

Cumbria Association of Local Councils

COPELAND DISTRICT

Note of a meeting of the executive of the Copeland district

6th October 2020

Virtual by Zoom

PRESENT: -

Andy Pratt (Drigg and Carleton PC)
Doug Sim (St Bees PC)
Bob Jones (Ponsonby PC)
David Faulkner (Bootle PC)
Chris Shaw (Liaison Officer Copeland)

APOLOGIES: -

Keith Hitchen (Waberthwaite PC)

1. Footway Lighting Chris said that this matter was discussed at the 3 tier meeting held on the 25th September 2020 and an earlier letter had been received by the local councils from the borough council. The letter under cover of an e-mail of the 23rd September 2020) drastically reduced the number of lights which the borough council sought an annual charge.

Chris said two town councils had asked for advice before responding. The view taken was that whilst the matter was for individual local councils they ought if their decision was to enter into an agreement before doing so be clear which lights they were taking on and whether they were needed. Andy said he had a map showing where these lights were sited. Chris said he would contact the councils.

Chris said he had received a message for Electricity North West offering a grant towards LED lighting for those sodium lights which the parishes owned as a result of the earlier action taken by ENW and the grant they then made. He had been told that seven parish /town councils were involved for a total of 20 lights. He said he had forwarded the ENW e-mail to these councils.

2. Re-Organisation of Local Government. This matter was discussed at the three tier meeting when the elected mayor had spoken about the various options for both re-organisation and devolution. It was noted that the county council had submitted a bid for a single unitary authority for the whole of Cumbria without an elected mayor. It was further noted that Calc had issued an interim position paper. It was agreed that the executive would keep a watching brief and no more.

3. Geological Disposal Facility. Chris said the matter had been discussed at the three tier meeting and he had subsequently received a message from the NDA asking for a meeting. Chris said he understood that three expressions of interest had been received by RWM in respect of land in Copeland. Andy said that was also his understanding. The next stage would be to form a working party with a view to moving forward to a community partnership. It was agreed that Calc should represent the parish sector until such time as it would be appropriate to bring the local parish(s) into a community partnership. Andy said that the borough council view had been set out in a statement dated March 2020 and the executive when it met on the 21st July 2020 had reaffirmed their position. It was agreed that this executive would be advised of the result of the NDA meeting.

Meeting ended 12.45 pm

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