

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the 433rd meeting of the County Executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils held virtually on 13 April 2024.

Present – see attendance list appended

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies noted on the attendance list appended.

2. Minutes of the 432nd Executive Committee meeting held on 20 January 2024 circulated – to approve

Agreed: The circulated Minutes were approved.

3. Matters of update - No matters.
4. Lancashire County Council update - Cty Cllr Rupert Swarbrick had attended to take questions along with Cty Cllr Paul Rigby

Feedback from previous meetings which discussed road maintenance especially potholes, reporting app 'history' and developments; devolution deal update and how our sector can/will be involved.

Cllr Swarbrick, and later Cllr Rigby covered several areas:

- States of the roads, potholes, reporting, weather
- Love Clean Streets app development and usage
- 20mph speed limit zones – enforcement
- Devolution deal
- Utilities not working together with County Highways
- Parish Grants available from Cllr Rigby
- Shortfall in the availability of Occupational Health Therapists

Agreed: LALC will write to LCC and the PCC (when new one arrives) regarding 20mph zones and enforcement duties for them

Action
DP

5. LALC Finance & Management Committee meeting

Members had received an updated set of financial statements.

6. NALC matters – report from Cllr Neal
 - a. How we can influence getting NALC involved in the issue of support for our sector regarding Utilities standing charges being increased - CllrAN

Cllr Neal has raised several issues with the NALC Finance Committee and circulated some information for this meeting. NALC has been persuaded that the Scrutiny function should be separate, so this will be dealt with differently going forward. The standing charges on Utility bills issue is to be put on a future agenda for the Smaller Councils Committee.

- b. Activity reports from the NALC Committees Cllr AN and Cllr IH are part of

Cllr Hamilton has put the standing charges on Utility bills on to the Larger Councils Committee agenda.

7. LCC Service Level Agreement update

The update meeting with LCC officers was productive and officers happy with the information presented and the proposed use of the residual monies but still required Cllr Buckley's agreement.

8. Area Committee Reports

Wyre Area Committee – 24 April, have invited Highways England guest, District Council and the Police representatives. Wyre's Area Secretary was given a Long Service award, unfortunately Dave Sharples has since died earlier in April.

Blackburn Area Committee – last met at the end of March – potholes were a theme, communications with the unitary council are causing trouble as they do not respond, and the parishes feel they are viewed as a nuisance.

An action to try to get the Unitary representatives at the Area Committees was requested for the ASO.

Action
ASO

Preston Area Committee – last met in January and had to cancel its March meeting. The ASO has taken over the arrangements for the meetings and speakers going forward.

Cllr Hastings raised the issue of the future proposals to lower speed limits through some villages Garstang to Broughton – which will create some big issues and it would be good to have a unified parish councils' response – Chair said he would contact areas and report back.

Action
Chair PO

Cllr G Smith thought it may be useful if LALC could get together 'best practices' and have a comms session.

Fylde Area Committee is having difficulties accessing a contact at the National Grid regarding energy plans in their area.

Ribble Valley Area Committee – Mike Hill reported that the RVAC has now been re-constituted and is keen to work together.

A Charter for the Borough Councils was mooted to be a possible project, or it could be a workshop to discuss this project.

Lancaster Area Committee a meeting is programmed for 22 May.

9. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Martin reported on the Forest of Bowland group – which appear to program meetings at short notice.

Cllr Martin reported of the CPRE which has many activities running.

10. Regional Matters

Northern Group met last week.

11. Any other urgent business

Tracking of the County Council issues raised, and responses given at these meetings would be useful.

The proposes weekly food waste collection initiative will increase traffic to the Farrington depot, but also all over the County with additional traffic journeys for the pickup through the villages. Traffic management plans needed to keep larger lorries using larger roads and not rural or village roads.

Whitworth Town Council has taken back control of the Leisure Centre with funding found in Rossendale Borough Councils budgets belonging to the town re-allocated towards the Leisure Centre.

Colin Peacock informed of a project of registering items with the Land Registry, and it would be interesting to see how other P&TCouncils have managed. Colin would write up the process he used so this might be used to assist others.

Action
CPeacock

Lancashire County Councils Mario mapping is an excellent resource tool for parishes to produce or consult maps for the area.

Yellow 'shared spaces' signs withdrawn from use.

LANPAC is a useful membership for P&TCouncils to consider – this could be put in a newsletter or used at conference.

Future meeting arrangements in the table below, please put in your diary.

Debra Platt
County Secretary

11.50 pm

LALC calendar 2024

Executive Committee Saturdays 10am	Finance & Management meetings 4pm
Saturday 20 January 2024 Virtual	Monday 8 January 2024 Virtual
Dates to be confirmed for 2024	
	18 March 2024 Virtual
Saturday 13 April 2024 Virtual	Tuesday 7 May 2024 Virtual
Saturday 22 June 2024 Virtual (added)	Monday 19 August 2024 Virtual
Saturday 7 September 'tbc' Virtual Conference	Monday 28 October 2024 Virtual
Saturday 2 November – AGM F2F	Tuesday 7 January 2025 Virtual

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Lancashire Association of Local Councils			
Attendances at: Executive Committee Meeting Saturday, 13th April 2024			
Organisation/Area	Position	Name	Attend / Apology
LALC	President	Rt Hon Sir Robert Atkins	A
LALC	Vice President	Colin Peacock	✓
LALC	Vice President	Brian Anderson	✗
LALC	Chief Officer	Debra Platt	✓
Blackburn	Pleasington PC Clerk	Eileen Smith	✓
Blackburn	North Turton PClerk	Jane Smith	✗
Burnley and Pendle	Whitworth TCllr & LALC Vice President	Alan Neal	✓
Burnley and Pendle	Worsthorne-w-Hurstwood PCllr	Mark Jinkinson	✗
Burnley and Pendle	Whitworth TCllr	Mike Royds	✓
Bolton	Blackrod TCllr	John Price	✗
Bolton	Westhoughton TCllr	Jack Speight	✗
Chorley	Brindle PCllr	Darren Cranshaw	✓
Fylde	Treales Roseacre & Wharles PCllr	Gordon Smith	✓
Fylde	Newton with Clifton PCllr	Peter Collins	✓
Fylde	Kirkham TClerk	Liz Squires	A
Fylde (substitute)	Little Eccleston w Larbreck PCllr	Glyn Stead	✗
Lancaster	Melling-w-Wrayton PCllr	Howard Lewer	✗
Preston	Broughton w Amounderness PCllr	Pat Hastings	✓
Ribble Valley	Wiswell Pclerk	Mike Hill	✓
Ribble Valley	Salesbury PCllr	Maggy Howells	✗
Ribble Valley	Whalley PCllr	Richard Vickers	✓
South Ribble	Much Hoole PCllr & LALC Vice President	Eunice Houghton	✓
South Ribble	Penwortham TCllr	Keith Martin	✓
West Lancashire	Aughton PCllr	Graham Jones	✗
West Lancashire	Burscough TCllr	Brian Bailey	✗
Wyre	Stalmine PCllr & LALC Vice President	Phil Orme	✓
Wyre	Catterall PCllr	Jan Finch	A
Wyre	Great Eccleston PCllr	Alan Yates	A
MALC	Halewood TCllr	Clare Rose	A
MALC	Halewood TCllr	Cllr Iain Hamilton	✓
MALC	Bold PCllr	Dave Hawley	✗
Guests			
LCC	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Cllr Rupert Swarbrick	✓
LCC	Parish Champion	Paul Rigby	✓ (later)