



## SURREY ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

The Annual General Meeting of Surrey ALC Limited took place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 0930  
Shalford Village Hall, Shalford, GU4 8BQ

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#### **Attendance:**

##### **Directors**

Cllr Stephen Cosser (Chairman)  
Cllr Christine Howard (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Graham Alleway  
Cllr Katia Malcaus Cooper  
Cllr Dr Paul Cragg  
Cllr Mike George  
Cllr Stuart McLachlan  
Cllr Alan Midgley

##### **Officials**

Michael More-Molyneux (President & Chairman of meeting)  
Liz Cutter (Vice President)  
Dr Richard Olliver (Vice President)  
Mark Mulberry (Company Secretary)  
Roger Taylor (Advisory Solicitor)  
Anne Bott (CEO Surrey ALC)  
Anna Beams (Clerk to the Board)

**Members** - There were 48 representatives present including 29 appointed representatives (list available on request).

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#### **1. Welcome by the President**

The Surrey ALC President, Michael More-Molyneux warmly welcomed all in attendance. He thanked all parishes for their continued hard work for the important role they played across the County, in particular the inspiring work undertaken during the Covid pandemic.

#### **2. Apologies**

Received and accepted from Chiddingfold Parish Council and Churt Parish Council.

### **3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Election of Vice Presidents**

On a proposal by Michael More-Molyneux and seconded by Cllrs Stuart McLachlan and Dr Paul Cragg , Liz Cutter, Dr Richard Olliver and Steve Cosser were duly **ELECTED** as Vice Presidents of the Association.

### **5. Election of Directors**

The Chairman received approval to take nominations for consideration en bloc and on a proposal by Cllr Nigel Keane (Shalford Parish Council) and seconded by Cllr Bob Hutton (Normandy Parish Council), the following nominated Directors were **UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED** to the Board:

Stuart McLachlan, Capel Parish Council  
Mike George, Horley Town Council  
Graham Alleway, West End Parish Council  
Katia Malcaus Cooper, Windlesham Parish Council  
Christine Howard, Wonersh Parish Council  
Dr Paul Cragg, Worplesdon Parish Council

### **6. Appointment of NALC Representative**

On a proposal by Cllr Katia Malcaus Cooper and seconded by Cllr Dr Paul Cragg, Cllr Christine Howard was **APPOINTED** as NALC representative.

### **7. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

It was **AGREED** that the board would **APPOINT** Williams & Co Chartered Accountants as independent examiners.

### **8. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 by the Chairman of the Surrey ALC Board**

Cllr Steve Cosser began by announcing that he was standing down as a Director on the SALC Board. He added that it had been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chairman to the Board and he was delighted to accept the position of Vice President.

Cllr Cosser explained that, when he was appointed as Chairman, his wish was to ensure a seamless transition to a stand-alone association, to ensure a high level of service and supporting staff and to attract new Directors to form a more inclusive Board. He further wished to secure a good working relationship with Surrey County Council. Feedback from member councils has been positive and has re-enforced and confirmed his objectives.

He further aimed to ensure that the association was built on a sound financial basis and can report that some sums have been identified for future projects. Cllr Cosser added that an increase in subscriptions for 2023-24 of 2% has been agreed by the Board which is well below the current level of inflation.

Finally, Cllr Cosser thanked the President, Michael More-Molyneux for his genuine affinity and support of local councils, his colleagues on the Board for their support, in particular Vice Chairs Cllrs Chris Howard and Dr Paul Cragg, Mark Mulberry and Roger Taylor for their professional advice and Anna Beams. He further thanked Anne Bott for her responsive and informed service to member councils.

Cllr Katia Malcaus Cooper thanked Cllr Steve Cosser for guiding the Board and association through a period of turmoil including the re-formation of SALC as a stand-alone association and the Covid pandemic.

On a proposal by Cllr Stuart McLachlan and seconded by Cllr Dr Paul Cragg the Annual Report and Accounts were **APPROVED** and **ACCEPTED**.

## **11. Any other matters**

Question raised by the Chairman of Wonersh Parish Council:

Parish Councils grapple with similar issues, often in isolation. Most of these issues are with either the Borough Council or Surrey CC eg speed limits, safe pedestrian crossing points, emergency planning, the constant litter on our roads, unhelpful road diversions/notice and of course the frustration that planning and building regulations do not yet mandate renewables etc. What we miss is a joint forum to represent these "Parish" issues with the senior executives of BCs and SCC. Is this something that SALC could help facilitate?

Answer:

Cllr Steve Cosser explained that SALC have a place at the Surrey County Council table at the highest level. The Chairman, Vice Chair and CEO have regular meetings with Officers and the Leader and have seats on committees. SALC will support member councils with any arrangements that they have, or wish to have, with their Boroughs or Districts and are welcome to discuss this with the CEO.

Question:

Can a Profit & Loss report be attached to the Annual Accounts?

Answer:

Mark Mulberry explained that a P&L report is presented at every Board meeting and that it can be published with the Annual Accounts at future AGMs.

The meeting concluded with a presentation to Cllr Steve Cosser by the Board and CEO.

*The meeting concluded at 09:59am*

**SIGNED:** *Steve Cosser*

**DATE: 19 October 2023**