

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

South Lakeland & Barrow Community Safety Partnership (CSP) – Leith Hallatsch

The minutes as always are on the website: www.onesouthlakeland.org.uk/community-safety-partnership/

CALC Executive Committee – David Peters

At the 23 June 2018 meeting the main item was to consider the review of CALC's affiliation fee structure. It was agreed to regard the NALC and CALC portions of the total affiliation fee as separate and invoice accordingly. The NALC portion is directly proportional to the electorate of each parish. The Working Group proposed two alternatives for the CALC portion – one proportional to the electorate (like NALC's) and the other proportional to the cube root of the electorate. After a discussion the Committee voted to prefer the cube root option and put it to member councils for any comments before finalising (at its October meeting) its recommendations to the AGM. The current system based on electoral bands would be replaced by fees individually calculated for each council. For those who want a bit more explanation of the arithmetic: a cube root is a quantity that has a cube equal to a given number, for example 2 is the cube root of 8 because $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$. Compared with NALC's straight-line relationship between electorate and fee, a curved relationship based on the cube root of the electorate would give a CALC fee that rises very rapidly to begin with, but then less rapidly as the electorate increases, thus mitigating the impacts of the change on the smaller and larger councils. The removal of banding gives a 'smoothing' effect by avoiding sudden steps as the band limits are crossed.

The Chairman, Rick Petecki, is now Chairman of the Cumbria Leaders' Board, so his update led to the usual prolonged but inconclusive discussion about possible local government reorganisation in Cumbria. With regard to CALC's role in the process, at least there was recognition (minuted) of the importance of local councils being informed of the options and then being consulted on their views before CALC could reflect the views of its members.

South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum (SLHWF) – Peter Smillie

After a welcome and introduction from Cllr Mark Wilson, we were given strategic updates from a) Health and well-being board, b) Public health alliance, and c) JSNA. All are aiming to build on the huge amounts of work already done to improve the County's public health indicators with a particular emphasis on Mental Health.

An update from Active Cumbria told how they are trying to help those at greatest risk of falls by introducing exercises to help with toning muscle groups to improve walking and to reduce shuffling. An update from SLDC told how Cumbria's health statistics either match or better the all England figures in nearly every category. An update from Age UK Cumbria on behalf of the third sector told of the success of the signposting initiative found on the Gateway website.

The afternoon finished off with a discussion on the Integrated Care Communities and Community Well-being Groups, led by Mike Conefry (Cumbria County Council health manager) and Helen McConville (Bay Health and Care Partners NHS). The next meeting is pencilled in for Thursday 11/10/18

Housing Advisory Group – David Peters

Not meeting until October 2018.

CCC South Lakeland Local Committee – Allan Muirhead & John Saunders

At their July meeting, members of the CCC South Lakeland Local Committee were given reasons for train delays throughout the area by Pete Myers, described as Northern Rail's Stakeholder, East. The reasons for their difficulties, he explained, had to do with line modernisation and driver training. Timetables had not worked out as planned, but they were working to ensure the improvements, when they come, will be lasting. Members were vociferous in their condemnation of Northern Rail for their treatment of both the Windermere and Barrow lines, pointing out that the largest number of service cuts were in the north west. The ever-perceptive Coun Ian Stewart asked why they were not hearing from the Stakeholder, West, given that the affected lines are on the west coast? 'Well,' explained Mr Myers, 'there is no Stakeholder West.' (Laughter from all sides). It may have been the heat, but tempers flared again when the topic of the Windermere ferry was discussed. The Conservatives condemned the delay in restoring the service, saying it was rumoured the service would be removed altogether. This was refuted by both officers and Lib-Dem members, who said delays were caused by delivery times for an engine, followed by the wait for a maritime license once the engine was commissioned.

The highways devolved capital budget is £224,000 over budget. The September meeting will receive details of which schemes or activities will be reduced to bring in a £0 overspend by the end of the financial year. Finally, a report about parking services revealed that in the year 2017/18, 6,900 penalty charges were issued for on-street parking offences in South Lakeland. In the previous year, 4,832 penalty charges were issued. Throughout the county, the most prevalent offence is not displaying a parking disc where one is required, followed by parking in a restricted street, and for parking for longer than permitted. Around one in six challenges against a penalty charge is upheld.

SLDC Standards Committee – David Peters

Oral report will be given.