

**EXCEPTIONAL MEETING OF DaSRA COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2025 at 6PM
AT HOME OF MARK DAVIES**

Present: Chris Clarke
Mark Davies
Nigel Jones
Jeanette Langfeld
Flick Murdoch
Rosanne Povey (Secretary)
Pat Wotherspoon (in USA)

Apologies: Steven Hall

Following the resignation of Maura Swabey as Chair at the last Committee Meeting on 13th October, this meeting had been called to discuss the situation. Choices proposed:

1. New, full-time Chair
2. A “revolving” Chair, as suggested by CC with the following qualifications:
 - Chair leads from the front/ must simplify the running of DaSRA (Minutes/Website/Facebook - 2,500 members);
 - Aim to get as many members as possible;
 - Get information out there;
 - Be the voice of community;
 - Committee to vote on everything;
 - Chair to start pushing forward with ideas to achieve those aims;

The urgency is to appoint a Chair now; changes can come later.

Any appointments/changes will have to be ratified at the next AGM in April 2026.

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The Committee was asked if anyone wished to take on the full-time role and the answer was 'No'.

The rotation option was therefore offered – one year better than six months, perhaps from one AGM to another.

The responses were as follows:

CC: Yes (on the basis of his suggestions above)

MD: Yes, if someone will take over Treasurer role

SH: Yes (confirmed following meeting)

NJ: Yes, but further down the line due to other commitments

PW: No, not at the moment

FM: No

RP: Not possible as well as Secretary role

JL: Will be leaving Committee

Therefore, it was agreed the first Chair would be CC, seconded by FM and subsequently agreed by the Committee.

RP to send an email to Members to communicate change and suggest that if anyone wished to join the Committee, they would be most welcome.

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Other items mentioned:

NJ suggested that the Committee perhaps involves other groups, say, every six months, asking them to attend one of our meetings.

JL – subscriptions to be discussed at a later date/replacement (discuss with PW when she returns to the UK).

Brief update on Facebook.

It was decided to hold a further exceptional meeting: this will take place on Tuesday, 11 November at 6.30pm at the home of Mark Davies.

The meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

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