

Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Allerdale District

**Minutes of a three-tier meeting held on the 26th March 2019
At Allerdale House Workington**

Chairman Tony Markley (Cumbria County Council)

PRESENT: -

David Colburn (Boltons PC)	David Wilson (Brigham PC)
Roger Hart (Allonby PC)	John Cowan (Oughterside and A PC)
Pauline Scott (Dearham PC)	Moira Knoery (Holme St Cuthbert PC)
Margaret Throp (Above Derwent PC)	Hugo Graham (CCC)
Lizzy Shaw (CCC)	Katie Clarke (Gilcrux PC)
Ian Hinde (Allerdale BC)	Rick Petecki (Embleton and district PC)
Chris Shaw (Calc Allerdale Liaison Officer)	Barbara Lamb (Dean PC)
Marion Fitzgerald (ABC)	
Amber Sykes (CCC)	Jo Lappin (LEP)

1. Welcome and Apologies Tony Markley welcomed councillors to the meeting. Apologies were given from Tony Worsley (Dean PC)

2. Any Relevant Matters from the 20th September 2018 meeting

a) Footway Lighting Chris Shaw said he had met with David Bryden the officer at the district council dealing with footway lighting. Mr Bryden had said that he and the county council officer were over 50% through identifying lights in the parishes but had not started on the condition of lights. He had found that the county council had altered some lights but not advised him. He said the district council are advising parishes of completed audit if asked and when complete will advise all parishes. Housing Associations know all their lights and responsibilities. Electricity North West money is being used at about £12k/£15k each year and something like £70k is left. ENW are still not advising ABC properly when removing lights and in the case of a light in West Newton agreed to re-instate at no cost. He said that the budget was reduced by £15k last year but when told by officers that it was insufficient amount was put back in mid year. There will be no change 2019/2020 but aim to require parishes to pay for electricity in 2020/2021 and for maintenance and energy from 2021/2022 onwards. Finally Mr Bryden had said that it was not the intention to write to parishes before the election which may result in a change of administration.

b) Parish elections He said he was anxious that the number of nominations for election to the parishes and town councils exceeded that of 2015 when many seats were left vacant. He reminded the meeting that the district council at the behest of CALC undertook a governance review following the 2015 election aimed at reducing the number of councillors in those parishes that considered themselves over represented. Only a small number of parishes had availed themselves of the offer.

3 Cumbria Enterprise Partnership The chairman welcomed Jo Lappin the Chief executive of the Cumbria Enterprise Partnership to the meeting. Jo Lappin spoke with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (The presentation was sent to all town and parish councils under the cover of an e-mail dated the 28th April 2019 I will send out again to any parish that requests the document). Following the presentation questions were asked about the urban focus when rural areas suffered from poor connectivity. Jo said that it was a priority and the LEP were working with providers and the area would be a pilot for 5g. It was agreed that it was of importance to the tourist industry that mobile connectivity was good. The question of entertainment for young people in a way of keeping them in the area was discussed and that another arts venue may help. The chairman thanked Jo Lappin for such a wide ranging presentation.

4 Working together update The chairman welcomed Amber Sykes who spoke about the Working Together project Amber reminded the meeting that highways officers had spoken at an earlier meeting and that the programme was now moving forward. She said that county councils across the country were all keen to legitimise relations with parish council on highway matters to ensure that parish councils doing work over and above the statutory requirements understood the way that work must be undertaken. She said that in a number of parishes work was undertaken in house whilst other councils had lengthsman type agreements with contractors. She said either way, formal arrangements were necessary, and in some cases the county council would provide training and equipment. She said that county council highways officers would be contacting parish councils in the next month or so to discuss this issue.

5 Coastal Consultation Update and Allerdale Local Committee priorities The chairman welcomed Lizzy Shaw the area manager for Allerdale who spoke with the benefit of a power point presentation which is attached. Turning to the priorities for the forthcoming year Lizzy said that area planning was an issue to focus upon and she would be contacting parishes in due course.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.45

The summer meeting has been fixed for the 11th July 2019 at Cockermouth town hall

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