

LALC Fylde Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 11th December 2023, 7.00pm at William Segar Hodgson Pavilion

PRESENT: Cllr. Glyn Stead (Chair) – Little Eccleston with Larbreck Parish Council
 Cllr. Peter Collins – Newton with Clifton Parish Council
 Cllr. Tony Wellings – Kirkham Town Council
 Liz Squires – Clerk – Kirkham Town Council
 John Ashurst – LALC Area Support Officer / Clerk – Treales, Roseacre & Wharles Parish Council

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and Apologies: Cllr. Stead welcomed those present but expressed disappointment with the small number of representatives in attendance. The following apologies were noted: Debra Platt, LALC – Member Services & Engagement Officer Kevin Martin, Clerk – St Annes Town Council Cllr. Gordon Smith – Treales, Roseacre & Wharles Parish Council</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Matters Arising: Cllr. Stead advised that at the recent LALC AGM, a delegate had expressed a concern regarding the title of ‘Chairman’; as this may be a ‘discouragement’ to young ladies who are interested in becoming involved in local government. Cllr. Stead advised those present that he agreed with this concern and therefore wished to be referred to as ‘Chair’, or ‘Chairperson’, in his role within the LALC Fylde Area Committee. As Cllr. Stead had not been present at the previous meeting it was proposed by Cllr. Collins and seconded by John Ashurst, that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2023 be approved as a correct record. Cllr Stead (as Chair) duly signed these minutes. These minutes need to be emailed to John Ashurst for uploading to the LALC website.</p> | KC / GS |

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| 3. | <p>Funding for Secretarial Support:</p> <p>Cllr. Stead advised that £200 had previously been collected from Fylde LALC members for secretarial support and recommended that approval be given for this amount to be allocated for support in 2023/24.</p> <p>Cllr. Stead introduced Kath Coleman, who he had asked to provide secretarial support at this meeting. Kath Coleman was asked to leave the meeting and after a brief discussion, those present approved £200 as the amount to be allocated annually for secretarial support.</p> <p>Cllr. Stead explained that the £200 would be paid in two payments annually (following submission of an appropriate invoice to the LALC office).</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chair that funding for secretarial support in 2024/25 be provided by the Fylde Town & Parish Councils, with £200 being divided equally between all Fylde LALC members. This proposal was seconded by John Ashurst. Those present endorsed this proposal.</p> <p>Chair to confirm to LALC that Kath Coleman has been appointed as the Fylde Area Committee secretary.</p> | GS |
| 4. | <p>Appointment of Fylde representatives for the Lancashire Executive Committee:</p> <p>Cllr. Stead confirmed that three representatives could be chosen to represent the LALC Fylde Area Committee, at the meetings of the Lancashire Executive Committee. Cllr Collins, Cllr Smith and Liz Squires were formally nominated and seconded, with Cllr. Stead nominated and seconded as the ‘substitute’ representative. These nominations were all approved.</p> <p>Liz Squires enquired as to where the Lancashire Executive Committee meetings were normally held and John Ashurst advised he would contact Debra Platt to confirm the 2024 meeting dates and venue and then he will inform the Fylde group.</p> <p>John Ashurst advised that he would confirm the three approved Fylde representatives to the Lancashire Executive Committee group.</p> | <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> |

