



The purpose of this paper is to update Members on developments in their discussion of the future development of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils since their informal meeting of 31 August.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) Following the Town Council's discussion of the challenges facing the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) – the umbrella body for the Islands' Town and Parish Councils – at its meeting of 8 August it was agreed to arrange a meeting with its representatives to discuss matters further on an informal basis.
 - b) The meeting took place at Salisbury Gardens on the evening of 31 August when seven Members and the Clerks had a constructive discussion with IWALC's Chair Gill Kennett and Secretary Gill Jolliff.
 - c) The discussion was based on a presentation that is attached to this Report for information.
 - d) At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayor and Clerk were invited to attend the next IWALC meeting to discuss some of the outcomes.
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2) PROPOSAL

- a) The invitation to the IWALC Executive meeting of 15 September has subsequently been confirmed in an email from Gill Kennett.
 - b) It has been agreed that we will provide a short presentation including a draft proposal for changes to the way IWALC is currently structured and the rationale for it that has been previously discussed with Gill Kennett.
 - c) The presentation is likely to include slides 2,4,5,6,8 and 9 of the presentation attached to this Report with two additional slides setting out a draft for an alternative model, the essence of which will be based on a smaller Executive for work in between the current two-monthly general meetings and the development of a set of working groups.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to:

- i) consider the proposed presentation and suggest amendments of it or additions to it; and
 - ii) agree the extent to which they would be comfortable for the proposal to be seen as expressing the view of the Town Council.
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IWALC: an informal discussion

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IWALC: Objectives

Clause 2
The aims and objectives of the Association shall be consistent with the objectives of the National Association of Local Councils, hereinafter to be referred to as 'The National Association', and in particular:

To represent the interests of the first tier of statutory local government, comprising of Town and Parish Councils in the Isle of Wight, hereinafter called collectively 'Local Councils'.

To provide support and co-ordination to all aspects of the work of Local Councils, as embodied in the following principles of good local government.

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IWALC: Objectives

- To promote the health, safety and well being, both material and cultural of the people in its various communities.
- To attract and hold the interests of its citizens.
- To develop inherent strength to deal with, and work with all other tiers of local, regional and national government.
- To adapt itself to change in response to the needs of citizens in the local community.
- To protect, consolidate and develop the existing rights, privileges and functions of Local Councils.

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Finances

ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS			
YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2014/2015		YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2015/2016	
RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS	
13,714.04	Member Council Subscriptions	13,422.30	
38.31	Bank Interest	0.00	
1,650.00	Training Payments from Councils	450.00	
33.85	Batterney	0.00	
0.85	NALC Train Fund	248.58	
15,436.20	TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,120.88	
Opening Bal	18,199.53	Opening Bal	19,647.45
33,600.83		35,900.99	
PAYMENTS		PAYMENTS	
5150.00	Secretary's Salary	4600.00	
696.70	Office Expenses (Admin)	1022.86	
485.22	Trainers' Fees and Expenses	1799.86	
557.00	Room Hire including refreshments	876.75	
278.86	Insurance	273.75	
4627.70	NALC Subscriptions	7281.01	
1900.00	Other Subscriptions (NALC, SERCAF)	1880.00	
499.41	Travel and Conference Expenses	478.30	
0.00	County Press Advertising		
Closing Bal	19,547.45	Closing Bal	17,337.77
14,063.38	TOTAL PAYMENTS	16,053.72	
BANK RECONCILIATION			
		Lloyds Current Account	17337.77
		Less Unpresented Cheques	0
		TOTAL	17337.77

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Meetings

IWALC MEETING DATES FOR 2016 / 2017	
All meetings will take place at 7.00 p.m. at the Riverside Centre.	
Executive Committee and AGM – Hunnyhill Room	
Workshop – Resource Room	
2016	
Thursday 15 September	Executive Committee
Thursday 20 October	Workshop – topic TBA
Thursday 17 November	Executive Committee
2017	
Thursday 19 January	Executive Committee
Thursday 16 February	Workshop – topic TBA
Thursday 16 March	Executive Committee
Thursday 20 April	Workshop – topic TBA
Thursday 18 May	Executive Committee
Thursday 15 June	Workshop – topic TBA
Thursday 20 July	Annual General Meeting

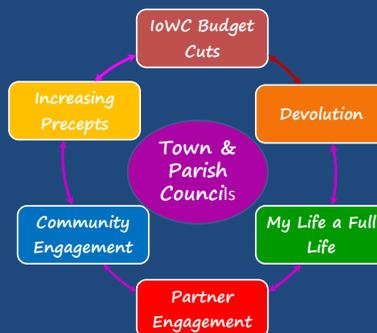
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Connections

The following appointments to outside bodies were agreed at the AGM on 21 July 2016:

- i) Carisbrooke Castle Museum – Councillor Gill Kennett
- ii) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Councillor Veronica Hattersley
- iii) Isle of Wight County Training Partnership – Councillors Gill Kennett, June Davison, Mick Thirkettle and Helena Hewston
- iv) National Association of Local Councils – Councillor Dave Hardy.
- v) South East Regional County Association Forum – Councillor Dave Hardy.
- vi) Hampshire and IW Local Government Association – Councillor Geoff Lumley.
- vii) Community Action Isle of Wight – Councillor Tim Wakeley
- viii) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Fanny Oglander was appointed in the absence of Councillor Alison Child
- ix) Isle of Wight Council Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Harry Rees
- x) Sustainability Forum (David Toffree)
- xi) Best Kept Village (Veronica Hattersley)
- xii) IW Health & Wellbeing Board (Wendy Hookey)

Town & Parish Council Challenges



IWALC's Challenges

- **External**
 - Isle of Wight Council's Budget
 - Solent Combined Authority
 - My Life a Full Life
 - Youth Offer programme
- **Internal**
 - Constitution
 - Policy Development
 - Decision-making
 - Executive
 - Working Groups