

MINUTES OF CHORLEY LIAISON

MEETING DATE Wednesday, 16 March 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Gordon France (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair),
Lancashire County Councillors: Julia Berry and Aidy Riggott,
Chorley Borough Councillors: Alistair Bradley, Debra Platt, Alan Platt and Aaron Beaver
Town and Parish Councillors: Ian Horsfield, Karen Wait, Katrina Reed, Terry Dickenson, Colin Evans, Arnold Almond, Tim Blackburn and Craig Ainsworth

OFFICERS: Jennifer Mullin (Director of Communities), Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Zoe Whiteside (Service Lead – Spatial Planning) and Sally Green (Climate Change Programme Officer)

APOLOGIES: Chorley Borough Councillors: Sam Chapman Town and Parish Councillors: Katie Hardman (Anglezarke) and Alan Whittaker (Heskin)

22.18 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22.19 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 19 January 2022 of Chorley Liaison

The Chair provided an update on actions from the last meeting and advised that a letter had been written to County Councillor Jayne Rear regarding Southlands High School, no response had yet been received.

A response had been received from County Councillor Edwards in relation to the costs of hanging baskets on lamp posts. The Chair explained that it was a generic letter and did not answer the questions which the Parishes had asked, an additional letter would be written requesting relevant answers.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

22.20 Climate Change Presentation

Sally Green (Climate Change Programme Officer) delivered a short presentation which provided an update on the public consultation of the climate change strategy.

In response to a question, the Climate Change Programme Officer confirmed that joint responses would be welcomed.

The Chair thanked Sally for her attendance and presentation.

22.21 Dial-a-Ride Presentation

Tracy Keating, on behalf of Dial-A-Ride, attended the meeting and gave a short presentation. Tracy explained the background of Dial-a-Ride and explained that they aimed to provide transport to those who did not have their own transport and could not access public transport.

Tracy explained that they had started a community car service where volunteers would take people to services, such as medical appointments that dial-a-ride could not do. Currently they only had two volunteers with a third volunteer pending the results of a DBS check.

Councillor Berry asked members if they could give dial-a-ride some publicity and requested that Parish Councils discuss how they could connect.

It was acknowledged by members that without the dial-a-ride service some vulnerable individuals would be isolated and unable to get out of their home.

The Chair thanked Tracy for her attendance and presentation.

22.22 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

Terry Dickenson (Wheelton) asked if the group could write a letter to the Boundary Commission outlining their concerns on the proposed parliamentary review.

A discussion was held and it was agreed that Chorley Liaison was not the correct forum for submitting a response to the Boundary Commission as there would always be a difference in opinion from those who were proposed to be taken out of the constituency and those who are proposed to come back in.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bradley advised Terry that he could re-draft the proposed boundary and submit it to the Boundary Commission as an alternative proposal.

Councillor Bradley explained that a motion had already been put forward by the Council requesting the commission respect cultural links to the town and borough. At the second round of consultation the Council would further reinforce it's position.

22.23 Items for Future Meetings

This was noted.

22.24 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

There was no any other business.

Chair

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