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LALC Finance & Management Committee

Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting held virtually at 4.00 pm am on Monday, 18 March 2024

Committee members attending:

Cllr Phil Orme - Chairman
Cllr Darren Cranshaw
Cllr Iain Hamilton

Cllr Pat Hastings – Vice Chair
Cllr Keith Martin
Cllr Alan Neal
Cllr Gordon Smith

Officers: Debra Platt

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Jan Finch. Welcome to Cllr Gordon Smith from the Fylde area.

2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2024 circulated.

Agreed: Minutes were agreed with an amendment to remove a comment which was a remnant from previous minutes.

3. Matters arising

No matters.

4. Officer updates

The Finance and Area Support Officers reports had been circulated.

Agreed: The Committee noted these reports.

A report on the progress of the LCC SLA had been circulated.

Questions were discussed on its layout and presentation – CO responded that the presentation was to incorporate all the 7 work streams of the SLA, the budget and expenditure against each of these 7 streams and suggestions at the bottom as to how to proceed. The report was prepared for LCC for a presentation which was arranged for March but then moved to April (*happened on 10 April*).

Cllr Smith (GS) Does the Best Kept Village Competition present a budget? LALC gives a sum as sponsorship to the BKV Competition, this is in the budget at £2,000.

A report to the Executive was requested, following the presentation meeting.

5. To include items on the forthcoming Executive Meeting agenda

The agenda refers to the AGM, remove this.

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Cllr Neal's (AN) proposal regarding the rise in standing charges for utilities was discussed, AN would like to get on to NALCs National agendas for small and large Council's. This item was agreed to go on the NALC Executive agenda with the view of getting this more prominent at NALC.

GS requested an item regarding best practices of sharing questions to our sector.

Cllr Hamilton (IH) informed NALC is trying to identify what CLACs want and what members want NALC to do.

GS informed we would be part of a stakeholder consultation for the Energy Distribution project.

IH asked about Food Banks and if they were listed for our area – it was suggested LCC may know and to ask and pass to IH.

IH informed that Lancashire Association of Village & Community Halls (LAVCH) had done a report on heat sources eg, heat pumps etc. (added here: [village-community-halls-a-net \(lavch.org.uk\)](http://village-community-halls-a-net (lavch.org.uk)))

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6. LCC SLA updates

The LCC SLA budget and monitoring document had been circulated and briefly discussed above. A written report may need to be done following the programmed meeting with LCC.

7. Any items to be discussed for future agenda or actions

Could Civility & Respect be a workshop idea for the conference.

IH asked if there were any 'new Chairs training' available – refer to Training.

AN informed that a CIC was now running the Whitworth Leisure Centre successfully and monies being held by the Borough Council had been claimed towards the project.

GS asked of the LALC Strategy and how it promoted NALC and if there could be an agenda item at conference to 'refresh' the strategy.

Cllr Martin (KM) asked if there were any IT grants for P&TCs, as there had been several years ago from the Government; an training on CCTV security. Possibly some 'case study' examples could be created around projects such as a council getting CCTV.

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8. Future meeting are below, next F&M is 4pm on 7 May 2024

Debra Platt
County Secretary
5.15pm

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 TBC Conference & F2F	Monday 19 August 2024 Virtual
Saturday 7 September 2024 Virtual	Monday 28 October 2024 Virtual