

## CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of CALC's Executive Committee held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 10.00 am at the Community Fire Station, Penrith.

#### PRESENT:

Peter Bales  
Ann Byers  
Jill Hay  
Mike Higginbotham  
David Huxley  
Leslie Johnson  
Brian Kennish  
Bob Mather  
Rick Petecki  
David Peters  
Margaret Throp

In attendance: Samantha Bagshaw, Chief Officer.

#### **COLIN COX – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL**

Colin Cox made a presentation to the Executive Committee. He outlined the following:

- The changing face of Public Health
  - The changes to the NHS in Cumbria
  - What they mean for local councils and councillors
1. Colin described the different phases of public health through modern times, starting with the reforms to Victorian sanitation through scientific breakthroughs bringing mass vaccinations and the discovery of antibiotics. He described how public health then addressed social structures – transforming post-war housing and creating the welfare state, he emphasised the large role politicians played in this process. He finally identified the last phase of public health – one that was focused on factors relating to individual and how to address issues such as the link between smoking and cancer. The next phase of public health is not clear yet, but the challenges are clear, if complex and multifaceted:
- dementia
  - obesity and inactivity
  - an aging population

These issues need a holistic and community focused approach.

## 2. Public Health in Cumbria Today

The NHS is facing a very significant challenge especially in West Cumbria, a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) is being developed. A range of measures are being put in place but professional agree that the NHS cannot survive in its present form without a heavy emphasis on prevention.

The challenge is: How do we help the NHS do more prevention work? This means mobilising communities around their own health – better general health will make the health services sustainable.

Millom PC is an example of where the local council has successfully worked with other agencies in the town to help improve local health services.

## 3. What is the role of parish and town councils in public health?

a) Parishes have diverse powers to help in improving health and wellbeing. They can:

- maintain/manage footpaths
- promote recreation
- provide allotments

These powers are helpful in encouraging their communities to be more physically active.

b) local councils can take on some additional services, giving a greater sense of control in their community.

c) Councillors can work with local public health teams. It would be good to create a network of local health and well-being councillor champions who would work more closely with their local health and well-being teams.

Colin Cox was thanked for his presentation by the President of CALC.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

4. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Auld, K Hitchen, J Alexander and L Hallatsch

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2017**

5. Bob Mather invited nominations for the position of Chair for 2017. Rick Petecki was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations it was unanimously **agreed** that Rick Petecki be elected Chair for 2017.

(Rick Petecki in the chair)

The Chairman changed the order of the agenda to take Item 5 (Election of Vice Chairman) after Item 2

## **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2017**

6. There were no nominations for the position of Vice Chair. It was **agreed** that the election of a Vice Chairman would be brought back to the next meeting of the CALC Executive in April.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017**

7. The Committee noted the membership for 2017. See attached list at **Appendix 1**

## **MINUTES**

8. The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 were considered. It was noted that there was a missing word at the end of paragraph 6 and members requested that agendas should be circulated as agreed in paragraph 11. Otherwise, the members agreed it was a correct record.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

9. With regard to **paragraph 11**, Cumbria Leaders' Board Report – it was noted that the agendas for the both Cumbria Leaders' Board and the Chief Executive Group had not been circulated but will be in future. **Action for Chief Officer, along with other reports such as the agenda for the Rural Crime Stakeholder Group and the Public Health Alliance meetings.**

## **CALC REPRESENTATION ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL BODIES**

10. The Committee received a schedule of bodies to which CALC made appointments and considered whether any changes in representation were appropriate.

11. It was **agreed** that CALC's representation on national and local bodies for 2017/18 be as set out in the schedule appended to these minutes at **Appendix 2**

## **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE FROM THE CUMBRIA LEADER'S BOARD**

12. Cllr M Throp deputised for the Chairman at the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### **Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme**

Peter Mc Call, Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner, reported there has been some hate crime in Cumbria immediately after Brexit but this is currently reducing over time.

CCC Leader Stewart Young reported the Government has committed to settle 20,000 refugees within the UK and as a result on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016: CCC Cabinet offered to act as Lead Authority for re-settling 285 refugees in Cumbria over 3 years.

Quarterly flights into the North West region and Cumbria begin April 2017 with 5-6 families coming to Cumbria as part of a referral system based on accommodation needs and availability.

### **Environment Agency Update – Flooding Risk Management**

Moved to next CLB meeting

### **Extra Care Homes (Cumbria Wide And Future) Needs**

There are 700 licensed residential care homes in Cumbria which needs to increase to 2,800 by 2025 as dementia cases are expected to double during this period.

Currently there appears to be too little incentive for developers to build these homes yet 300 units per year need constructing with the help of housing development funds and private grant schemes. CCC & the District Councils need to ensure 'extra care housing' is built as a percentage of any future development.

Next meeting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1pm

### **CALC PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS TO NOVEMBER 2016**

13. The Committee noted the statement of payments and receipts for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The Chief Officer said that three outstanding grant payments from Allerdale BC, Copeland BC and Eden DC had now been paid.

### **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS**

14. The reports from the District Associations were noted.

The Chief Officer announced that Veronica Stockdale had been appointed to the post of Parish Support Officer for the Eden and Carlisle Districts.

### **REPORTS FROM CALC REPRESENTATIVES**

15. The Committee received written reports from the Association's representatives.

The Committee received the reports from the district associations. The Chairman reported that he had attended the **Rural Crime Stakeholder Group** where the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall explained his vision for policing in Cumbria over his term of office. He expressed an interest in working more closely with local communities and the Chairman suggested there may be possibilities to use parish noticeboards or newsletters to display information, and that CALC could send emails directly to parishes on his behalf. There was a discussion on the 101 line and difficulties in getting through, plus the need for visibility of the police especially in rural areas.

