

CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 172nd Meeting on Thursday 15th June 2017

Part 1 Meeting with South Lakeland District Council

SLDC Leader, Councillor Giles Archibald, welcomed everyone to the meeting. David Sykes, Director of People and Places, introduced the presentations.

Planning & development management update - SLDC Development Strategy & Housing Manager, Dan Hudson, highlighted a forthcoming consultation in June/July 2017 on development management policies and Arnsdale and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Local Plan (first in the country for an AONB), before intended adoption in Spring 2018. At the same time evidence gathering has begun on the replacement Local Plan (2021 to 2036) which he anticipates will have fewer but larger allocations. He explained that applicants in certain parishes will now apply to LDNPA or YDNPA as their Planning Authority (since the extensions to the National Parks in August 2016) but planning officers and committees will be working from existing (SLDC) Local Plan, until the National Parks prepare new Local Plans. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) only applies to those parishes that have SLDC as their Planning Authority and is only payable (to parish councils at 15% - or 25% where a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted) where development has taken place. Parishes are being consulted on a draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (which will set out what CIL is intended to be spent on – eg. school places, transport, employment sites). There is a question mark over the future of CIL. As future Local Plans become more strategic, parishes will need to consider developing Neighbourhood Plans for localised policies for detailed matters in small areas. SLDC Development Management Group Manager, Mark Shipman, informed parishes that there is ongoing work to digitise all council services (through SLDC website) but starting with planning, building control and land charges and he anticipates meeting with parishes this autumn to discuss this further, with a view to a possible launch in summer 2018. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to obtain a digital copy of the presentation and email to all parish clerks.

Community-led projects – Principal Partnerships & Communities Officer, Simon Blyth, explained that his team covers parishes, young people, resilience groups, community safety partnerships, equality and diversity. Key communication tools include the annual Parish Charter and a Local Area Partnership (LAP) newsletter two times a year. Partnerships & Funding Officer, James McEvoy, took parishes through examples of and criteria for Locally Important Projects (LIPs – funded through the New Homes Bonus), explaining that 72 projects (eg. playgrounds & sports facilities, street improvements, village halls, footpaths, disability or broadband access) in the district had received nearly £1 million in the last 5 years. It is likely that LIPs will open again to applications in December 2017. There is information on other grants on SLDC grants page or you can email: communitygrants@southlakeland.gov.uk The Gateway Group is an e-hub of small grants for 3rd sector organisations. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to obtain a digital copy of the presentation and email to all parish clerks.

Part 2 Association Business

8/17 Present

David Peters (Chairman & Natland); Amanda McCleery (Secretary & CALC); Peter Smillie (Arnside); Ken Dean (Colton); John Saunders (Windermere); Margaret Knowles (Beetham); Leslie Johnson (Lakes); Andy Blackman (Kendal); Peter Winter (Preston Patrick); John Chapman (Skelsmergh & Scalthwaiterigg); Karen Hadwen (Egton with Newland, Osmotherley and Mansriggs).

9/17 Apologies for absence

Jim Shaw (Arnside – stepped down as a parish councillor); Leith Hallatsch (Windermere); Angela Scrogam (Pennington); Sue Sanderson (CCC & SLDC councillor); Pat Clifford (Arnside)

10/17 Minutes

Minutes of 171st meeting, held on 9th March 2017, were approved as a true record of the meeting.

11/17 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) *New Director for EA Kent & Leven Catchment* – as previous Director (who spoke at March 2017 District Association meeting), Celia McNally, has changed role within the Environment Agency.
- (ii) *Report from CCC for parishes* – Amanda McCleery read out a reply from CCC Area Manager, Karen Johnson, about how a report from CCC for parishes is not possible and reiterating the value of email/phone/one-to-one meetings (between county councillor and parish council chairman or clerk) and the useful information (especially on Highways) contained in the agenda pack for CCC South Lakeland Local Committee (though it does contain many different papers).
- (iii) *Additional power lines for Duddon estuary* – Amanda McCleery had found out that Electricity North West would erect temporary additional 132kv power lines around the Duddon estuary for 7 to 10 years whilst National Grid was building its 400kv lines (because ENW's current 132kv lines would be affected by this work and in the meantime the area still needs electricity). However, the whole North West Coast Connections (NWCC) project of National Grid is currently on hold whilst the future of the nuclear power station at Moorside is uncertain (with Toshiba pulling out and NuGen needing to find a new funder). There will be a survey and 2 meetings to glean parish feedback on NWCC consultation and whether it was adequate (see June 2017 CALC Circular and an email to clerks on 7th June for more information).
- (iv) *New Parish Member for South Distinctive Area on LDNPA Board* – Lakes parish council chairman, Louise Waterhouse, has been elected to fill this role.

12/17 Items of Interest from Parishes, CALC and LAPs

- (a) *Windermere* – town council has established a subgroup to solve the many parking problems in the town. Settlements can request primrose (not bright) yellow lines from CCC Highways.

- (b) *LAPs* – High Furness and Grange & Cartmel LAPs held an informative joint meeting (open to other LAPs) on rural crime, with the county, district and parish level all being covered by various speakers.
- (c) *CCC Highways* – Highways Information Management Systems (HIMS) launched in March 2017, so highways faults can now be reported and actioned online. Mixed experiences so far by parishes. There has been a successful funding application to the Department of Transport for highways maintenance capital works (eg. bridge works - with £250,000 this year and £4 million by 2020). The new bridge at Staveley (to replace Gowan Bridge which was severely damaged by Storm Desmond) was opened in May which can take a greater volume of water.
- (d) *SLDC Community Housing Fund* – SLDC has been given £2.3 million by the government to support community-led housing development because the impact of 2nd homes is particularly acute. This is the 3rd highest amount (after Cornwall and N. Norfolk). SLDC is currently investigating the idea of a community-led housing “hub”, deciding on officer resources and assessing applications. More information from: SLDC Affordable Housing Officer, Rebecca Day – rebecca.day@southlakeland.gov.uk
- (e) *Community flood meetings* – residents and parish councillors met in April and May to discuss how to establish a voice for communities with government, Environment Agency etc. It was decided to establish a South Lakes Flood Action Partnership to represent the various flood action groups (FLAGs) and communities on the decision-making Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership.
- (f) *Engagement by police with parish councils* – the police wrote to all parishes in May 2017 explaining that the main communication would be by a monthly newsletter (sent to all clerks) and that police would only attend parish council meetings if required to address a specific local priority or to reassure the public if tensions were high. There will be 6 new Inspector posts to supervise the neighbourhood policing teams and concentrate solely on community engagement, working with partners and problem solving.
- (g) *Grange-over-Sands draft Neighbourhood Plan* – there was a consultation in May/June with the intention of a referendum this winter. There is the full plan and a summary but also a design guide with both principles and examples of acceptable design (for all category of housing eg. terrace, bungalow).
- (h) *NHS/CCC Integrated care communities (ICCs)* – these are about health and care professionals working with local communities to establish what is already there and what is needed. With more care in the community, people will either avoid hospital altogether or be there for less time. East ICC had an initial meeting last autumn and smaller working groups are now forming for Sedbergh, Kirkby Lonsdale and Milnthorpe. Grange and Lakes ICC held their initial meetings this spring.
- (i) *Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan (2018 – 2023)* – there are various ways to respond to this important document (which influences what happens in the National Park and sets out its long term vision and objectives) by 3rd July. It has been drafted by a steering group of public, private and voluntary organisations. More information at: www.yorkshiredales.org.uk
- (j) *CALC Satisfaction survey* – first one in 5 years or so to establish what activities, services and assets parishes are involved in and to get feedback on the service that parishes (as members) receive from CALC in order to prioritise resources and focus on serving parish councils more effectively. It was sent out in digital form to parish clerks on 12th June with a deadline of 4th August (see June CALC Circular for more information).

13/17 Reports from Representatives to Other Bodies

CALC Executive Committee – David Peters

Housing Advisory Group – David Peters

CCC South Lakeland Local Committee – Allan Muirhead

SLDC Standards Committee – David Peters

Rusland Horizons – Amanda McCleery

See attached papers on all the reports above. Amanda McCleery shared, with the meeting, the Partnership Plan (2017/8) of the South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership and its two priorities of alcohol and violent crime/sexual offences and online child sexual exploitation and staying safe. A recent presentation to Windermere town council gave the three focuses for policing in Cumbria as children, fraud (especially elderly people and scams) and terrorism. South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum has not met since the last District Association meeting in March.

14/17 Dates, Venues and Times for Future Meetings

Thursday 21st September 2017 AGM.

Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens

7pm start.

ACTION: Amanda McCleery to contact newly-established (April 2017) Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for an update.

Thursday 30th November 2017

CCC hosted meeting Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens

7pm start.

ACTION: Amanda McCleery to organise agenda with CCC Karen Johnson. Parish suggestions include: Highways and libraries.