

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting of the Association

held on Saturday 4th November 2023 at 2.30 pm
at Lancashire County Council County Hall, Preston

Present

Rt Hon Sir Robert Atkins	President
Cllr Phil Orme	Chairman
Mrs D Platt	Treasurer
and 35 member councils	

In attendance

Mrs D Platt	Membership & Engagement Officer/CO
Mr J Ashurst	Area Support Officer

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting were **agreed**.
3. Updates from the minutes
4. Annual Report – Chairman Phil Orme

Chair presented his report which had been circulated with the papers (and appended).

Chair added thanks to Debra and Val for the newly renovated LALC offering. Training offer is vastly improved and access to support and advice is excellent, also LCC Parish Champion Cllr Rigby for his support and attendance at the LALC meetings.

Approved: to adopt the Annual Report and Financial Accounts covering period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2023

5. Budget proposal for 2024/25

A discussion was held regarding the placement of the NALC subscription amount and that some members felt it should be within the body of the LALC budget.

Approved: to adopt the Budget proposal for 2024/25, with an amendment to move the NALC subscription amount to be within the body of the LALC budget.

6. Officers and Auditors

Approved: to agree the appointment for 2024/2025, nominated are

President:	Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Atkins	
Vice-Presidents:	Cllr Colin Peacock	Cllr Eunice Houghton
	Cllr Alan Neal	Cllr Phil Orme
	Mr Brian Anderson	
Treasurer	Mrs Debra Platt	
Accountants	JDH Business Services Ltd	

7. Motions from Member Councils

- a) Ellel Parish Council discussing 20 MPH measures (as circulated) proposed and seconded (appended to these minutes)
- b) Broughton in Amounderness Parish Council 20 MPH enforcement (as circulated) proposed but not seconded (appended to these minutes)
- c) Elswick Parish Council & Weeton-w-Preese Parish Council 20 MPH proposed and seconded (appended to these minutes)

Sir Robert Atkins asked for a vote on Motions a and c (both appended to these minutes)

Approved: Motions a and c were approved with the meeting.

8. Open Forum

Councillor from Much Hoole PC wanted to personally send thanks to Val the Training Officer for all her assistance this year.

Councillor from Westhoughton PC wanted to thank LCC and LALC for this event and all the hard work to bring this conference and AGM to members.

Chair asked members at the meeting about the former events LALC used to run [before Covid] namely, the Spring Conference. A Councillor on MALC felt that there was a lack of involvement from neighbouring Councils and felt that a conference [face to face] may foster ideas and involvement and in the past they were well attended.

The meeting was asked if the relaunch of a face to face LALC conference would be supported by them – most members agreed.

9. Close of Meeting

Chair closed with saying this was a productive meeting and thanked all attendees for their presence and Officers for the organisation.

Close 15:32

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Budget proposal for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

LALC has been assessing its service to its members and considering how it can further enhance this without increasing membership fees much, or at all. NALCs subscription fee will rise again this year by 3%, as it did the previous year and this will put pressure on Councils membership fee totals.

LALC will continue to generate interest in the local council sector – and make membership more attractive for Councils to keep all members fees down.

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Administration: all committed office expenses (website, telephony etc)	2,700
Office [additional/replacements] equipment (if required)	200
Meeting venues/rooms (if required)	250
Insurance	600
Advice services	3,300
Accountancy fees	750
Staffing: three p/t officers plus on costs (NI, WFH, mileage)	29,000
Administration Officer (LC3 SCP34 x 14hrs)	
Training Development Officer (LC2 SCP20 x 7hrs)	
Area Support Officer	
Committed other expenditures	
Best Kept Village Award sponsorship	2,000
NALC Affiliation estimate (assumed) £	42,116
Projects	
Area Committee building	600
Training support project	600
Membership building materials	250
Promotional materials, conference, leaflets	350
Membership promotion	2,000
Total	84,716

<u>Income</u>	
LALC subscription fees	37,000
Training fees	4,500
NALC Affiliation estimate (assumed) £	42,116
Bank interest	1,100
Total	84,716

