

## CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

#### Minutes of 173<sup>rd</sup> Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

##### **Part 1 Update on New Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr Jim Hacking**

Jim started by explaining that a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is a group of GPs that buys health services (hospital, community and mental health) on behalf of their populations. The new Morecambe Bay CCG reflects the area served by Kendal, Lancaster and Barrow hospitals and the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). He talked about: the basic facts, the Executive Committee, the major risks and opportunities, health and wellbeing and better care together through a series of slides. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to obtain a digital copy of the presentation and email it to all parish clerks.

Various questions were put to Jim. It is now possible to return crutches and zimmer frames to the physio departments of the Morecambe Bay hospitals. Jim does not anticipate further organisational change in the NHS before Brexit as it would require primary legislation. The GP practices elect people to sit on committees within Morecambe Bay CCG and those committees then make decisions. If practices are unhappy with decisions made, then in the future they un-elect their representatives. To share issues or ideas, email: [info@morecambebayccg.nhs.uk](mailto:info@morecambebayccg.nhs.uk) or telephone: (01524) 519369

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

###### **15/17 Present**

Amanda McCleery (Secretary); Cameron Yazdi (SLDC); Peter Taylor (Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley); Enid Hastings (Casterton); Peter Smillie (Arnside); David Peters (Chairman & Natland); Margaret Knowles (Beetham); Peter Winter (Preston Patrick); Clive Christensen (Arnside); David Rogerson (Levens); Roger Atfield (Levens).

###### **16/17 Apologies for absence**

Leslie Johnson (Lakes); Ken Humphris (Casterton); Andy Blackman (Kendal); Richard Sutton (Kendal); Lyn Prescott (Lower Holker); Leith Hallatsch (Windermere).

###### **17/17 Minutes**

The minutes of the 172<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, were approved as a true record.

###### **18/17 Matters arising from the minutes**

**ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to find out who has replaced Celia McNally as EA Catchment Director for Kent and Leven and ask them about Troutbeck Bridge (for Windermere town council) and the reservoir (for Pennington parish council).

###### **19/17 Election of officers – 2017/18**

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

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

## **20/17 Election of representatives to other bodies**

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

*CALC Executive Committee – David Peters & Leith Hallatch 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*

## **21/17 Items of Interest from Parishes, LAPs and CALC**

1. *BT Telephone Boxes in Villages* – some boxes had the telephone removed about 4 years ago and are now left with a decaying box (eg. Natland). Then about 12 months ago BT contacted the National Parks about further boxes and SLDC replied to BT to say that all parishes wanted to keep theirs. However, some of those parishes want to put their box to a different use (eg. defibrillator at Casterton) and they should contact SLDC ([cameron.yazdi@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:cameron.yazdi@southlakeland.gov.uk)) as SLDC need to approve any community adoption. Other parishes do want to keep it as a working telephone (eg. Levens).
2. *Transparency* – parishes with a turnover of less than £25,000 realise that they are now exempt from external audit but are unsure of the process (eg. full council resolution; exemption certificate to complete). **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to find out and report back.
3. *Broadband for South Westmorland (BASW)* – 30+ kms of cable have now been laid in Old Hutton, New Hutton and Preston Patrick. The work is bringing residents together. It is also developing in Beetham and Killington. Levens is investigating a link to Hincaster.
4. *Keeping track of changes in staff* – one suggestion was to use the contact hub/general email in the principal authorities so that the query is logged. Senior officers only are on SLDC's website.
5. *Local Area Partnerships* – James McEvoy and Cameron Yazdi are now running the LAPs and Cameron will be the initial contact for parishes. Simon Blyth is in charge of Locally Important Projects. A revised Parish Charter Action Plan is being developed and autumn LAP meetings are being organised. The next newsletter is in December.
6. *Parish councils at planning site visits* – SLDC do not invite parish councils to site visits (same as Allerdale, Eden and Barrow), whereas Lake District National Park parishes are invited to a site visit (same as Copeland and Carlisle) but primarily if the application goes to committee. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to find out about YDNPA.
7. *Health & wellbeing coaches* – they are designed to reduce the impact on front line services like GPs and want to reduce the people that are constantly impacting on front line services by working with them. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to find out where they will be based and how to contact them.

8. *Cumbria Community Messaging* – for flood alerts, road closures, power cuts and scams. Individual chooses how, when and which information is received. CCC, police, EA etc. are all involved. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to send leaflet to parish clerks.
9. *Lake District as UNESCO World Heritage Site* – 2017 marketing campaign of “We are the Lakes” with information and a free toolkit as the logo can be used on parish websites.
10. *SLDC Surveys* – there had been a review of how car parks are operated. Currently it is seeking views and opinions on both the previous Dog Control Orders and new Public Space Protection Orders that will replace them.
11. *NALC Publications* – this year NALC has not only updated its Good Councillor’s Guide but also produced: Good Councillor’s Guide to Finance and Transparency and Good Councillor’s Guide to Neighbourhood Planning. Each cost a few pounds or can be downloaded free from the NALC website. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to check if they are also on the CALC website.
12. *National Grid NWCC* – there were parish workshops in July and WYG collated parish response to “adequacy of consultation” and sent these to the Planning Inspectorate. This is the first thing that the Planning Inspectorate looks at before any technical details of an application. The whole project has stalled whilst NuGen finds new funding for its Moorside nuclear power station.
13. *Problem Solving Police Officers* – they deal with protracted issues, such as anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood disputes, issues with problem premises etc. Police hope that these teams already have strong links with parish councils.
14. *LDNPA Business Plan (2017-2020)* – this was emailed to parishes by CALC on 26<sup>th</sup> July. It referred to mobile phones and broadband, health and wellbeing, access and recreation and distinctive area working.
15. *CCC Highways Cumbria Design Guide* – it will be used to guide CCC’s response to planning applications in its role as Highways Authority and includes Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDs). There is no survey but comments should be emailed to: [graeme.innes@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:graeme.innes@cumbria.gov.uk)
16. *CALC Member Survey* – the analysis of results would suggest: outreach to newer clerks; opportunities for clerks to meet together; a contact list of key staff in local authorities; improve communication difficulties between parishes and CCC; continue CALC Circular/advice service/website; review current system of district association meetings as the least valued of CALC’s services.
17. *Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan (2015-2030)* – this has been adopted for Cumbria outside the two National Parks. It identifies what minerals and waste related development should go where and why.

## **22/17 Reports from Representatives**

- CALC Executive Committee – David Peters
- Health & Wellbeing Forum – Peter Smillie
- CCC South Lakeland Local Committee – Allan Muirhead
- Morecambe Bay Partnership – Amanda McCleery

Above 4 reports were emailed out to parish clerks in advance of the meeting and a report on SLDC Standards Committee was read out at the meeting. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to attach the report on SLDC Standards Committee to these minutes.

## **23/17 Dates, Times and Venues for Next Meeting & 2018 Meeting**

*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017*      *Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens from 7pm*  
Hosted by CCC, with presentations on Highways and libraries, plus an update on transparency from CALC Chief Officer, Samantha Bagshaw

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018*      *Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens, from 7pm*  
Suggested presentations include: police (problem solving, community messaging); health (Gateway Centre in Kendal; Gateway e-Hub; Ulverston as a dementia-friendly town); South Cumbria Rivers Trust (last presented in 2015).