

## **MINUTES OF THE ALCC MEEING HELD ON 19 JULY 2019 VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

### **Those Present:**

Lionel Thatcher – chairman, (LT), Deborah Platt (DP), Samantha Roberts (SR), Lesley Sung (LS), Laura Jowett (LJ) and Linda Hedley (LH)

### **Apologies were received from**

Gwilym Rippon, Paula Heath, Michael Lennon and Ian smith

### **Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

Having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that was not elsewhere on the agenda

### **Financial Report.**

Paula had written a very detailed report on the current financial situation. The main problem is that the Association is not maintaining its members. It was felt this was due to there being no-one who was in overall responsibility for checking lapsed or cancelled membership.

The comments made included

- Some people are not getting an invoice, should they be.
- There was no system for a reminder to be sent out
- Should there be a more obvious ?? at the regional events, should the association be asking for a slot on the agenda of the SLCC events
- Could the County Branches be more active.
- Can there be block emails sent out to those who have not re-joined.
- With such a small group of representatives having the reps chase up non -members and those not re joining is an onerous task.
- Debra stated that she had not been receiving the lists
- The Association is spending £4,703.35 each month for just being an Association, this does not include the ESO support.

Ways forward

- LH suggested that if people are not getting the lists then to contact Ian Smith.
- Paula has volunteered to check the non re joiners
- Can those Reps we have try and obtain a list of each Clerk, LH stated that Ashford BC sends a list to ALL Clerks in the borough to all the clerks and updates it each time there is a change, maybe others do this.
- LH will write to all Branch Secretaries reminding them to put information on their agendas about ALCC
- Need to find out about sending block emails.
- Sending out an email needs to be followed up if no response

- It has been highlighted that members do not see what they are paying their money for, other than having an ESO at any hearing, so the profile needs to be raised.

The report also contained three options as to the direction of the ALCC, they are Option one.

Much more concerted attempt at retaining more members and obtaining new ones. Consider asking the SLCC for a further round of grants.

Option two

Split and go it alone, with all the extra expense this would entail and the need to set up office staff, websites, Insurance and training for ESO etc this would not really be feasible in the short to medium term.

**Option three.**

This option was to dissolve the ALCC, pass the members contact details to another union. After some varied statements the Consensus of the committee was this would not be an option at this stage; therefore option one would be worked on.

AGM

The AGM of ALCC is taking place at Hinckley on the first day of the National Conference. At 5.30. the breakout room only holds around 50, and the ALCC need 60 as a Quorum.

It was agreed that LT and LH would meet up to arrange and discuss the papers for the AGM.