

MINUTES OF CHORLEY LIAISON

MEETING DATE Wednesday, 20 October 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Gordon France (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Vice-Chair),
Lancashire County Councillors: Julia Berry,
Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Alistair Bradley, Sam Chapman and Debra Platt
Town and Parish Councillors: Kevin O'Donnell, Ian Horsfield, Craig Ainsworth, Arnold Almond, Tim Blackburn, Helen Drinkall, Karen Wait, Alan Cornwell, Alan Platt, Katrina Reed, Graham Ashworth, Christine Bailey, Paul Dodenhoff, Terry Dickenson, Burton and Colin Evans

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

APOLOGIES: Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Hasina Khan

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21.1 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair, Councillor Gordon France, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21.2 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 21 July 2021 of Chorley Liaison

The minutes of the last meeting held, Wednesday 21 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

21.3 Climate Emergency Presentation

Sally Green (Climate Change Program Officer) delivered a presentation which sought to brief members on the Council's strategic themes, commitments and achievements, ongoing work and the progress with electric vehicle charging points.

The Chair thanked Sally for her attendance and presentation.

21.4 The route of the Bolton Ironman Race to omit Chorley District Roads

Graham Ashworth (Heath Charnock) introduced this item and explained that the impact on the Parish was worse now there are two ironmen events a year. Roads are being closed for at least 10 hours, with Heath Charnock being closed first at 6 or 7 AM and not re-opening until 4pm in the afternoon. It was explained that this causes issues for residents who have carers.

The Parish Council had provided alternative routes for the Ironman Race, which would prevent the race from entering the borough of Chorley.

County Councillor Snape explained that the previous Cabinet Member at Lancashire County Council (LCC) for Highways did get the route altered. In summer Ironman stuck to the original route, which came through Anderton on the periphery of Lancashire. However, in September a week's notice was given that there would be a supplementary route which would cut off half of Heath Charnock. Councillor Snape provided that contact would need to be made with the new LCC Cabinet Member for Highways to ensure that the route did not continue to come within the borough.

Councillor Bradley requested that a letter be sent to County Councillor Edwards to remind him of LCC's commitment to keeping the Ironman Race out of Chorley.

21.5 Dropped kerbs in the Borough

The Chair introduced this item as a service request had been received, it was provided that a response had not yet been received from LCC. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

Alan Cornwell (Charnock Richard) explained that LCC had now been out and put black markings down on the pavement where the kerb needed to be dropped.

21.6 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

Several questions were received from members of the liaison:

- Concern about clumps of Japanese Knotweed appearing in Anglezarke, County Councillor Snape would report this issue.
- Colin Evans (Whittle-le-Woods) requested an update on the CCTV at Whittle. Councillor Bradley provided that the CCTV was being contributed too by the Parish and there was an idea to tie it back into the wider system. An update would be provided outside of the meeting.
- Colin Evans (Whittle-le-Woods) asked for an update on weeding and hedge trimming. It was explained that the area was overgrown, particularly in Union Street where the Village Hall is. The Chair provided that Officers would request Streetscene to look.
- Alan Platt (Ulnes Walton) explained the Parish concern for the potential new prison which could be built in Ulnes Walton and asked for any support members of the liaison could give in objecting to the application. County Councillor Snape

explained that individual parishes could take the application back and ask their families and friends to raise awareness. However, it is a planning application and there is unsurety as to when it will be heard. Councillor Bradley provided that the authority had expressed concern at the application in relation to highways and the impact on Southport Road. The authority would want to see significant highways enhancements.

21.7 Items for Future Meetings

Graham Ashworth (Heath Charnock) mentioned about the weekly planning list and asked about the possibility of breaking it down further. Councillor Bradley confirmed that this was being looked into by ICT and an update would be provided outside the meeting.

21.8 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair

None.

Chair

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