

MINUTES OF CHORLEY LIAISON

MEETING DATE Wednesday, 18 October 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair), Lancashire County Councillors: Julia Berry. Alan Cullens and Aidy Riggott attended via Teams. Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Aaron Beaver Town and Parish Councillors: Ian Horsfield, Gwyneth Lloyd Alan Cornwell and Alan Platt. Tim Blackburn and Darren Cranshaw attended via Teams.

OFFICERS: Jennifer Mullin (Director of Communities) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Team Leader)

APOLOGIES: Danny Gee and Craige Southern, Nina Buckley Graham Ashworth and Christine Bailey

15 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

16 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 19 July 2023 of Chorley Liaison

Resolved: that the minutes be approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to item 11. LCC Cabinet Member (Highways and Transport) – ‘At the request of members, it was agreed that there would be further and more frequent communication, contact and attendance by the Highways officers in relation to town centre issues and concerns (rather than Cabinet Member).

17 Item from Chorley Council - Carbon Literacy training and an Air Quality monitoring survey

Matt Evans, Climate Change and Air Quality Officer, attended.

Carbon Literacy

The Carbon Literacy Project have released a new course for Parish, Town and Community Councils aimed at councillors and officers. The course equipped councillors and officers with the information they needed to communicate the significance of climate change and achieve the change necessary in their local area to address the climate emergency. It covered the impacts of climate change, carbon footprints, how residents could do their bit, and why it's relevant to communities.

The training complemented work officers were rolling out for Borough councillors and officers, but the new course was designed to be self-directed by Parish Councils themselves. More information could be found at: <https://carbonliteracy.com/toolkits/local-authorities/>

Air Quality

The council monitored Air Quality across various locations in the Borough. The locations were determined by several factors such as area traffic data and the proximity to residential dwellings. In 2023 the council monitored Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 42 locations, in addition there was automatic Particulate Matter monitors co-located at 3 locations. The council wanted the data to be as accurate as possible and were seeking input from residents to support consideration of new or additional monitoring locations, as part of the continued commitment to keeping the air in the Borough clean and safe. The Citizenspace survey allowed residents to see current monitoring locations, and provides an opportunity for them to suggest other locations for consideration. <https://yoursay.citizenspace.com/2022-environmental-health-and-community-safety-sr/chorley-air-quality-monitoring-2024>

It was noted that real time monitoring would be in place in the future and available on the council's website. The purpose of the survey was to raise awareness and gather information on this.

18 Item requested by Euxton Parish Council regarding Tree Preservation Order (TPO) trees

Members of the Forum noted the response to the question had been included within the agenda.

19 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

No questions were asked.

20 Items for Future Meetings

Ian Horsfield requested an item for a future meeting regarding the future plans for Chorley bus station.

Chair

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