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LALC Finance & Management Committee

Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting held virtually at 4.00 pm am on Monday, 19 August 2024

Committee members attending:

Cllr Phil Orme - Chairman
Cllr Darren Cranshaw
Cllr Iain Hamilton

Cllr Pat Hastings – Vice Chair
Cllr Keith Martin
Cllr Alan Neal
Cllr Gordon Smith

Officers: Debra Platt

1. Welcome and apologies

None.

2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2024 circulated.

Agreed: Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising

GS raised three things:

- Questions to Cllr Swarbrick had still not received a response, DP has been chasing.
- Survey to Las about planning authority practices – can we survey attendees at the conference, GS will send in questions.
- Energy working group – GS reported back on progresses and meetings.

KM reported on:

- Highways Act info but costs solicitor fees.
- Road signs wherever there is a ramp in the road, no response.
- UU scrutiny still waiting on a date for this.

4. Officer updates

The ASO reports had been circulated.

The Finance reports had been circulated.

No queries.

5. Area Committee/Secretary update paper and proposal

Proposal report and updates had been circulated.

Agreed: the proposal for the role of Area Secretary to be £500 per year and £10 per member of that area.

6. Conference arrangements for 7th September

KM – we could ask for Environmental projects/issues from attendees

GS – suggested contribution boards eg, planning/play/environmental

7. LCC SLA update

The suggested use of the remainder unused funding was accepted by LCC. The new project is under consideration.

8. Any items to be discussed for future agenda or actions

KM – informed us of a project regarding forensic spray on motorcyclists riders/bike; £10M allocations for EV charging points 'off street charging'; Scrap collectors on the streets should be licensed to be collectors and KM has asked for more information on this subject to write up as a case study; Lithium battery disposal eg, disposable vapes – NALC working on under 'Licensing Act 2003';

AN – informed there is a Peer who has the subject of Vapes going through presently.

Discussed batteries, Chinese lanterns, LA bans from Council assets eg as South Ribble have.

AN – NALC Management Board is discussing VAT on Utility standing charges/venues of local councils and have supported a resolution to abolish the introduction of standing charges on utilities.

9. Future meeting are below, next F&M is 4pm on 28 October 2024

Chair closed the meeting.

Debra Platt
County Secretary
5.17pm

LALC calendar 2024

Executive Committee Saturdays 10am	Finance & Management meetings 4pm
Saturday 20 January 2024 Virtual	Monday 8 January 2024 Virtual
Dates to be confirmed for 2024	
	18 March 2024 Virtual
Saturday 13 April 2024 Virtual	Tuesday 7 May 2024 Virtual
Saturday TBC Conference & F2F	Monday 19 August 2024 Virtual
Saturday 7 September 2024 Virtual	Monday 28 October 2024 Virtual