

**The Minutes of the Devon Association of Governors AGM held on 7th October 2017
at Cranbrook Education Campus at 13:00.**

Present: Alex Walmsley, Maria Wallis, Amanda Blewett, Leo de Sousa-Webb, Jill Larcombe, Malcolm Dobbins, Wilson Forster and five Governors.

1. Welcome from the Chair Alex Walmsley

AW welcomed everyone to the DAG AGM..

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

Ian Rogers was signing out Conference delegates during the AGM and was unable to join the meeting.

3. To agree the minutes of the DAG AGM held on 14 May 2016

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report 2016-17

AW referred to his report, a copy of which was included in the Conference pack for delegates and is on the DAG website.

He said a key part of DAG's role is representation and encouraged governors present to become Board Members or Associate Members.

The website has been a key focus this year. Both Leo de Sousa-Webb and web content editor Amanda Blewett have put a huge amount of time and dedicated focus into this, with the result that we are typically getting around 3,000 visits to our website each month and now have over 1,000 active subscribers. Together with the regular newsletter, it has become DAG's prime means of providing information to support good governance.

There were no questions.

5. To receive the accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

AW reported DCC commissioned an audit by Devon Audit Partnership of the four School Phase Associations (Primary, Secondary, Special Schools and Governors) last year. An unexpected outcome for DAG was that its reserves were felt to be greater than Devon Audit Partnership considered necessary. DAG's expectation and budgets indicated that it would be reducing its reserves in the coming years due to the increasing levels of expenditure on the web site and the greater time commitment of the communications officer in maintaining and developing this. Accordingly, these accounts show a deficit of £5291, with reserves reducing to the still healthy level of £30,058 at 31 March 2017.

It was AGREED to accept the accounts. Proposed by Malcolm Dobbins.

6. Motion: that Devon Association of Governors (DAG) change its name to Devon Association of Governance (DAG)

Proposed by: DAG Board

The motion was AGREED.

Proposed by Amanda Blewitt and seconded by Wilson Forster.

7. To elect one Board Member for a three year term of office

It was AGREED to elect Wilson Forster for a three year term.

The meeting closed at 13.20