

CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 178th Meeting on 29th November 2018

Part 1 Presentation

Councillor Nick Cotton, Chairman of Cumbria County Council (CCC) South Lakeland Local Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting. CCC Area Manager, Karen Johnson, was also present.

Working Together Update

There was an update from CCC Kevin Musgrove and Victoria Percival on the Working Together project. This is all about rebranding and formalising lengthsmen agreements with third parties as CCC has a responsibility to ensure safety and provide the appropriate level of protection. CCC is finding out what low/medium risk activities take place on the Highway (eg. verge cutting, sign cleaning) and there was initial engagement with a few parishes over the summer. CCC to approach parishes to ascertain their normal activities as it varies, with Preston Patrick clearing ditches and gulleys with volunteers, whilst Windermere also has a paid town steward. There will be an annual form but it will be a bespoke agreement with each parish council. CCC is keen to have them in place by March 2019. CCC is also looking at activities by volunteers (eg. litter picking, bulb planting) which will form separate agreements with parish councils. Winter (eg. gritting) and resilience (eg. flooding) activities will be looked at later as they are higher risk. CCC sometimes has agreements with local farmers to respond to flooding or snow. CCC is happy to discuss with Burton-in-Kendal about cordoning off parts of the road that is flooded. If a parish wants to cut the verge more than its annual cut by CCC, then parish council would need to precept for this. **ACTION:** CCC Peter Hosking to look into if CCC would pay parish council to do its annual cut as well.

Questions for Highways

1. Highways Information Management System (HIMS) – some parishes finding reports disappearing off the system whilst other items - still on the system - have actually been completed. Peter said that nothing should be disappearing off the system but, after 3 months, a defect won't still be on the public mapping though it will still be on CCC records. Of 17,000 "reports" in South Lakeland since 2017, 1200 are still "open." This summer more improvements have been made to HIMS to help CCC officers navigate the system.
2. Inputting to the Capital Programme – this is all about the resurfacing of footways and carriageways, street lighting etc. Parish councils are keen to be involved. The information is captured from CCC officers, CCC councillors, public and any communication with parish councils in the spring. Any suggested schemes are then assessed and scored each summer before the programme for the following year is agreed. The capital programme can be found on the CCC website.
3. Toolbox Talks jargon buster – this was mentioned at the meeting of the LAP Chairs in the summer at which CCC Highways Nick Raymond was present. As Peter knows nothing about it, **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to email Peter so he can look into it.

Community Health and Wellbeing

CCC Manager, Mike Conefrey, introduced Kendal GP, Dr Amy Lee, who used her work with Kendal Integrated Care Community (ICC) (where she is lead GP) as a case study. ICCs were established about 2 years ago with a core health team (GP, nurse, care navigator developing care plans with elderly and frail) but also working with education, police, fire, parish councils, churches, third sector. There are 4 ICCs in South Lakeland: Kendal, Grange & Lakes, East (Sedbergh, Kirkby Lonsdale & Milnthorpe) and Ulverston & Dalton. They tend to support established activities, rather than start new things. Kendal ICC has several priorities: frail elderly; mental and emotional wellbeing; links with third sector; sustainable services; healthier and happier communities. There is little resource but by working together can do more with it. Various focus groups have been established: living with frailty; care homes; mental health; learning disabilities; children and families; community engagement; flood group. There have been events on mental health and end of life care. It is delivering “I Matter” training in schools, GPs etc as parents are asking for help with children who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to attach digital presentation to minutes.

Several questions were asked. Amy explained that all organisations recognise care plans (eg. hospice, Age UK, relatives, hospital, ambulance, GPs and district nurses) with the folder being kept in a prominent place. Parishes can find out more, either by contacting Amy or CCC Development Officers, Cherrie, Gill and Carol (carol.last@cumbria.gov.uk), who are linked to ICCs. It was felt that the frail need to be looked out for as can be hard to reach if remain at home. Suggestions included multi-media messaging about tea dances etc and the Brewery Arts’ rural outreach programme.

Part 2 Association Business

25/18 Present

Amanda McCleery (CALC); David Peters (Chairman & Natland); Peter Winter (Preston Patrick); Peter Smillie (Arnside); Chris Nolan (Burton-in-Kendal); Angela Scrogam (Pennington); Lorraine Thompson (Pennington); John Saunders (Windermere); Leith Hallatsch (Windermere); John Houghton (Natland); Diane Rutherford (Blawith & Subberthwaite); Richard Sutton (Kendal); Ken Humphris (Casterton); David Rogerson (Levens); Roger Atfield (Levens); Jay Sayers (Duddon); Geoffrey Wightman (Lindale and Newton-in-Cartmel); Roger Armstrong (Lindale and Newton-in-Cartmel); Freya Burrill (Skelsmergh & Scalthwaite); Shelley Savasi (Helsington); Kate Ritchie (Helsington).

