
Subject: MSALC - AGM Meeting minutes from 1 August 2017

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> MID SUSSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
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> MINUTES OF THE 222 nd AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST
> 2017 7.30 pm AT HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN HALL
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> ATTENDEES
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> - Nigel Page. Cuckfield Parish Council
> - Anne Jones Burgess Hill Town Council
> - Annabelle Moir Bolney Parish Council
> - Chris Snowling Lindfield Parish Council
> - William Blunden Lindfield Parish Council
> - Matt Jeffers Hayward's Heath Town Council
> - Rodney Jackson Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Parish Council
> - Claire Hilton West Hoathly Parish Council
> - Rex Whittaker East Grinstead Town Council
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> APOLOGIES
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> - Thelma Mason Turners Hill Parish Council
> - Alan Brown Hurstpierpoint Parish Council
> - Elaine Anscombe Worth Parish Council
> - Philip Coote Worth Parish Council
> - Jacquie Russell East Grinstead Parish Council and Secretary
> - Ann Halligey West Hoathly Parish Council and Vice Chair
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> 1. The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.
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> 2 Acceptance and adoption of minutes of the AGM dated 19 July 2016
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> 3 Minutes from previous Executive meeting held on 5 April 2017 were agreed.
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> 4 The guest speaker was to have been Mrs Sally Blomfield who was the newly appointed MSDC Head of Planning and Economic regeneration officer. Unfortunately this had to be postponed at the last minute, but it is hoped to rearrange this for the next quarterly meeting in November.

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> 5 The Chairmans report by RW is attached to the minutes . It had been a busy year in attending twenty three meetings and also ten days at the District Plan examination.

> The February conference had been successful and well received by both panel and parish participants alike. Schools funding and the Fire Service future continued to be big ticket issues at WSCC. MSDC has had very many staff changes in the year and a difficult time in its District Plan Examination. The recent Supreme Court judgement in favour of Wealden District Council on the EU Habitats issues have further complicated all planning matters. The Sussex Police restructure is very much biting now with the virtual elimination of the old Neighbourhood Police teams. WSALC continue to provide a great backup service through their energetic CEO Trevor Leggo and MSALC has been a leader in rolling out their Health & Wellbeing project involving parish councils working to assist GP surgeries and the wider CCG. The bank account balance was £ 855 in July 2016 and will be £ 1.210 in August 2017.

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> CS thanked RW for his comprehensive report and considerable efforts in the year as Chair.

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> 6,7,8,9 Election of Officers

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> RW advised that there were no other nominations received by the closing date of 31 July. He advised that the current Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary were all prepared to re stand their current positions, but that due to illness Peter Carr needed to stand down from the role of Treasurer. CS proposed that RW, AH, JR were re elected which was agreed. The Treasurer role post will need to be filled at a future meeting.

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> 10 It was unanimously agreed that RJ, RW and NP should continue as parish council representatives at WSALC. RJ gave an update at the meeting and on NALC matters.

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> 11,12 It was unanimously agreed that RW and RJ were to be re appointed to the MSDC Partnership Board and MSDC Communications Group as MSALC representatives.

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> 13 RW issued copies of the bank statements from July 2016 and July 2017. The only expenditure in the year had been £ 145 to cover the cost of the buffet lunch at the February conference. The balance was currently £ 1.000, and the annual SSALC grant of £ 210 was expected in August.

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> MJ gave a Haywards Heath update. There were substantial new development proposals of around 2.500 houses planned, this would need roads and infrastructure upgrades. HHTC had agreed a grant of 500 K to cover the cost of a new country park and cemetery. Central Sussex College had closed, but there was some hope that a new operator would be installed in the near future.

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> NP warned that some local golf courses in the Cuckfield area were using liberal waste transfer regulations to import spoil and soil to remodel and reconfigure their topography essentially for pure commercial gain. WSCC waste & minerals Plan was currently out for consultation.

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> NP also warned about the impending GDPR EU led data protection new laws that were coming into force in May 2018. These will affect all local authorities. SSALC are arranging for training courses to prepare.

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- > Cuckfield PC were also involved in a High Court case on a controversial identified allotment sale by MSDC.
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- > Cuckfield had also recently been featured in a Channel 4 Village of the Year show.
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- > AM reported that Bolney was suffering from a high frequency of single house planning applications.
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- > CH reported that West Hoathly was still suffering from the heavy transport lorries still regularly serving the quarry.
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- > RJ reported that Hurstpierpoint had recently received a grant of 20 K from the proceeds of a local PV farm project.
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- > NEXT MEETING
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- > Thursday 16 November at 7.30 pm in Hayward's Heath Town Hall
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- > CONFERENCE
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- > The 2018 Annual Conference has been booked for a Friday 23 February at MSDC Chamber between 10 am and 4 pm
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- > Rex Whittaker
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