

**MINUTES OF CHORLEY LIAISON**

**MEETING DATE** Wednesday, 20 July 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair),  
Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division,  
Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair),  
Lancashire County Councillors: Alan Cullens, Julia Berry and Aidy Riggott,  
Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Debra Platt,  
Alan Platt and Michelle Le Marinel  
Town and Parish Councillors: Ian Horsfield, Katrina Reed, Graham Ashworth,  
Christine Bailey, Nina Buckley, Tim Blackburn, Colin  
Evans, Alan Cornwell and Craig Ainsworth

**OFFICERS:** Asim Khan, Chris Walmsley and Coral Astbury

**APOLOGIES:** Town and Parish Councillors: Terry Dickenson and Katie  
Hardman

**1 Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 March 2022 of Chorley Liaison**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

**3 Streetscene Strategy 2022 - 2025**

Asim Khan, Director of Customer and Digital and Chris Walmsley, Streetscene Services Manager, introduced the Streetscene Strategy 2022-2025 and outlined the key changes to the policy.

Members raised the following points:

- Maintenance of bus shelters
- Weed spraying in Euxton – the Director of Customer and Services asked for more information on the query which had not been responded too.
- The consultation exercise was confirmed to be successful and useful. It was the first attempt to engage wider, officers would be reaching out to meet with each of the Parish Councils separately.

County Councillor Julia Berry asked if United Utilities could be invited to a future meeting to facilitate a discussion about services offered by them.

The Chair thanked the Director of Customer and Digital and Streetscene Services Manager for their attendance.

#### **4 LCC Better Working Together**

County Councillor Alan Cullens presented this item and explained the background and purposes of the charter. It was the County Council's aim to create a collaborative working environment, with Parish Councils involved in what is happening in Lancashire.

The Charter was received positively by Members and it was acknowledged that Parish Councils often felt ignored by the County Council which led to frustration. Members referred to the recent guidance given on fixtures being attached to street lighting and asked if Highways would be taking the Charter seriously.

Councillor Kim Snape explained that she had noticed an increase in response from Highways but there needed to be improvement within their consultation process. Bunting and Hanging Baskets were still an issue of concern for Parishes and Highways need to consult with residents and follow the democratic process before implementing policy.

#### **5 Item requested by Adlington Town Council**

Christine Bailey (Adlington Town Council) introduced the item and explained that a response had been provided from Community Engagement.

It was the Town Council's view that the lack of skate park did not apply to all young persons. If the outreach work could take place locally there was a number of venues in Adlington where this could take place. There had been concern locally, about anti-social behaviour and the Town Council looks forward to working with Inspire staff when they are ready to implement their outreach programme.

#### **6 Item requested by Anderton Parish Council**

Ian Horsfield (Anderton Parish Council) introduced the item and thanked officers for the response.

#### **7 Item requested by Brindle Parish Council**

County Councillor Alan Cullens introduced the item on behalf of Brindle Parish Council and explained that it was a complex query which had arisen from an agricultural building which had been knocked down and converted into a large four bedroom dwelling.

Brindle Parish Council requested more information on Article Q and how it is applied and asked if the Director of Planning and Development could be invited to attend a future meeting.

#### **8 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public**

Colin Evans (Whittle-le-Woods) referred to the previous minutes and Dial-a-Ride and asked if Parishes were to help publicise the service. Councillor Debra Platt explained that Dial-a-Ride had asked members to publish information within their newsletters but nothing had been received as yet.

The Democratic and Member Services Officer agreed to contact Tracy Keating at Dial-a-Ride to obtain the information they wanted to publicise, this would be given to Parish Councils outside of the meeting.

## **9 Items for Future Meetings**

- United Utilities
- Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – general discussion about Highways
- Article Q – Director of Planning and Development

## **10 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair**

None.

Chair

Date