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| 5. | <p>Morgan & Morecambe Wind Farm proposals</p> <p>Cllr. Collins gave an update and advised that the consultation period closed on 23rd November 2023 with 412 objections. Detailed responses had been submitted by Newton with Clifton, Treales, Roseacre and Wharles and Freckleton Parish Councils; highlighting disruption, loss of farmland, visual impact and inadequate consultation with all those parties who would be affected.</p> <p>Shortly after the close of the consultation, landowners had received the cable route map, but this has not yet been made public.</p> <p>Newton with Clifton Working Group are keen to meet with other Parish and Town Council representatives to share information, maintain momentum and provide a focal point for communication with other organisations.</p> <p>Mark Menzies MP is planning to present a petition objecting to the scheme to The House of Commons. This petition can be signed by all Fylde residents on the electoral register and petitions can be obtained from Mark Menzies' Office Manager by emailing shirley.green@parliament.uk Cllr. Collins confirmed that Newton with Clifton Parish Council will start some public signing events on Saturday 16th December between 10am and 2pm outside the Newton Village shop.</p> <p>Cllr. Collins was asked to provide a copy of Fylde Borough's response to the consultation that could be circulated with the minutes and a timetable of any future Working Group events/petition signing plans.</p> <p>Cllr. Stead confirmed that LEWL Parish Council had also submitted its objections to the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr. Stead thanked Cllr. Collins for his update and advised that this topic would be included on the agenda for future LALC Fylde Area Committee meetings and (as the Chair of both groups) he would also include this topic within the Fylde District Parish Liaison group meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Stead will also contact Debra Platt to see if LALC is able to help by petitioning Parliament on behalf of the Fylde Town & Parish Councils'.</p> | <p>PC</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> |

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| 6. | <p>Fylde District Parish Liaison (DPL) Meetings – Update from the October 2023 meeting:</p> <p>Cllr. Stead gave a summary of the meeting and advised that the minutes from the October meeting would be sent out to all members of the Fylde LALC Area Committee.</p> <p>(i) Cllr. Stead advised that a separate Fylde District Planning Liaison group has now been established and is chaired by Cllr. Gordon Smith. The Clerk and one Councillor from every Fylde Town & Parish Council are invited to attend future meetings.</p> <p>(ii) It was agreed that the minutes from the LALC Fylde Area Committee Meeting should be made available to all Fylde Town & Parishes and DPL attendees.</p> <p>(iii) It was confirmed that 11 out of the 15 Fylde Town & Parish Councils are members of LALC.</p> | <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> |
| 7. | <p>Future Agenda Items:</p> <p>Cllr. Stead stated that it was important that there should be no (unnecessary) duplication between the LALC Fylde Area Committee meetings and the Fylde District Parish Liaison meetings.</p> <p>The following suggestions for future agenda items were noted:</p> <p>(i) Public Rights of Way representative to attend the next Area Meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Highways presentations split into:- a. Criteria for prioritising Parish highway issues b. How decisions on speed are made / introduction of new speed signage</p> <p>(iii) John Ashurst suggested a presentation by Alison Wilkins from LCC – John to find out her role.</p> <p>(iv) When the minutes are circulated to Parishes they should be asked for any proposals for agenda items.</p> <p>It was felt that it was important to organise speakers for future meetings, to encourage more LALC members to attend. It was agreed that John Ashurst and the Chair will investigate further and facilitate this.</p> | <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>JA</p> <p>GS</p> <p>JA / GS</p> |

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| 8. | <p>Schedule of Future Meetings:</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Stead that the schedule for the Fylde Area Committee meetings be changed to being three times per year (instead of being four times per year) and this was agreed by those present.</p> <p>Meetings for the next year will therefore be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 18th April 2024 – 7pm start • September 2024 (date to be advised) • January 2025 (date to be advised) <p>Unless advised differently, all future meetings will be held at:</p> <p>Kirkham Community Centre, Mill Street, Kirkham, PR4 2AN.</p> <p>Cllr. Stead advised that Town & Parish representatives can join the Fylde District Parish Liaison meetings remotely and that it may be an option to attend future meetings of the LALC Fylde Area Committee in this way too. Cllr Stead will review this.</p> <p>Liz Squires suggested that the next meeting of the group could be held at the Community Centre in Kirkham and Liz would send dates to Cllr. Stead regarding availability in April.</p> | <p>GS</p> <p>LS</p> |
| 9. | <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Glyn Stead advised that a new email address was being arranged by LALC and this will be made known to Fylde LALC members in due course. (ii) Liz Squires asked the Chair to let her have a list of the dates for the Fylde District Parish Liaison meetings. <p>The meeting closed at 20.10pm</p> | <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> |