

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### Minutes of the 425th meeting of the County Executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils held virtually on 5 February 2022.

#### Present

Cllr D Cranshaw

Cllr P Orme

Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Atkins

Treasurer

Chairman

Vice Chairman

President

Mr B Anderson (attend 10.25 to 10.32)

#### Members representing areas

Blackburn with Darwen

Burnley, Hyndburn & Rossendale

Chorley

Lancaster

Preston

South Ribble

Wyre

Fylde, Knowsley, St Helens, Wigan

Cllr Mrs E Smith

Cllr A Neal

Cllr D Cranshaw

Cllrs C Peacock, Cllr Ms C Kynch

Cllr Ms P Hastings

Cllr Mrs E Houghton, Cllr K Martin

Cllr P Orme, Cllr Ms J Finch, Cllr B Crawford

Vacant positions

#### Officers & guests in attendance

County Officer

Membership & Engagement Officer

Marion Gelder (until item 2)

Debra Platt

Cllr Paul Rigby

#### Members not in attendance

Bolton

Burnley, Hyndburn & Rossendale

Lancaster

West Lancashire

Cllrs J Price, Cllr Miss M Maley

Cllr Ms M Jones (apology)

Cllr H Lewer (apology)

Cllr J Herbert, Cllr Ms M Sumner,

Cllr M Wainwright, Cllr B Bailey

Cllr Cranshaw thanked Marion for all her years' service to LALC. Sir Robert Atkins also spoke about Marion's work over the years and thanked her for her long service. Cllr Cranshaw will be visiting Marion soon with the leaving gifts and card.

Marion spoke to members about her time with LALC and how she appreciated the leaving messages she had received.

Sir Robert Atkins took over the meeting.

2. Election of Chairman

**Agreed:** Cllr Phil Orme was elected to the Chair.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

**Agreed:** Cllr Pat Hastings was elected to Vice Chair.

1. Welcome and apologies

Cllr Phil Orme took the Chair. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Darren for his excellent term as Chair and steering LALC forward over recent times.

Apologies as indicated above.

4. Election of representatives to outside organisations

**Agreed:** As per the attached finalised list.

5. Election of representatives to Finance & Management Sub-committee

**Agreed:** As per the attached finalised list.

DP will pursue Merseyside and West Lancs for reps to the F&M Committee.

8. Finance – item brought forward

**Agreed:** Members noted the written finance updates from the Treasurer and his update at the meeting on a returned honorarium cheque and his action to return the monies to the respective member councils.

6. Minutes of the 424<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held 11 September 2021

**Agreed:** 424<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee minutes of 11 September 2021.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

9. Recommended actions from the AGM resolutions

There were 2 motions – Bretherton PC regarding PROWs and Whitworth TC regarding un-regulated business types.

The PROW query had been put to Cty Cllr Rigby – investment level are to be raised for this service within LCC.

Un-regulated business types – Cllr Neal updated he had been liaising with NALC for them to get on to the Government agenda.

Cllr Cranshaw raised the need to feedback to members outcomes of AGM agenda items and resolutions. This could be done through the new newsletter forum.

#### 10. Area Committee reports

Attending members updated about their respective committee activity. Not all the Committees are presently active due to either having no Secretary or not getting back to running meetings following Covid.

#### 11. Reports from representatives on outside organisations

Cllrs Orme and Martin updated on the Best Kept Village competition.

Cllr Martin updated on the CPRE activities and initiatives they are getting involved in.

Cllr Kynch discussed footpaths and the Forest of Bowland update reports sent with the agenda.

Cllr Paul Rigby informed the funding for PROW budget at LCC will be rising, the Parish Champion has funding available, Cty Cllrs have personal grant allowances which is now £500 each from April 2022. The LCC conference went well and there is now the Highways conference programmed in for March 2022.

The proposed new fee and inspection regime for lighting columns in respect mostly of flower baskets was raised to Cllr Rigby. Other members also raised that this new regime appeared not to follow the Charter protocol for consulting with P&TCs. Cllr Rigby will follow these points up and report on them at the conference in March.

#### 12. Regional matters

The Northern Group meetings around the 18/2/22 – representatives will be Chair, Vice and County Officer.

Item for the agenda please send to Cllr Cranshaw.

Charter negotiations – the Charter team has been asked for feedback regarding LCC Highways new lamp post regime. Circulate when received.

#### 13. National Association matters

Cllr Peacock had circulated a report with the agenda papers. Members discussed the 'Login' facility to the NALC website. DP was asked for an update – members can have the login details as part of their membership, previously this may have not been given out so easily. NALC IT can change the password annually to help regulate Councils not remaining in membership. NALC is moving to a more secure system in the future and this will solve issues of circulating login details with non-member councils.

**Agreed:** LALC will ask NALC to reset the login details at the end of June in 2022 and end of April in 2023.

DP will explore a possible login area on the LALC website.

Cllr Peacock asked about NALC discussion groups and how many took part from LALC. Members discussed. The opinion was to allow LALCs new training programme to take off before introducing NALC paid discussion groups into the programme.

#### 14. Training

Members received the Training update report. Members fed back that the booking system was simple and has been well received.

#### 15. Any other urgent business

Protocol: LALC and SLCC-Lancashire – following meetings and circulation of the protocol, and clarification by both HQs of NALC and SLCC this protocol is ready for signing. This protocol marks the beginning of a better and more productive working relationship with the Lancashire equivalent of SLCC.

**Agreed:** It was agreed the Chairman Cllr Orme will sign the protocol and send over to SLCC Lancashire Branch for a respective signature from its meeting.

**Agreed:** Chair would write to the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee to commend her for her dedicated service to the Country.

#### 16. Dates of Executive Committee meetings in 2022

Members discussed that the Association had an AGM then the Executive and asked if these could be amalgamated to one. Cllr Cranshaw informed that the constitution recommends this is good practice to have an AGM for members then an AGM for the representing members on the Executive.

Executive Committee meetings	Finance & Management meetings
Saturday 9 April 2022	Tuesday 28 March 2022
Saturday 18 June 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
Saturday 10 September 2022	Tuesday 30 August 2022
Saturday 19 November 2022 – AGM	Monday 9 January 2023
Saturday 21 January 2023	

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