

Minutes of the Lancaster Area Committee Meeting held on 15/1/25 at Morecambe Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Present:

Josie Candlin (Over Kellet PC)	Dave Wright (Oxton)
Andrew Taylor (Kirkham TC)	G. Agnew (Over Kellett)
John Ball (Warton PC)	John Ashurst (LALC)
Sgt. Lindsay Brown (Lancashire Police)	
Laura Worden LCC. Partnerships Development Officer	

1. Present and Introductions. Please see Attendance List above.
2. Apologies from Andrew Stevenson (Melling with Wrayton)
3. Appointment of Lancaster Area Committee Chairman

In his absence of a Chairman, John Ashurst agreed to act as Chairman for the rest of the meeting.

4. Appointment of Lancaster Area Committee Secretary

In his absence of nominations John Ashurst agreed to act as Secretary for the rest of the meeting pending the appointment of a permanent Secretary.

5. The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 17/7/24 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Acting Chair

6. Matters Arising not on the Agenda --- None

7. Speaker 1.--- Sgt Lindsay Brown of Lancashire Police addressed the meeting, indicating the organisational structure and Area covered by the Lancs. Police's Regional Task Force North being Cumbria down to Garstang.

His job is to act as a conduit between the Police and Partnership organisations such as the NHS and the Universities.

Reporting of Incidents : Calls to the police are filtered daily and depending on the nature of the call, the appropriate officer of the RTF Team is deployed

Road Safety incidents should also be reported on the LCC's website under ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP giving the Registration Number of the person driving irresponsibly where possible.

Members were also encouraged to sign up to the Police's IN THE KNOW Platform to keep up to date with developments and current issues.

Sgt Brown fielded questions from Members regarding use of camera evidence from video doorbells, e bikes and quad bikes, speeding, anti social behaviour and cyber fraud. Incidents of Cyber Fraud and hacking of e mails etc should also be reported to ACTION FRAUD

Sgt . Brown was thanked for his report which was much appreciated by Members.

Speaker 2 --- Laura Worden LCC's Partnerships Development Officer

Laura distribute information packs relating to her role and encouraged use of the website parishcouncils@lancashire.gov.uk giving a fast track to Laura's department.

A question regarding the regularity of gritting was raised and information regarding this is available on LCC's website. Laura indicated that some GRIT BINS were available to Parishes

Laura was thanked for her contribution

8. Parish Councils Open Forum --- Common Issues

The issue of taking over the responsibilities for COMMUNITY GARDENS was raised. Members were encouraged to carefully consider the matter before taking on the responsibility.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Dates of future meetings

To be arranged in May 2025 (Precise date to be confirmed) at Morecambe Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chair

Date