NALC element explanation

Electorate of membership (assumed) including capped councils	530,425
NALC subscription fee pence/elector for 2024/2025	8
NALC Affiliation estimate (assumed) £	42,116



To: Member Parish & Town Councils
& LALC Executive Committee

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MOTION to 79th Annual General Meeting, Saturday 4th November 2023

From: Ellel Parish Council

Proposer: CllrLisa Corkerry..... who is attending

Seconder: CllrSam Charlesworth.....who is attending

Council would like to propose the following motion(s) for discussion:

That LALC ask the National Association of Local Councils to pressure HM Government to ensure planned policy changes on 20MPH Speed Limits and other traffic calming measures consider the health, safety, and wellbeing of residents already experiencing the issues of high speed traffic and to ensure those free from these issues are not now subject to it. Further, that LALC work with Lancashire County Council Highways to lobby for support towards '20s Plenty' campaigns, maintain current 20MPH areas, implement new ones wherein there is support from residents for their implementation, and support further traffic calming measures wherein a town, village, or hamlet exists on high-use roads.

Submission deadline – Monday, 23 October 2023

Email to office@lalc.org.uk entitled 'Motion to the 79th Annual General Meeting of the Association'



MOTION to 79th Annual General Meeting, Saturday 4th November 2023

Proposer: Cllr Pat Hastings who is attending

Seconder: Cllr who is attending

Broughton in Amounderness Parish Council would like to propose the following motion for discussion:

We ask that LCC & the police reconsider their stance as set out in the recent letter from Cllr Rigby (see below) the Parish Champion at LCC and ENFORCE the 20mph speed limit where designated. If this is not feasible all current schemes should be reviewed and those that are not functioning removed. A 30mph speed limit is enforceable.

Cllr Rigby’s response: “Highway speed limits should be set to a level that is self-enforcing. That being a speed at which car drivers would normally drive without any measures to ensure compliance. The existing 20mph sign-only areas were a result of a historic countywide scheme. The suitability for inclusion was determined by the county council, the police, and the local county councillor. We would only consider introducing new 20mph zones if there has been significant development affecting the layout and nature of the road”.

There are a significant number of 20mph limits around the county none of which are enforced. This has been the situation since they were 1st designated for residential roads and by schools (time limited) in 2011 by the Labour administration. In 2013 County councillor Tim Ashton, who was responsible for transport, said that he hoped that within a generation the limit would change habits as it's not right to speed in residential areas.

When the Broughton bypass (James Towers Way) was opened in 2018 the “old” Garstang Road was designated 20mph, the traffic lights at the junction of Whittingham Lane/ Woodplumpton Lane removed and a prohibition of heavy lorries except for delivery.

Over the last five years there have been many incidents of speeding (SPID’s have recorded the last years speeds) along this stretch of road, accidents at the crossroads and damage to the road surface.

The Parish Council has brought this issue to the attention of the County Council officers and councillors, the police & crime commissioner and his deputy and the Department of Transport. (Our MP has raised this for us with them)

The “20 is plenty” national group have advised us and other counties examples and now Wales’s approaches considered. We are not alone with other Parishes in Lancashire experiencing these problems.



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Proposer: Cllr Paul Hayhurst who is attending

Seconder: CllrJohn Woosnamwho is attending

20 MPH

LALC asks

1) the National Council's Association to pressure H M Government to ensure that planned changes on 20 mph speed limits and other traffic calming measures consider the health safety, and wellbeing of residents already experiencing the issues of high speed traffic and to ensure that those free from these issues are not subject to it

and

2) Lancashire County Council, mindful of the growth of new house building in many rural villages since 20mph areas were introduced across the County, to maintain and increase the number of 20 mph areas in rural villages, particularly where average traffic speeds exceed the road speed limits. Also, the County Council to offer support to '20's Plenty' campaigns and to improve and expand traffic calming measures and enforcement where a high use road passes through a town, village or hamlet.