

South Lakeland
District Association of Local Councils

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 26th January 2023

Teams Meeting

6.45pm for 7.00pm start

Attendees:



Name	Town/Parish Council or Organisation
Karen Johnson	Senior Manager Community Services Area Manager (South Lakeland), Cumbria County Council
Simon Blyth	Specialist Strategy South Lakeland District Council
Lois Sparling	Co-ordinator, South Lakeland Poverty Truth Commission, Cumbria CVS
Leith Hallatsch	Chair, SLDA, Windermere TC
Kate McGibbon	Parish Support Officer, South Lakeland & Barrow, CALC
Peter Smillie	Vice Chair, SLDA, Chair Arnside PC
John Heap	Chair, Hutton & Holmescales PC
William Huck	Chair, Burneside PC
Lynn Bell	Pennington PC
Lorraine Thompson	Pennington PC
Janey Hassam	Sedbergh PC
Helen Irving	Ulverston TC
Peter Cook	Windermere TC
John Houghton	Natland PC
Sharon Webster	Chair, Ulverston TC
David Webster	Ulverston Town Council
Christine Hallatsch	Windermere TC
Dave Rogerson	Levens PC
Peter Lansberry	Chair, Kentmere PM
Jonathan Cornthwaite	Kendal TC
Tracy Coward	Chair, Coniston TC
Anne Salisbury	Stavely with Ings PC
John Chapman	Chair, Skelsmergh & Scalthwaiteirigg

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Welcome: Leith Hallatsch, Chair of South Lakeland District Association of Local Councils welcomed Members and Speakers to the South Lakeland District Association of Town and Parish Councils' Meeting 26/1/2023.

PART 1	LGR Engagement, Cost of Living Crisis, SL Poverty Truth Commission- Updates
1.	<p>LGR Engagement Update (with reference to Westmorland and Furness Consultation Event - The Next Council Conversation, 08/02/2023): Karen Johnson, Senior Manager Community Services Area Manager (South Lakeland) Corporate, Customer and Community Services Cumbria County Council</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation: To be forwarded when received.</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Coward- Important to build partnerships between town and parish Councils and the new Unitary Authority (UA) and also between individual town and parish councils themselves. LGR is a good opportunity to improve ways of working. • Noted that town and parish councils will need support to realise the opportunities that the new UA structure will bring. • Important that representatives from 'grass roots' level are enabled to engage within the new UA structure. • Peter Cook- What functions/responsibilities will be handed down to Town and Parish Councils? • The Westmorland & Furness Event - The Next Council Conversation 08/02/2023 @ 6.45pm for 7pm via Teams, will be an opportunity to discuss this, and feedback will be given relating to the questionnaire (first conversation) that was completed by Town and Parish Councils. • Town and Parish councils are encouraged to come to this event with ideas and suggestions. • Nothing has been prescribed to date, and there will be a 'Co-production approach' taken. • A multi-agency working group has already been meeting around this subject, on which CALC is a member, representing town and parish councils. • Peter Lansberry- How can Parish Meetings be involved, given their reduced powers and duties compared to town and parish councils • The answer is not clear at the moment, and this will have to be considered to ensure that PM are involved to represent their residents • John Chapman agreed that this is a similar case for remoter parishes and smaller parishes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be scope to explore this matter at the Westmorland & Furness Event. • David Webster asked about Election Costs • Johnathan Cornthwaite confirmed that W&F have agreed to pay for the first round of elections • Members should contact Karen.Johnson@cumbria.gov.uk if they have any more questions in relation to the presentation.
	<p>Cost of Living Crisis Update: Simon Blyth Specialist Strategy South Lakeland District Council</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation attached:</p> <p> CALC DA COLC Jan 2023.pptx</p> <p>Discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W&F UA will have a new contact number, but existing contact numbers will be retained over a transition period • Jonathan Cornthwaite asked are if there are any issues with the changeover. These will be managed on an ongoing basis throughout the transition. • Kate McGibbon introduced the E-Poster ‘How Town and Parish Councils can support Community Resilience’ which has been created in response to the COL Questionnaire for Councillors Report. <p> COL- How Town & Parish Councils can su</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorraine Thompson asked what support there was in particular for families in relation to Cost of Living. • The greatest help is for those worst off. The aim to get people to ask for help and then they can be signposted/referred to relevant support, which is what support agencies/organisations are doing. • There are currently 27 food hubs across South Lakeland, showing the extent of the demand for such support due to the impact of Cost of Living.
3.	<p>South Lakeland Poverty Truth Commission Update: Lois Sparling, South Lakeland Poverty Truth Commission Co-ordinator, South Lakeland Poverty Truth Commission Cumbria CVS</p>

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	<div style="text-align: center;">  South Lakes PTC slides CALC Jan 2023. </div> <p>PowerPoint Presentation attached:</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first group meeting of the SLPTC will be held in Kendal next week, followed by meetings in Ulverston and Windermere • Janey Hassam asked how Food Clubs are monitored to ensure those most in need are benefiting. Worried that people are accessing this support who don't need it as much as others. • Discussed it is good that Food Clubs are open to all, as this takes away some of the stigma attached to receiving such support. • Some food support initiatives use Climate Action as theme of the support, rather than financial hardship. • Information relating to types of food support are outlined in the E-Poster 'How Town and Parish Councils can support Community Resilience
PART 2	South Lakeland District Association Business
4.	<p>Apologies for absence:</p> <p>Peter Clarke Cllr. Sutton Adrian Legg John Sanders Ken Dean Mike Mann Paul Blackburn Peter Endsor Kate Tripp Ann Brodie (due to technical problems)</p>
5.	<p>Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2022 (copy attached)</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held 21/09/2022 were approved. Proposed by Christine Hallatsch, Seconded by Peter Smillie</p>
6.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21st September 2022</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21st September 2022.</p>
7.	Informal discussion on topics of interest for future SLDA meetings

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	<p>David Webster proposed that we have a speaker from Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority at the DA Meeting scheduled for 04/07/2023, to discuss Town and Parish Councils role going forwards. This was agreed by the members present.</p> <p>There were no other topics of interest proposed by members for future DA Meetings. KM encouraged members to play an active part in these decisions, as if the subjects that were discussed/presented on at meetings were meaningful to members, this should increase interest in attending.</p> <p>Action: A Survey has been created to gather members ideas in one place: Click here to complete: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XVZPPCJ</p>
8.	<p>Date of next meeting: 20/04/2023 @ 7pm via Teams</p> <p>The date of the next SLDA meeting 20/04/2023 was agreed by the SLDA members present.</p>

Future dates for South Lakeland District Association of Local Councils meetings:

- 20/04/2023 @ 6.45pm for 7pm via Teams
- 04/07/2023 @ 6.45pm for 7pm via Teams- This will also be the AGM.
- 20/11/2023 @ 6.45pm for 7pm via Teams