

Minutes of MALC Meeting Held 31st July Via Teams

In attendance Geoff Ward Rainhill, Paul wiencke Formby town council, Bradley Arnold Halewood Town Council, Iain Hamilton Halewood Town Council

1 Apologies Sandra Mayers - Whiston Town Council Clerk, Mo Kundi - Aintree Village Parish Council Clerk

2 Agree Minutes of previous MALC meeting - Agreed

3 Area Secretary Post

Area secretary post to be filled by Cllr Bradley Arnold until 2026 AGM to be held in June 2026 following May Town and Parish AGMs and principle authority elections.

4 Merseyside Matters

Ward boundaries in Knowsley are looking to be reviewed

We are finding difficulty getting parish boundaries set up due to discrepancy between parish and borough boundaries.

A ward from Eccleston is to come back to Rainhill before the next election however the Devolution bill may change this.

Small parish councils in Sefton are looking to merge to create a larger parish council. Sefton BC are currently reviewing.

5 LALC and NALC update

The new white paper proposes that online and hybrid meetings can take place. Standards in Public Life is under consultation with result and next stage expected in November 25. NALC are currently looking at setting up a fund to allow smaller councils to facilitate hybrid meetings.

6 AOB

None