16. **Connecting Cumbria**– Brian Kennish reported back from the last Partnership Board Meeting. He reported that in excess of 128,526 premises could now be connected via fibre enabling the uptake of faster broadband services. The completion of Phase 1 of the project should be complete by the end of 2016.

17. There are now only 3 exchanges across Cumbria not connected via fibre, and two of those are scheduled to be connected in Phase 2– Buttermere and Wasdale, the third has been withdrawn. BT will have to replace the fibre connected cabinet in Brampton which has a broken base and has water ingress.

18. **NEWS:** BT have used lightweight fibre cables on telegraph poles to connect Howtown on the Pooley Bride exchange. This is a cheaper option than using underground ducting and is an innovation to facilitate the connection of remote rural areas. However, the cost of laying fibre directly to homes up long tracks is prohibitively expensive.

19. The most difficult part of the project is to convince people the superfast service is available in their area and getting them to ask their internet provider to upgrade them to fibre. So far, 32% of properties out of the total have done so. BT needs this number to reach 40% to enable them to generate additional funds in order to cover the costs of reaching all the remote properties and communities in Cumbria. **Agreed that the Chief Officer would highlight the issue in the next newsletter.**

#### **CHIEF OFFICER UPDATES**

20. The Chief Officer updates were noted. The Chairman commended CALC officers on their response to the NORTH WEST COAST CONNECTIONS consultation, acknowledging the time and effort put into the process by the staff.

21. CALC ACCOUNTS – it was pointed out that the Chief Officer did not have the power to increase Karen Wood's salary, however it was **agreed** that Karen Wood's should increase to £12.50 per hour.

22. WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL – The Chief Officer reported that CALC's Honorary Treasurer had undertaken work to provide a situation report to the Mayor of Whitehaven on their Finances and this was going to be given to the Mayor in the following week. It was noted that the clearest possible caveat be attached to the report that it is a finding based on the information provided by the town council at the time.

23. ABOVE DERWENT PARISH COUNCIL – the Chairman asked the Chief Officer to report back to the Executive on recent issues with Above Derwent PC. ADPC had not been happy about the level of legal support that it had received from both NALC and CALC.

It was **agreed that:**

- a) CALC has to provide greater clarity to member councils to ensure that they are aware of the extent and nature of the legal support that both organisations can offer.
- b) A form of words be brought back to the next meeting of the CALC Executive to be discussed and agreed.

#### 24. **2017 CALC AGM**

**Agreed: that the Chief Officer will make an approach to Lord Taylor, current President of NALC to ask if he will be the keynote speaker at the 2017 CALC AGM.**

#### **CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO CHANGE ITS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE AT SITE VISITS**

25. There was a general discussion of the different ways in which planning authorities engaged with parish councils regarding site visits.

It was agreed that:

- The Chief Officer make a list of the protocols relating to parish council access to site visits for each of the planning authorities in the county, including the LDNPA.
- The Chief Officer informs members of the change to protocol for County Council site visits.
- The issue will be brought back to the Executive at the meeting scheduled for 24 June 2017.

### **PROPOSED MEETING DATES**

26. It was **agreed:**

- (1) That Executive Committee meetings in 2017/18 be held at 10.00am at the Fire and Rescue HQ, Penrith on the following dates
- Saturday 1st April 2017 (NALC National Council is on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017)
  - Saturday 24th June (NALC National Council is on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017)
  - Saturday 21st October (NALC AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017)
  - Saturday 20th January 2018
  - CALC AGM - Saturday 11th November 2017

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

27. That the South Lakeland DC response to a proposal from BT to remove 77 telephone boxes is circulated to the Executive members for information.

### **CALC AGM**

28. The Committee received for information the draft minutes of the CALC AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

Chairman

## Appendix 1

Executive Committee  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Agenda item no. 3

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017

The Executive Committee's membership for 2017 is as follows:

From District Associations:

Allerdale	Cllr Rick Petecki Cllr Jenny Alexander	Embleton and District PC Kirkbampton PC
Carlisle	Cllr M Higginbotham Cllr Ronnie Auld	Wetheral PC Dalston PC
Copeland	Cllr Keith Hitchen Cllr Brian Kennish	Drigg and Carleton PC Muncaster PC
Eden	Cllr David Huxley	Mungrisdale PC
South Lakeland	Cllr David Peters Cllr Leith Hallatsch	Natland PC Windermere TC

Directly elected at the 2016 AGM for a three year term:

Cllr Peter Bales, Workington TC  
Cllr Margaret Throp, Above Derwent PC  
Cllr Leslie Johnson, Lakes PC  
Cllr Ann Byers, Dalston PC  
Cllr Jill Hay, Culgaith PC

### CALC Representation on National and Local Bodies 2017

To agree amendments to CALC's representation on outside bodies as proposed below:

<b>BODY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>SUBSTITUTE</b>
"Connecting Cumbria" Partnership Board	Brian Kennish	Rick Petecki
Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership	Rick Petecki	Brian Kennish
Cumbria Leaders Board	Rick Petecki	Margaret Throp
Cumbria Rural Forum	Rick Petecki	Brian Kennish
National Association of Local Councils (NALC)	Rick Petecki	Ronnie Auld
Northern Group of Local Councils	Rick Petecki	Ronnie Auld
NW Federation of Local Councils	Rick Petecki	Ronnie Auld
Lake District National Park Partnership	Leslie Johnson	Leith Hallatsch
Public Health Alliance (replaces seat on Cumbria Health and Well Being Board)	Margaret Throp	Rick Petecki
Rural Crime Stakeholder Group	Rick Petecki	Brian Kennish