

**SURREY HILLS BOARD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2017**

AT WARREN FARM BARNS

CORE MEMBERS

*Cllr David Wright	Guildford Borough Council
*Cllr Mike Band	Waverley Borough Council
*Cllr Lindsey Dunbar	Tandridge District Council
*Cllr John Stephenson	Reigate & Banstead BC
*Cllr David Mir	Mole Valley District Council
*Lisa Creaye-Griffin	Surrey County Council
*Stephanie Fudge	National Trust
Adam Wallace	Natural England

ADVISORY MEMBERS

*Scott Pepe	National Farmers Union
*Kristina Kenworthy	CPRE
*Nigel Davenport	Surrey Wildlife Trust
*Tim Bamford	CLA
*Liz Cutter	SSALC
*Ken Bare	Surrey Hills Society
*Neil Maltby	Surrey Hills Trust Fund
*Simon Whalley	Surrey Hills Enterprises CIC

*Members present

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rob Fairbanks	Surrey Hills AONB Office Director
Denise Furlonger	Surrey Hills AONB Office Secretariat
Caroline Price	Surrey Hills AONB Office
Ali Clarke	Surrey Hills Arts
Wendy Varcoe	Surrey Hills Enterprises

		ACTIONS
1	INTRODUCTIONS	
	The Director thanked all Members for attending the AGM and invited round the table introductions.	
2	APOLOGIES	
	Adam Wallace, Sandra Nichols, Mike Goodman	

3		MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM	
	3.1	The minutes of the last AGM held on 12 th October 2016 were agreed.	
4		MATTERS ARISING	
	4.1	None	
5		ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN	
	5.1	Rob Fairbanks explained the process for nomination of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He stated that David Wright had put his name forward for the position of Chairman. Mike Band proposed David Wright and David Mir seconded. The vote was agreed and carried. David Wright took his place as the Chairman.	
	5.2	The Chairman stated that Mike Band had put his name forward for the position of Vice-Chairman. David Mir proposed Mike Band and Lyndsey Dunbar seconded. The vote was agreed and carried.	
6		ELECTION OF STATUTORY MEMBERS GROUP	
	6.1	The Chairman stated that the membership of the Statutory Members Group consisted of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Surrey County Council Member and 2 other annually elected Members. He stated that David Mir and John Stephenson had put their names forward. Mike Band proposed David Mir and Neil Maltby seconded. The vote was agreed and carried. David Mir proposed John Stephenson and David Wright seconded. The vote was agreed and carried.	
7		ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE SURREY HILLS PARTNERSHIP	
	7.1	The Chairman stated that David Mir had put his name forward for Chairman of the Surrey Hills Partnership. Neil Maltby proposed David Mir and Mike Band seconded. The Members agreed and the vote was carried.	
8		FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORT	
	8.1	The Chairman noted that Defra had agreed AONB funding in its 4 year plan until 2019/20 and enquired whether the local authorities would be in a position to increase their contributions as they had remained static for around 7 years. The general consensus was that it would be prudent not to pursue an increase in funding in the current financial climate. The AONB Board continued to support an essential statutory function of local authorities for which they provided core funding. In the longer term, the Surrey Hills Family would play an increasingly important funding role in achieving the wider project work of the AONB. It was agreed that the Statutory Members Group would be reviewing the constitution and funding formulae in 2018.	SMG
	8.2	The Governance report was noted The outturn report for 2016/2017 was approved. The Core estimates for 2018/2019 were agreed.	
	8.3	The Chairman congratulated Denise Furlonger on balancing the budget and producing a clear outturn and estimates report, and thanked the National Trust for their support in accommodating the AONB Unit at Warren Farm Barns. He also thanked Defra for its commitment to fund until 2020.	

9		ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	9.1	There was none.	
10		DATE FOR NEXT AGM MEETING	
	10.1	September 2018. Date to be confirmed.	

The above minutes are a true record of the Surrey Hills Board AGM meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Signature of Chairman

Date