



**The Minutes of the Devon Association of Governance AGM held on 10 November 2018
at County Hall, Exeter at 1.20pm**

Present: Alex Walmsley (DAG Chair), Amanda Blewett (The Woodland Federation), Malcolm Dobbins (Marlpool School, Exmouth), Maria Wallace (Whimble Primary School), Liz Groves (Cockwood Primary School), Jim Lodge (King Edward VI Community College, Totnes), Alan Morbey (Axe Beacon Federation) and Jon Bird (Littletown Primary Academy).

Clerk: Jill Larcombe

1. Welcome from the Chair of DAG

Alex Walmsley welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Wilson Forster and Ian Rogers.

3. To agree the minutes of the DAG AGM held on 7 October 2017

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

4. Chairman's Report 2017-18

The report had been included in the Conference Delegate Pack.

AW said the Ofsted Inspectors speech at the preceding conference had been very useful and looking to the future asked whether governors would find evening sessions covering a single subject useful.

AW noted the following points:

- The DAG website is very important and highly topical and relevant news articles are published every week in term time. The website will be updated in the near future.
- DAG encourages good governance
- DAG represents governors on a number of committees and at various meetings. It was noted there was no feed in to the RSC.

5. To receive the accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

The accounts were presented to the members at the meeting. They had also been published on the DAG website.

It was noted they had been externally audited by Mike Beresford and then approved by the DAG Board.

AW explained that DAG had an income of £20,000 for 2017-2018 which was de-delegated from the DSG Funding Block.

Expenditure included payments totalling £11,330 to officers who have contracts with DAG for the day to day running of the organisation. This includes managing the finances, clerking the board, producing news articles for the newsletter and website, producing resources for the website, updating the website and circulating a fortnightly newsletter in term time. Other expenses include maintaining the website, membership of the NGA and

the conference.

Costs decreased this year which resulted in a £4,000 surplus. A major update to the website had been planned for 2017-18 but was deferred to 2018-19 due to Officer illness. This will result in a deliberate overspend for 2018-19.

There should only be one year's expenditure in reserves.

AW confirmed that DAG runs a tight ship on the funding it receives.

AW was asked whether the funding was de-delegated from maintained schools and he explained that it came from all schools. The next Devon Education Forum (DEF) will look at the responses from the Funding Consultation and a decision will be made about funding phase associations for 2019-20. DAG voting at DEF reflects that of the school phase groups members represent.

- 6. Motion (proposed by DAG Board): to change paragraph 1.10 of the DAG Constitution (No chair or vice-chair(s) shall hold the office for more than three years consecutively) to “ No chair or vice-chair(s) shall hold the office for more than two consecutive three year terms”.**

The motion was unanimously agreed. Proposed by Amanda Blewett and seconded by Jim Lodge.

- 7. To elect two Board Members for a three year term of office**

Alex Walmsley and Maria Wallis were unanimously elected. Proposed by Jon Bird and seconded by Alan Morbey.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 1.45pm