

Minutes of Ribble Valley Area Committee Meeting held on 26/2/24

Present: Mike Hill and Steve Houghton, Wiswell PC; Stuart O'Callaghan, Clayton -le - Dale PC; Richard Vickers, Whalley PC; Stephen Booth, Chatburn PC ; Paul McGovern, Dutton PC; Kay Galea, Sabden PC

LALC Officers: John Ashurst, Debra Platt

Visitors: Alison Wilkins LCC Partnerships Development Officer

Apologies : LCC Cllr Paul Rigby; Maggie Howells, Salesbury PC

Appointment of Area Chairman:

Mike Hill was nominated, seconded and elected unanimously

Appointment of Area Secretary

In the absence of nominations , John Ashurst LALC/ASO agreed to act as Secretary pending a permanent appointment .

Appointment of Ribble Valley Area Representatives

Richard Vickers and Mike Hill were nominated and appointed as R.V. Area Reps to attend future meetings of the LALC Executive

Address by Alison Wilkins LCC's Senior Public Health Practitioner, Health Equity and Welfare Partnerships

Alison Wilkins addressed the meeting regarding her role including the services offered by her department giving examples of its work in conjunction with LCC Cllr Paul Rigby in his role as LCC Parish Champion. **Some funding is still available for minor projects** and members were encouraged to submit their bids as soon as possible.

The link to Cllr. Paul Rigby is as follows:-

: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/parish-and-town-councils/parish-champion/>

Alison was thanked for her contribution which was much appreciated

Address by Debra Platt , LALC Member Services and Engagement Officer.

Debra distributed information regarding the courses and training and advice available to Clerks and Councillors of LALC members. Further information was available on the LALC website. .

A request for a copy of the Parish and Town Council Charter 2022/24 was made and it was agreed that access to this would be provided to all PC.'s

Link to LCC & Parish Charter: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/parish-and-town-councils/charter/>

Links to other useful information provided to other Area Committees are supplied below for use by Ribble Valley member Councils :-

Understanding Neighbourhood Plans Training on LALC website; £35 members, £60 for non-members, details here: <https://bookwhen.com/lalc/e/ev-s4uf-20231005190000>

This is a very helpful document for Councillors to have and digest when considering planning applications:

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/1632-how-to-respond-to-planning-applications/file>

The icon below should contain the **Presentations from the last LALC Conference** for your consideration



Presentations Parish
Conference Nov 2023

Open Forum :

A lively discussion ensued at which several issues were raised and advice offered . Other issues will be the subject of future meetings as indicated below. Priority to be decided by the Chairperson in conjunction with the Secretary, say two topics per meeting.

Possible Topics for Future Meetings :

Grant Availability

Banking Arrangements

Use of Social Media

Website Development

Training regarding Equality and Diversity and Code of Conduct

One issue challenging a Specifically Chosen Parish (to be decided by the Chairperson in conjunction with the Secretary)

Next Meeting:

Date , time and location to be advised

John Ashurst

Acting Secretary

LALC/ASO

28th February 2024