26/18 Apologies for absence

Leslie Johnson (Lakes); Janey Hassam (Sedbergh); Lyn Prescott (Lower Holker); Simon Blyth (SLDC); Margaret Knowles (Beetham); Ken Dean (Colton).

27/18 Minutes

The minutes of the 177th meeting held on 20th September 2018 were approved as a true record.

28/18 Matters arising from the minutes

i) Allan Muirhead (Kirkby Lonsdale) is happy to continue as one of the District Association reps (along with John Saunders, Windermere) on CCC South Lakeland Local Committee.

ii) Amanda McCleery found out about the Duddon Estuary Partnership from its chairman David Savage (Millon Without parish council). It was established by CCC but they are no longer involved. It has no secretarial support or budget but members do meet and respond to key consultations (eg. on the marine environment or strategic road network) with some success (eg. traffic pinch point at Grizebeck will be addressed).

iii) SLDC Tom Benson (tom.benson@southlakeland.gov.uk) explained that, as most wards are now 3 members, one district councillor was elected in 2018, a second will be elected in 2019 and the third in 2020, with all county councillors being up for election in 2021. Some parish elections were in 2018 (for Dent, Garsdale, Kendal, Natland & Sedburgh), with further parishes in 2019 and the remainder in 2020. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to attach schedule for parish elections to the minutes.

29/18 Items of Interest from Parishes, LAPs & CALC

- a) Glover Review – deadline is 18th December 2018 and some parish councils not meeting before that date. Lindale and Newton-in-Cartmel parish council felt that a meeting of all parishes (in the National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) would have been useful to share concerns.
- b) Banking – Preston Patrick is struggling to provide its bank with paper evidence of when it was established and is finding that the form is inappropriate. It is all part of anti-fraud measures. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to mention to Samantha Bagshaw for an article in a future CALC Circular. From 1st December 2018 clerks need to apply for a cash deposit card in order to pay in cash (eg. car park fees, toilet money, cemeteries).
- c) SLDC – applications open for Locally Important Projects if parishes have ideas for projects about footpaths, open spaces, superfast broadband etc. Local Area Partnerships are not meeting at the moment as James and Cameron are no longer working for SLDC and it is not clear what future teams will look like after the current restructure. The Parish Declaration (the new name for the Parish Charter) was emailed to all parish clerks on 7th November 2018. It contains information on the resources and support that SLDC provide for parish councils.
- d) CCC – There is a budget consultation until 7th January 2019, with CCC needing to find £49 million savings over the next 3 years. The proposal is that council tax increases by 1.99% and adult social care by 2% so 3.99% in total. CCC, district councils and the Environment Agency have produced a strategy for the whole coast, from Arnside to the Scottish border: www.cumbria.gov.uk/ccs The reasons are so that there is a clear plan, to seek government approval for future flood and coastal risk management schemes and to help secure national funding towards the cost of any defences. The proposals for some stretches remain the same as those proposed in the Shoreline Management Plan. However, for some priority units (eg. Arnside to Grange-over-Sands; Humphrey Head to Flookburgh; Arrad Foot; Ulverston canal foot; Newbiggin to Rampside; Askam to Kirkby-in-Furness) there are new options to address future risk. Most parishes were not aware of this important consultation (deadline of 14th December 2018). **ACTION:** Parish councils should contact CCC if they require more time to respond.
- e) CALC – a single document (with summary paragraphs on: SLDC community governance review; interest-free loans for energy saving projects; ACT guide for parish councils on improving community resilience; Glover Review; business rate

relief for toilets; Flood Hub website; SLDC grants) was emailed to clerks on 19th November 2018. Since then, Amanda has been made aware that Arnside and Silverdale AONB is seeking comments on its draft statutory Management Plan (until 3rd December 2018).

30/18 Reports from Representatives

- CALC Executive Committee – David Peters
- Housing Advisory Group – David Peters
- CCC South Lakeland Local Committee – Allan Muirhead & John Saunders

These were emailed to clerks on 19th November 2018. **ACTION:** Peter Smillie will contact Health and Wellbeing Forum as not received any paperwork for a while.

31/18 Dates, Times and Venues for 2019 Meetings

Thursday 7th March Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens 7pm

Inspector Paul Latham has agreed to present on community policing in South Lakeland.

Thursday 6th June Kendal Town Hall 7pm

The meeting that is hosted each year by SLDC.

Thursday 19th September Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens 7pm
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Thursday 28th November Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens 7pm

The meeting that is hosted each year by CCC.