

AGM

Like most AGM's it followed standard format with the acceptance of previous minutes, acceptance of finance report and election of officers.

There will be no increase in fees for the coming year.

President The Marquess of Abergavenny,

Vice Presidents Dr Alex McGillivray, Marion Shepherd, DL, and David Young

Directors-	Christopher Barker	Lewes District Association
	Cathy Gallagher	Lewes District Association
	Sean Macleod	Lewes District Association
	John Barnes	Rother District Association
	Keith Robertson	Rother District Association
	David Young	Rother District Association
	Kay Moss	Wealden District Association
	Douglas Murray	Wealden District Association
	Keith Stevens	Wealden District Association
	Mark Mulberry	Company Secretary
	Roger Taylor	Honorary Solicitor

Councillor K Stevens as representative on the Council of NALC

Councillors J Barnes, K Stevens and Trevor Leggo as voting representatives at the NALC AGM

The report from the CEO, Trevor Leggo, highlighted interesting subjects which I have bullet pointed.

- Parish Councils should have a robust communication and media strategy.
- Parish councils to be mindful of the Employment Rights Bill
- Martyn's Law will require robust risk assessments for any public event.
- Warm Hubs maybe a requirement this winter to support the vulnerable.
- SALK supports the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Clubs.

All of which we should question ourselves over.

SALC Conference

Presentations by invited guests which included:

Chief Constable Jo Shiner. The messages were:

- Sussex Police are underfunded so they are trying to find ways to deliver a service to the area with the money they have.
- Parking issues and enforcement are a low priority unless there is a danger to life.
- Sussex Safer Roads Partnership has been stood down and plans are being made for a replacement service involving technology. We wait and see.
- Average response time to 999 and 101 call is 2m3sec. Which is regarded as good by national standards. Although a question did involve no response at all to a 101 call. Embarrassing.

Chair of NALC – Kieth Stevens

- New website which requires registration before use, which has a number of members services available.
- PR Agency has been appointed
- Virtual meetings for Parish and Town Councils is being discussed by Government.
- Code of Conduct is being discussed by Government about Violation response.

- Personal e mails and postal addresses posted on Council web sites is being discussed by Government regarding safety of personnel.
- Martyn's Law will have an impact to large public events.
- There is a Community Ownership Fund for capitol projects that is available which is a match funding structure.
- Speed limits are being discussed by NALC with Government and Highways as blanked changes are not justified in all circumstances.

Director of Communities, Economy and Transport – Rupert Clubb

Consultative body that analyses, reports and advises on specifically transport by setting up Sub National Transport Bodies, to determine transport infrastructure with local partners.

Main transport hubs are Gatwick, Dover and Folkestone and Southampton with influences from M25, Heathrow and Dartford Crossing.

There is a vision which takes the form of a virtuous circle: Connectivity-Resilience-Integration-Decarbonisation-Sustainability.

There will be national devolution of Mayoral Areas which would include Councils and Regions

The final plans are with the present Government, and we will be informed in due course.

Planning Update -Steve Tilbury

We wait for the Government to publish the 2024/5 national plan which will allow everyone to devise their own plans to deliver what is requested, until then everything is speculation.

At this point I left as there was no point in listening to possible scenarios that will go nowhere.

Roger Palamarczuk