

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the 426th meeting of the County Executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils held virtually on 9 April 2022.

Present

Cllr P Orme

Cllr Ms P Hastings

Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Atkins

Treasurer

Chairman

Vice Chairman

President

Mr B Anderson

Members representing areas

Burnley, Hyndburn & Pendle

Lancaster

Preston

Wyre

West Lancashire

Cllr A Neal, Cllr M Jones

Cllrs C Peacock, Cllr Ms C Kynch

Cllr Ms P Hastings

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

Cllr C Ryley

Officers & guests in attendance

Membership & Engagement Officer

Training Officer

LCC County Campion

Debra Platt

Val Watson

Cllr Paul Rigby

Members not in attendance

Blackburn with Darwen

Bolton

Burnley, Hyndburn & Pendle

Chorley

South Ribble

Lancaster

West Lancashire

Fylde, Knowsley, St Helens, Wigan

Cllr Mrs E Smith (apology)

Cllrs J Price (apology), Cllr Miss M Maley

Cllr Ms M Jones

Cllr D Cranshaw (apology)

Cllr Mrs E Houghton (apology), Cllr K Martin

Cllr H Lewer (apology)

Cllr B Bailey

Vacant positions

1. Apologies
Cllrs Cranshaw, Houghton, Lewer, Price, E Smith.
2. Minutes of the 425th Meeting held on 5 February 2022

Agreed: Minutes were approved.

3. Matters of update
4. Finance reports

The Treasurer had submitted a written report and verbally updated on the closing down process for the accounts and bank accounts. The annual accounts will be presented at the AGM in November 2022.

Agreed: Noted the report and verbal updates.

5. Lancashire County Council update - Cty Cllr Paul Rigby

Cllr Rigby updated that he had received requests for road signs in village entering the In Bloom competitions, to be more visible and cleaned – he had asked the Cabinet member for Highways about the opportunity to use the allowance given to parishes and Cllr Edwards is looking into this.

The Highways conference seemed to go well and County Cllrs now had an ‘app’ showing County assets, this will be available to the public in time and in a reduced form.

Sir Robert asked about the state of roadsides such as the A6 and motorway junctions which are environmentally unsound and disgustingly littered. Cllr Rigby will investigate who should deal with these and why they are not doing so.

CllrPR

There were discussions about the difficulties in finding out who owns or is responsible for roadside areas and getting action taken and if Cllr Rigby could look into how this could be improved this would help parish council to report and take action on scruffy areas.

CllrPR

6. Update on LALC operations – Debra Platt

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Some of the Councils identified as new were queried – Debra responded that on searching the Finance report they were not found but, they could have paid more recently and not on the latest report she had received – these will be updated when the report is made available to her. Members thanked Debra for the progress and report.

7. Update on Training operations – Val Watson

Receiving responses from some trainers is slowing the process a little, when the information is available they courses will appear quickly. Members thanked Val for the progress and report.

8. Area Committee Reports

A report from South Ribble had been circulated.

Jan Finch from Wyre area reported it met last at the end of January and the Police Divisional Commander had attended. The next meeting is the end of April when Andy Pratt, from the Road Safety Partnership will be attending.

Chair mentioned that some areas had liaison meetings set up and this may be in competition with the area committees and we should revisit this item - pass to F&M.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Chris Kynch had submitted a draft response paper prior to the meeting regarding a NALC Consultation to County Associations on a Government Response to the Landscape Review – and spoke to the meeting regarding the issues. Link to the response: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/members-updates/entry/2064-consultation-149>

Chair reminded that the deadline for entries to the Best Kept Village competition was nearing.

10. Regional matters

There had been a Joint Federation meeting last week attended by Chair, Cllr Peacock and Debra Platt. Cllr Peacock had referred to this meeting in his report for 11i).

11. National Association matters

Cllr Peacock had circulated a report with the agenda papers and discussed a few of the items in the report. Members raised some questions on Levelling Up funding and how the Lancashire re-organisation was progressing. Updates were received that the Lancashire bid was rejected by Government and the Cumbria re-organisation was now progressing.

12. Any other urgent business

Cllr Neal reported his parish had co-opted a new member, the youngest for Whitworth Town Council ever.

13. Dates of Executive Committee meetings in 2022

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	

11.00
Debra Platt
County Secretary