

# Sussex Area Minutes Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Present in person or online -

Mark – change of meeting with chair and reading – meeting is being paid – FSS

Ria alternate GSR hanover

Wayne chair of f and e – Hanover – rent is being made and asking the [ASC for literature loan for the meeting, add to the AOB](#). Speaker jam made 283.80 made for the meeting – well attended and the meeting will be looking at moving venue as there is a noise issue with the venue. Service is available -

Bomber – apologies – basic text – FSS new comers are in attending. Using the questions in the group booklet.

Steve LSC committee coordinator – vice chair of sanac

Meg – visitor observing

Lauren – VRCM

Rob

Natalie

Ash – v chair

Jim – treasurer

Rachel chair of campout

Danni campout

Jill – chair of lsc and gsr lewes Thursday FSS FSC NC attending. No contribution and literature ordered.

Andy bright and shiny

Dean – sanac

Harrison – Lewes Wednesday

Adam – Friday feelings worthing

Rob Worthing in LA full committee and FSS building a prudent reserve. Give NC Basic Texts. NC attending.

Katie – lewes Monday well attended and full committee and FSS literature and donation 34.50£

Treesa – worthing FSC NC attend from the ward. FSS no contribution-

Phil literature

Phil – shorham small and formed meeting well attended. Contribution of £16 online.

Carol anne – Monday Chichester 6pm FSC literature ordered. Fundraising for the unity day.

Sarah literature

Penny – shoreham FSS NC in attendance £10 donation online.

Gemma c – Thursday Chichester – FSC well attended and contribution £30 to online bank – fundraising for unity day. Details are on the website – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 is the date – the event is no cost and tradition 7.

Andy – FSS small literature order and contribution 100£

Michelle – haywards heath – well attended – FSC – Candlelit and rotating format and traditions and living clean NC attending.

Peter s – Monday hastings – FSS – service available contribution to area 85£

Ginni – standing in for Lou thursdau Horsham – Meeting is thriving FSS full committee and NC and OT. The meeting is making a 50£ contribution.

Peter worthing – Monday new B FSS NC and service available. 20 contribution

Worthing Wednesday NO gsr

Leigh queer connection no contribution – new venue – service is transitioning to the new venue with new incoming and outgoing committee and address is updated on the website – dorset gardens. There is an issue with treasury and it is being discussed and would like to discuss the issue. Will have a business meeting to sort this.

Catherine Tuesday and sat – fss no contribution – both need support and service available.

Adam lgbtq – Tuesday – service available 63.40 donation – literature ordered. Well attended and FSS.  
Adam Friday feelings – new and getting voted in. – well attended and NC local rehabs. Service available. 30 donation.  
Harrison – well attended and newcomers no donation  
Angela – living clean well attended and new comers – small literature and contribution to account 35 service available.  
Ian – crawley – 7.30 well attended – no contribution literature and service available.  
Khalid – rent not being made –  
Babs – SAOC  
Peter hastings  
Jenna – Friday Newhaven – service available, the meeting will not be open on haloween. FSS child friendly meeting – SAOC to update.  
Nicky – Portslade Thursday - newcomer meeting fss  
Round robin also- GSR Monday  
Chair opened with an offer of getting a bigger venue for the meeting.

**Apologies** – Darcie- Tea and Coffee

Hannah – Minute secretary  
Chloe Wednesday haywards heath

New GSR's present and emails gained – To be added to the mail list.

GSR's Present  
26 voting GSR

Last area minutes- ratified

The group suggestions were implemented

Babs to record the meeting - agreed.

12 concepts read to the business meeting.

Old business discussed for the Tuesday worthing meeting hanging a flyer in the wothing Hospital, it is not H&I item and continued to be discussed from last business meeting. It has been discussed that the patience to have information to get them to the meeting, discussed that the standard meeting poster is not seen as appropriate for those in need in the hospital. The poster uses wording including 'alcohol' on the poster and this is deemed inappropriate as NA identifies alcohol as a drug. The poster is available and the GSR's asked to understand more about the wording as NA identifies powerless over addiction and not the substance. It is said that the hospital is 70% of those in the ward are there for alcohol related medical need and the meeting ask if the wording is not inclusive or clear to the addict who still suffers. The service member is concerned the newcomer will not come to what is deemed an addict meeting when they have issues with alcohol. Those who discuss the wording were asking if they are able to word this with our addiction and is it reaching the newcomer.

- The wording is to be discussed – AOB for the end of November, this will be the third ASC it is discussed.

The chair advised that the members are autonomous and thereby trusted to use the groups discretion and able to decide what it is that is used to advertise the meeting in the hospital. The chair confirmed that the poster is not being discussed for change of wording for literature review.

Each group is autonomous and the chair advised this as well as carrying the message to the addict who still suffers, do it consistently following the guidelines, whilst teaching members to carry the message. The members did not conclude this issue. Sussex Area Online Committee member explained that reaching the suffering addict and the NA logo being used – “drugs including alcohol” and PR work can be done in the hospital.

A GSR service presentation was delivered to the group – feedback from this was 3/24 GSR’s felt confident and able to fulfil their role as GSR to their group.

The meeting does need a summary from the meeting.

Literature report -

Finances for the literature – £310 orders placed.

