of the current Chairman, Martin Sheldon took the Chair.
- 2. Apologies**
Received and accepted from Councillor Douglas Denham St. Pinnock (Chairman) and Cllr Allan Brown (Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council)
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2022**
The Minutes were approved as a true and correct record.
- 4. To receive an update from Trevor Leggo, CEO of WSALC**
Trevor Leggo provided an update on the following:
 - a) Retail crime has seen a significant increase, particularly in Haywards Heath. A meeting of senior Police Officers, WSCC and Haywards Heath Town Council has been organised by WSALC and the PCC. Stakeholders in the Town have been invited to attend where they will have an opportunity to express their views and concerns and gain an understanding of proposals to help fight retail crime.
- 5. To receive a report from MSALC's representatives on the WSALC Board and consider any recommendations.**

As the next WSALC Board meeting is scheduled for 9th February, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

6. To receive an update on the MSALC accounts

Anna Beams advised that the process of setting up a new bank account with Lloyds is underway, the bank have advised that it will be at least 5 weeks before the application is complete. A cheque for the remaining balance with the previous bank has been reissued as it was due to expire.

7. Southeast Water – to receive comments from member councils regarding recent issues.

Trevor advised that a meeting with representatives from Southeast Water for stakeholders is being arranged to take place in March at Uckfield Civic Centre. The date is yet to be confirmed but information will be circulated when it is available. Trevor confirmed that water supply issues experienced by member councils would be raised.

The following were highlighted:

Cllr Jeffers (Haywards Heath Town Council) – suggested MSALC could raise the issue insufficient water supply for the level of proposed new housing with SE Water.

Cllr Martin Robinson (West Hoathly Parish Council) – questioned why, when SE Water could not supply water, a neighbouring water authority continued to do so.

The issue of surface water drainage and sewage disposal being a matter for concern with new developments was also raised.

Trevor added that he would arrange an information gathering meeting prior to the meeting in March for anyone interested in attending.

Trevor confirmed that, according to data, Haywards Heath have a notably higher retail crime rate within the District in response to a query raised by Cllr Jeffers (Haywards Heath Town Council). It was suggested that retail outlets no longer routinely issuing receipts may be an issue and worth raising with Sussex Police and the PCC.

8. Items raised by member councils.

No matters were raised.

9. Date and format of next meeting

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 19:18

Signed:

Date: