

## CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

#### Minutes of 177<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

##### **Part 1 Presentation on Great Place: Lakes & Dales by Manon Keir**

Programme Support Officer, Manon Keir, gave some background to this lottery-funded 3 year arts, heritage and culture project (until 2020) that is led by Craven District Council, with SLDC, LDNPA and YDNPA as key partners, and covers a rural corridor between Skipton and Grasmere. It also has creative partners, such as Lakes Alive, The Brewery and Wordsworth Trust. It is all about exploring the reasons for the decline in the number of young people (16 to 34 years) and coming up with proposals and initiatives (through legacy reports) for partner organisations to try to reverse this over time. Manon covered the 6 strands of the project, namely research (eg. online survey, discussion groups, business aspirations); place making so that young people are mentioned in strategies and policies of organisations (eg. architectural competition, festival); digital (eg. helping creative venues to engage new audiences through apps); business (eg. strengthen links with universities, co-working spaces for start-ups); learning (eg. exchange programmes with other parts of the UK); creative through talking to young people to find out what they want (eg. comedy, circus). Young people who love living in the area are becoming “creative champions” so that the project can promote real stories. The project website is: [www.lakesanddales.org](http://www.lakesanddales.org)

There will be a Creative Connections Conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November to update people on the project (booking essential). Anyone can sign up to the newsletter. The team is working on a Placemaking Festival. **ACTION:** If parishes know of any quirky places that could be used as venues (eg. barn, lime kiln, around a lake) to contact the project team at: [hello@lakesanddales.org](mailto:hello@lakesanddales.org) The team would love to hear from young people in the northern part of project area (eg. Grasmere, Ambleside, Windermere) and is happy to give presentations to parish councils. There was a question on how the project would be judged at the end. Manon explained that the project is measuring, over its life time, whether perceptions have changed and there is more on offer by the end and if young people are referred to in strategies. She acknowledged that actually increasing the number of young people would take much longer. It was stated how many of the companies in the National Parks are small in staff number (with just a managing director and some workers), rather than larger companies that also have middle management which allows for career progression.

##### **Part 2 Association Business**

###### **16/18 Present**

Amanda McCleery (Secretary); James McEvoy (SLDC); Peter Smillie (Arnside); David Peters (Chairman & Natland); David Rogerson (Levens); Roger Atfield (Levens); John Stott (Stainton); Ken Dean (Colton); John Saunders (Windermere); Leith Hallatsch (Windermere); Kate Ritchie (Helsington); Joss Curwen (Duddon); Mary Chapman (Skelsmergh & Scalthwaiterigg); Lyn Prescott (Lower Holker); Mike Squire (Lindale & Newton-in-Cartmel); Diana Rutherford (Blawith & Subberthwaite).

### **17/18 Apologies for absence**

Leslie Johnson (Lakes); Richard Sutton (Kendal); Urswick parish council; Margaret Knowles (Beetham); Peter Taylor (Egton with Newlands, Mansriggs & Osmotherley); Lorraine Thompson (Pennington); Angela Scrogham (Pennington); Peter Winter (Preston Patrick).

### **18/18 Minutes**

The minutes of the 176<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, were approved as a true record.

### **19/18 Matters arising from the minutes**

- i) *3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agreements with CCC Highways* – Amanda McCleery had written to Peter Hosking, CCC Highways Network Manager, for an urgent update on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The letter had requested that: one, CCC contact parish councils as part of the review and two, the review is published by early autumn (to help with budget setting). Despite being chased, no reply had been received. However, a few parishes had met with CCC and CALC in August as part of the review and to discuss a new project which is called “Working Together” but there has not been an official launch yet. In the meantime parishes said that they were continuing with grass cutting, sign cleaning etc. through lengthsman. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to ask Peter Hosking for update on this as part of his presentation to November meeting.
- ii) *Process of election of parish member to YDNPA* – Amanda McCleery contacted Julie Payne, Committee Officer. Julie explained that all parishes in South Lakeland and Eden part of the National Park had been asked if they wished to nominate a candidate. Only Ian McPherson (Sedbergh) was put forward, so no vote was required and Ian was re-elected.

### **20/18 Election of officers – 2018/19**

*Chairman – David Peters* (Natland parish council) was re-elected.

*Vice-Chairman – Leith Hallatsch* (Windermere town council) was re-elected.

### **21/18 Election of representatives to other bodies**

*South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership – Leith Hallatsch* was re-elected.

*CALC Executive Committee – David Peters & Leith Hallatsch* were re-elected.

*Health & Wellbeing Forum – Peter Smillie* was re-elected.

*SLDC Housing Advisory Group – David Peters* was re-elected.

*SLDC Standards Committee – David Peters & Peter Smillie* were re-elected.

*CCC South Lakeland Local Committee – Allan Muirhead & John Saunders* were re-elected

**ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to check that Allan Muirhead happy to continue as a rep.

## **22/18 Items of Interest from Parishes, LAPs and CALC**

1. *Duddon Estuary Partnership* – Duddon parish council enquired about the significance of this partnership to the South Lakeland District Association. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to look into.
2. *Highways* – problems with Highways Information Management System (HIMS) for Lower Holker parish council with reports disappearing off the system whilst other items were still on the system that had actually been completed. Levens parish council said that it was difficult to get beyond Stage 1 on HIMS and impossible to speak to someone in person. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to ask for an update on this as part of Highways presentation to November meeting. There have been new street lights in both Windermere and Arnside that have not been requested.
3. *Broadband in Upper Kent* – Broadband For the Rural North (B4RN) is working fast to provide hyper fast broadband (through fibre to the door, with cables laid by the community) to Selside, Longsleddale etc. As a result BT is now interested in trying to offer superfast broadband (but fibre only to a central cabinet).
4. *SLDC Customer Connect project* – SLDC Officer, James McEvoy, explained that the project is about SLDC becoming predominantly self-service so residents can access information online which will free up staff to support the most vulnerable. First, in Spring 2019, there will be a review of senior management and some departments (eg. Communities Team) before locality working is introduced from Autumn 2019. James said that contacting SLDC by phone will still be an option for those people without computers.
5. *SLDC Community Governance Review* – last one was in 2013. This one needs to be completed by July 2019 and is being led by SLDC Officer Paul Mountford. Parish councils were sent all the information over the summer. **ACTION:** Parishes need to send their initial submissions by November.
6. *LAPs* – suggestion from the meeting of LAP Chairmen that LAPs could submit priorities on Highways for a local area to CCC, through reps. meeting with CCC Highways Officer, Peter Hosking, to identify preferred schemes. Parish councils are opposed and want to submit priorities on Highways for their individual parishes to CCC themselves. **ACTION:** SLDC Officer, James McEvoy, will feed this back.
7. *CALC* – parishes will vote at AGM in November about proposed new subscription fees. Other items emailed to clerks in September. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to attach these other “items of interest from CALC” to the minutes.

## **23/18 Reports from Representatives**

- CALC Executive Committee – David Peters
- Health & Wellbeing Forum – Peter Smillie
- CCC South Lakeland Local Committee – Allan Muirhead

David Peters gave a report on a recent meeting of the SLDC Standards Committee.

**ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to obtain digital copy and attach to the minutes.

## **24/18 Dates, Times and Venues for Next Meeting & 2019 Meetings**

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November      Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens from 7pm*

Hosted by CCC, with presentations on Highways and community health & wellbeing

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

*Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens, from 7pm*

Agreed to invite South Lakeland Police Inspector to talk about community policing.

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

*Kendal Town Hall (SLDC Chamber) from 7pm*

**ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to contact SLDC Officer, Tom Benson, to find out which elections and where in 2019.