The GSR reports and the agenda for sharing these are going to be revised as those in meeting do leave during the break, this can affect the ability to make decisions as without quorate the meeting is not serving the groups .

## BREAK

Second headcount for the GSR’s in the venue – 23

Service available at the ASC - Vice treasurer 3 year

Vice secretary 3 years

### **Ratifications**

Chair of SANAC 17 Steve L – room booked for the next meeting – An agenda was briefly advised that for the next SANAC meeting due in 2027 there will be amendments to the previous NA guidelines – returning back to area guidelines.

No questions were asked of the member – voted in favour.

It was advised that the next SANAC is due on 2027.

### **Local Service Committee**

Full report in the email.

All service is available on the report

Vetting for prisons are being cleared – currently

There is a budget being discussed for the LSC and discussed that getting 4 pieces of literature “am I an addict” to carry the message to the inmates.

Advised that prison sponsorship can contact them and send that into the prison.

The chair advised that prison sponsorship are able to give BASIC texts for the prison

Leaflets given to the GSR’S as advised not to send out last month, being dispatched.

### **Sussex Area Campout Committee 2026**

Minutes are available online.

Venue for the campout is still to be voted on.

Feedback to the ASC for the last meeting – member came to discuss the ongoing committee – voting on the group and clarity when and how monies is being requested on behalf of the committee, as well as advice from the area for the need for the sub committee.

Sub Committee reflecting on the finances requested, advised they will stick to the guidelines and request it in the 2 month period advised to ensure best outcome for the members and ability to serve.

It is advised that the committee – has been ratified previously, and it is not necessary to go back to the groups to request feedback. – The Area has agreed that the group is ratified and the committee is ongoing.

### **Region committee Member report**

Full report online.

The RCM and alternate are not present at the next region – Service is plentiful. Refer to the Previous report and discuss in group and with the ASC if there are queries- last region it was requested of the prudent reserve and the amount this was confirmed. It was requested that the 7000 over from the last region, EDM and World Service were not given the money due ongoing decisions, the business is carried over to next region which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month. This is available to join online, The Vice RCM will be attending the meeting online.

### **Sussex Area Online Committee**

Full report in the email as it came in late and was not in the agenda.

All service is available on the report

Issues resolved with technical issues –

First Saturday of the month for the committee ongoing – next month this will start with change of time and date.

Do you understand the role of Web-servant? Social media presence is key for the online service and will be a position available. The Sussex Area Online Committee offer training for this member and ongoing skills will be gained.

£100 request for funds to meet prudent reserve.

### **Sussex Area Narcotics Anonymous Convention Committee SANAC**

Reports and Minutes were not sent out as the format needed to be amended.

Summary and close from the outgoing chair – The outgoing chair reflected on feeling unsupported – breakdown in communication – the committee was built from scratch – the unity has been built along the journey of organising the SANAC convention 2025– the Chair felt supported by the sub committee – Giving great appreciation for the of the members.

The sales of tickets and fundraising the pressure was on for the cost of tickets as the money incoming was used to cover the costs for the convention and this was something to be revised for the next committee as reflected on the pressure this applied to selling and buying tickets.

– The creche was well received and necessary for the members.

Total returned to the ASC

£ 4000

£283 remains In the SANAC account and bank charges are due the remaining monies will be tallied up and returned.

Feedback on the venue – positive relationships are being built with the community -Review from the venue is that we are offered the opportunity to return. Committee roles need to be identified  
Communication and prioritising for the committee. Rewards and challenging aspects and the report was read out ,and I have noted them but may need amending if requested.

The committee ASC asked the SANAC chair if the finances returned to area confirmed £284.83 is the profit made by the committee. This was agreed.

### **Fundraising and Entertainment**

Sydney walter Centre Worthing

First Saturday of November Halloween fancy dress. Details are on the <https://ukna.org/>

Talks of the Christmas/ NYE party – to be updated soon.

Vice chair and vice treasurer –  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **Any Other Business**

Accessibility for members seeking information and flyers

Budget for physical flyers –

### **Request for funds**

9.30 travel

Area meeting -  
November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Guide to local services sent out to Groups** – This is to be used for the questions for business meetings – advised to spread out the questioning and inventory being collated – funding and literature – P58/59 speak to your group and the service committee members and support

Treasurer closing balance  
Total £8893.53  
£4000 ringfences from this.

Available £4893.53 (PLEASE CONFIRM THIS)

On closing questions - £4000 currently in a bank and not used, what is the use of this money? –  
How is the area spending the monies and will this be clear in the inventory?  
Contribution not offered as advised that the inventory is upcoming. Contributions and is the sub committees being fulfilled by them?

Advised by the chair that the Area Inventory is ongoing -the money and costs are in the inventory and available to the GSR this includes ringfenced monies.

Highest amount that has been identified for the treasurer and the monies above the prudent reserved,

**Flow of funds workshop expired. On request this could be something that is repeated.**

Guide to local services – READ THIS!

GSR request for literature and want to have an amount of this loaned to the meeting –  
£30 requested from the group – advised that the fully self supporting and Full committee. GSR are to vote on this. Member advised that the meeting running is not making rent and that has been a priority but the literature is empty and needed for the group.

The meeting was closed with the serenity prayer.