

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the 428th meeting of the County Executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils held virtually on 21 January 2023.

### Present

Cllr P Orme	Chairman
Cllr Ms P Hastings	Vice Chairman
Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Atkins	President
Mr B Anderson	Treasurer

### Members representing areas

Blackburn with Darwen	Cllr Mrs E Smith, Ms Jane Smith
Bolton	Cllr J Speight, Cllr G Stone
Burnley & Pendle	Cllr A Neal, Cllr M Royds,
Chorley	Cllr D Cranshaw
Lancaster	Cllr C Peacock
Preston	Cllr Ms P Hastings
South Ribble	Cllr K Martin
Wyre	Cllr P Orme
MALC	Cllr C Rose, Cllr A Makin
Lancaster	

### Officers & guests in attendance

Membership & Engagement Officer	Debra Platt
Training Officer	
LCC County Champion	Cllr Paul Rigby

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome to a new member Jane Smith. Apologies from:

South Ribble	Cllr Eunice Hoghton
Wyre	Cllr Jan Finch, Cllr B Crawford

### 2. Election of Chairman to the LALC Executive Committee

**Agreed:** Cllr Phil Orme was elected to the Chair.

### 3. Election of Vice Chairman to the LALC Executive Committee

**Agreed:** Cllr Pat Hastings was elected to Vice Chair.

### 4. Election of Representatives to outside organisations – (list enclosed)

### 5. Election of Representatives to Finance and Management Sub-committee (list enclosed)

### 6. Minutes of the 427th Executive Committee meeting held on 10 June 2022

**Agreed:** 427<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee minutes of 10 June 2022.

7. Matters of update

Item 3b regarding motorway junctions and litter was chased. Members were informed that it was an LCC function to litter pick and tidy the road side at junctions.

Item 5 lamp post policy – LCC has reduced the costs to parish councils, if they apply in advance with a good lead time from £6k to £5k.

Members were informed of some details taken to the NALC assembly regarding the Coronation and how local councils can get involved. There will be no beacons for the coronation, other items were unconfirmed and the meeting discussed plants, flowers, trees, wildflowers, time capsules – info will come from Palace soon.

The last coronation, members were informed that school children got a book about a coronation from LCC and it would be nice to be repeated. Cllr Rigby would take this to the Leader and Education portfolio Councillor as a suggestion.

Members discussed other ideas and previous gifts such as medals for all born the same year, and community groups getting together.

8. Finance reports

Brian Anderson reported on the old accounts having no activity and the closing of the accounts has been requested. All remaining monies will be transferred to the new accounts. Members thanked Brian for his hard work over the many years of being the Treasurer.

BA left

9. Lancashire County Council update - Cty Cllr Rigby

The County Council will be setting its budget with a rise of 3.99%. Members discussed not having new road schemes or repairs delayed or put off. Prices for schemes and materials is rising. Members discussed alternatives materials such as recycled materials and Cllr Rigby would look in to this.

The grants given for potholes and repairs is only a contribution and does not cover the full cost. Social care is an issue. Looking after people at homes is more efficient and the portfolio holder reports this runs well but for capacity issues.

The costs from private organisations looking after young people is very expensive, Cllr Rigby informed some hard work is being done in this section to bring care together across Lancashire. The Social Care budget covers Adult, Education and Children & Young People and these three sections need to work better together and have been brought together under one Scrutiny function.

A questions was asked if local councils could do street sign cleaning and if this could be done through the PROW scheme, along with other functions. Cllr Rigby will take these suggestions with him to share.

10. LALC operations and finance updates – DP

The reports were available and discussed. A list of parishes, in and out of membership by area was requested.

11. Training operations update – VW - A report was not available.

12. Finance & Management reports or recommendations &

13. SLA proposal to LCC update

Members discussed the proposed SLA with LCC. It was asked for the area committees would be rolled out to all districts – the area committee structure was included as an element in the SLA.

14. Area Committee Reports

Wyre reported just before Christmas they had a presentation by the River & Canal Trust, next meeting is next week.

Preston had submitted a report.

Blackburn with Darwen had a meeting last week.

South Ribble reported having no secretary now, Eunice has stepped down as Chair so a new Chair is needed at the next meeting.

It was raised that Garstang canal has been having some serious problems whereby farming pollution had leached into the canal and poisoned the water and it is not dispersing very quickly. Prosecutions are being pursued but won't solve the pollution in the water.

15. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Best Kept Village Competition thanked LALC for its continued support by its sponsorship. There is to be a new class added 'areas in a larger area'.

CPRE has been assisting with Ulles Walton 3<sup>rd</sup> prison application. Inspector has refused at the moment due to the traffic and road issues. CPRE is also working on Salmesbury garden project, solar panel survey with new developments, hedgerow project, Manchester ringway and a national style count.

16. Regional Matters

The North Region meeting is 31 March and the National is in February 2023.

17. National Association matters

Cllr Peacock had circulated a report containing; Lobbying our MPs needs to be from constituents, NALC suggested list ie, virtual meetings, Civility & Respect project needs to be pushed, levelling up, finance, LALC groups.

Members thanked Cllr Peacock for his 50 years of service in the sector. Well done on your service to your area.

18. Any other urgent business

Lancaster City adopted a scheme for local businesses to advertise, with a note in the door, allowing their toilets to be used and asked if LCC might be doing this project. Cllr Rigby informed it had recently been discussed by Full Council and adopted so will be opening soon.

A development in Whitworth was rejected recently as it had requested 24 hour working every day. It was noted that the Inspector did not see a problem with this.

Penwortham is trying to open more locations for warm spaces, which already open anyway. There was an update on planning issues at Bee Lane.

LCC improving relations – Chair and Debra had been invited to the launch of the Lancashire 2050 and attended a County Hall update meeting where many subjects were discussed and updated on. Chair had been invited to an ‘asb’ summit at the PCC to give feedback on the parish sector. Chair believes these new relationships are developing due to the new structure.

19. Future meeting arrangements: Saturdays at 10am on the following dates:

Executive Committee meetings 10am	Finance & Management meetings 4pm
Saturday 21 January 2023	Monday 9 January 2023
Saturday 15 April 2023	Tuesday 28 March 2023
Saturday 17 June 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Saturday 9 September 2023	Tuesday 29 August 2023
Saturday 18 November 2023 – AGM	Tuesday 30 October 2023
Saturday 20 January 2024	Monday 8 January 2024

11.50  
Debra Platt  
County Secretary

## APPENDIX 1

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2083-nalc-calls-for-sustainable-land-use-in-a-new-lords-inquiry>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2106-new-county-councils-network-and-zoom-report-backs-nalc-call-for-remote-meeting-powers>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2127-nalc-parliamentary-briefing-on-levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/nalc-national-networks#coastal-communities>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/nalc-national-networks#climate-emergency>

### Surveys

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2132-nalc-publishes-new-survey-on-dementia-friendly-councils>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2096-nalc-issues-survey-on-2022-local-elections>