



EAST SUSSEX ALC LIMITED

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Draft Minutes of the virtual Annual General Meeting of the East Sussex Association of Local Councils Limited

Held at 1:30pm on Thursday 25th November 2021 via Zoom

Present: There were 25 representatives present and 24 member councils/appointed representatives present.

1. **(a) Election of President** - Lord Ampthill was proposed for re-election. This was seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Lord Ampthill would continue as President.

(b) Welcome by the President - The President thanked everyone for their support and for his re-election to the role of President. He welcomed them to the meeting and conference. He noted the impact of Covid but paid tribute to the works carried out by ESALC. He mentioned the Civility and Respect Project and discussed the importance of this. He spoke of the recent valuable focus groups on policing priorities. He confirmed that he had written to the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Sir Peter Field, on behalf of ESALC on his retirement. This was done in July 2021 and a reply had been received acknowledging his thanks for our support over the years. A letter had also been written to his successor, Mr Andrew Blackman, offering our congratulations on his appointment.
2. **Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Philip Allard (Iden PC), Gordon Sims (Ringmer PC), Les Nottage (Brede PC), Diane Ward (Uckfield TC), Jacqui Harding (Northiam PC), Cllr Lawton (Pevensey), Cllr MacKinnon (Pevensey), Maria Barney (Kingston PC), Cllr Gilbert (Rye TC), Nick Warren (Icklesham), Cllrs Julian, Gravenor and Hitchcock (South Heighton PC), Beckley PC, Brightling PC and Pett PC.
3. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th December 2020** – ahead of the meeting, Councillor Stephen Catlin commented that his name had been spelt incorrectly and Councillor John Barnes confirmed he was appointed as a member of RALC, not Rother District as previously written in the minutes. There being no other comments, the minutes were agreed as a true and record and were duly signed.
4. **Report from the Chairman of East Sussex ALC Limited on the Annual Report for 2020/2021** – The Chairman referred to her report and highlighted that: -
 - It had been a very interesting year and we had done well despite current circumstances, especially in relation to the transition from SSALC to ESALC. Credit was given to CEO Trevor Leggo, members of the Board and Emily Simpson.
 - ESALC had remained busy informing flood strategy action and looking at issues with transport.
 - Despite the breakdown of SSALC, ESALC had managed to stay in touch with Surrey and West Sussex.
 - ESALC's Military Covenant responsibilities had been upheld and various health and wellbeing strategy items had also been explored.
5. **To Adopt the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021** – David Quysner from Selmeston Parish Meeting asked a question about expenditure to which Mark Mulberry advised full income and

expenditure reports were reported quarterly to the Board with expenditure lists of every single line item. These are not submitted to Companies House.

Robert Franklin from Burwash PC questioned if such a high level of reserves was needed. Mark Mulberry advised the policy at ESALC was to hold approximately 50% of its income so it was currently holding the right amount.

The Adoption of the Report and Accounts was then duly proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

6. **Appointment of the Directors** – The President received approval to take nominations for consideration en bloc. It was duly proposed and seconded that the Directors listed below be appointed, and it was carried unanimously.

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| Ruth O’Keeffe | Lewes District Association |
| Stephen Catlin | Lewes District Association |
| Johnny Denis | Lewes District Association |
| John Barnes | Rother Association of Local Councils |
| Mike Garner | Wealden District Association |
| Kay Moss | Wealden District Association |
| Keith Stevens | Wealden District Association |
| Mark Mulberry | Company Secretary |
| Roger Taylor | Company Solicitor |

7. **Election of Vice Presidents** – It was duly proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Mr David Young, Dr Alex MacGillivray & Mrs Marion Shepherd DL continue as Vice-Presidents.

8. **Election of Representatives to the National Association 2021/22** – The President received approval to take nominations for consideration en bloc. It was duly proposed that:

- (i) Cllr K Stevens be appointed as the representative on the Council of NALC. Councillor Mike Haffener from Westham PC objected to this. Cllr K Stevens proposal was seconded and carried.
- (ii) Cllr R O’Keeffe, Cllr K Stevens & Trevor Leggo be appointed as voting representatives at the Annual General Meeting of NALC. Mike Haffener from Westham PC objected to Cllr K Stevens proposal. It was then suggested that an alternative Councillor be appointed due to Councillor Stevens’ recent appointment as Chairman of NALC. It was then proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor John Barnes be appointed as the representative on the Council of NALC.

9. **Any other matters** – Trevor Leggo informed the President that there had been no other matters formally received, and no further issues were raised during the meeting.

The AGM was followed by the ESALC Conference.

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Dated _____