

Sussex RSA Partnership Minutes

1. Opening meeting

2. 09 Jan 2018, 1830hrs, Sussex IFCA offices

3. People Present

Dr Sean Ashworth (Sussex IFCA)
Barry Goodhew (Sussex IFCA)
Graham Furness (Sussex IFCA Committee member)
Tony Geal
Reg Phillips
Tim Macpherson
Steve Mayfield
Brett Lomas
Mark Gillan
Tony Chant
Jon Small
Dave Ponsford
Barry June
Paul Sanderson

4. Apologies for absence.

Steve Hanks (Sussex IFCA committee member)
Francis Parfement

5. **Welcomes.** Barry Goodhew opened the meeting and welcomed all for attending.

6. Items on the agenda

6.1 A brief introduction was given on the IFCA its roles and responsibilities.

6.2 Introduction to the partnership.

a. Why the partnership had been created. BG then spoke on what he hoped we could all achieve in this partnership.

b. BG explained about agendas and minutes being a key function of the partnership. Any item or topic should be emailed directly to the chair/secretary who will then put on the next agenda.

c. BG explained the voting protocol for the partnership.

6.3 The memorandum of Understanding (MoU). BG went through the MoU explaining each point where necessary.

a. TM made a point about the role of the MMO appointees on the partnership committee, BG to change the wording in the MoU to reflect this.

b. BL enquired about the terminology used in para 3 to the MoU, SA pointed out that that it was the partnership not Sussex IFCA providing education and feedback.

6.4 Chair and secretary of the partnership. BG explained that this will not be a Sussex IFCA led partnership and therefore, will not be chair or be secretary of this partnership.

a. BG went through the job specifications of the chair to the partnership.

b. TM and RP both stated that they would not put themselves forward as they didn't want it to look like an Angling Trust led partnership.

c. No volunteers came forward for the role, it was discussed at length amongst the group and the best solution was to take it in turns to run each meeting. All agreed.

d. BL agreed to chair the next meeting.

6.5 BG explained that Sussex IFCA had collated its netting review evidence and it will shortly launch its informal consultation to the wider public.

7. **Any other business.**

a. The financial costs to the charter boats and tackle shops due to current EU regulations around bass.

b. Ghost gear initiative, including beach cleans, marine litter and bins on beaches.

c. Guest speakers to inform the partnership on various topics, RP talked about the Community Voice Method and recommended getting a commercial netter to explain his/her business practices.

d. TM talked about the Marine Conservation Society and the "Agent for Change programme" (Beachy Head East Marine Conservation Zone).

e. BG mentioned the Sussex RSA partnership web page on the Sussex IFCA website.

f. BG mentioned that there are opportunities to gain funds or grants to support the partnerships projects (e.g. Rampion). Sussex IFCA could provide a finance manager if approved by the IFCA committee.

8. **Items to be discussed and decided at the next meeting.**

a. The amended MoU and all to sign.

b. The secretary role to be assigned.

9. The meeting closed at 2040hrs.

Chair
Signed:

Dated: