

Minutes of Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 15 June 2017, starting at 6.30pm
Present: D Peat (from Agenda Item 1) (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	M Robinson
A Brown	I Sayers
P Dowson	D Taylor
T Hill	N C Walsh

Parish Representatives:

S Shorhouse	Balderstone
S McGregor	Barrow
T Austin	Billington & Langho
M Walsh	Bolton-by-Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley
P Brown	Chipping
A Schofield	Clayton-le-Dale
M Fenton	Clitheroe
P Robinson	Clitheroe
T Hoyle	Dinckley
J Hargreaves	Dutton
I Forrester	Hothersall
R Beacham	Longridge
M Everett	Longridge
B Murtagh	Mellor
S Rosthorn	Newsholme & Paythorne
B Dixon	Newton
A Steer	Osbaldeston
A Haworth	Sabden
R Hirst	Simonstone
J Hilton	Waddington
R Chew	West Bradford
J Bremner	Wilpshire
S Giles	Wiswell
M Robinson	Wiswell

In attendance: Chief Executive and Head of Regeneration and Housing.

Also in attendance: Councillor P Elms, Duncan Whitehead – Operations Manager of Victim Support.

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Parish Councillor David Peat (Simonstone) be appointed as Chairman of this Committee for 2017/18.

84 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Doreen Taylor be appointed as Vice-Chairman of this Committee for 2017/18.

85 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors L Graves, G Scott and R Sherras and from the following Parish Representatives:

M Carrington	Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley
H Douglas	Chatburn
E Pickup	Clayton-le-Dale
J Parry	Hothersall
E Law-Riding	Ribchester
A Ormand	Ribchester
J Shorter	Sabden
K Hodson	Slaidburn
D Parker	Waddington
J Brown	Whalley
M Highton	Whalley

86 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

87 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

88 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 666

Councillor Hill reported that the payphone in Whalley had now been repaired, after months out of action. The Head of Regeneration and Housing advised Members that there was no prescribed period for retention of the boxes, but that there would need to be a further period of consultation and a full consultation process were there to be further proposals for removal.

89 PRESENTATION BY DUNCAN WHITEHEAD, OPERATIONS MANAGER OF VICTIM SUPPORT

The Chairman introduced Duncan Whitehead, who had been in post for 8 weeks as Operations Manager of Victim Support. He reported that Victim Support has been working in Lancashire for over 40 years supporting victims of crime, and that they had recently succeeded in the tender process to deliver Lancashire Victim Services. The service consisted of 34 paid staff, supported by 50

volunteers. He advised Members of the range of services offered to victims of all types of crime across Lancashire and the support offered either by the service itself or by their partner agencies.

He informed Members that across Lancashire there were 40,000 – 50,000 referrals per annum, with 36% of crimes in Lancashire being recorded in the Eastern Police Division.

All victims of crime residing in Lancashire are contacted by Lancashire Victim Support Service, regardless of the level of crime involved or the location of the offence. Contact could currently be made with the service 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday (Monday extended to 9pm) and 9am to 1pm Saturday. Out of hours support was available 24/7 for messages to be taken. It was hoped to be able to establish a full service 24 hours, 7 days a week.

80% of referrals were received by Automatic Data Transfer from the Police, received over night. Contact would then be made with victims, with a target of 4 attempts to contact vulnerable victims within 48 hours of receipt of the referral and 2 attempts within 72 hours for all other victims of crime.

The service also acted to provide support beyond the crime for victims, referring or signposting them to other agencies as appropriate. The service also offered counselling in various forms and pre-trial therapy. Across the county, 3 specialist providers have been engaged to provide specialist support and advice for complex hate crimes.

Referrals could be made by telephone on 0300 323 0085 and email at vcu.lancashire@victimsupport.cjsm.net.

In response to questions, Duncan explained the processes in place for young victims of cyber bullying, and the approach taken for vulnerable victims who could be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

RESOLVED: That Duncan be thanked for his informative presentation.

90 VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

The Head of Regeneration and Housing explained that issues had arisen, particularly in the areas of Slaidburn, Newton, Dunsop Bridge and Whitewell, whereby residents without transport had encountered difficulty in attending appointments with GP's, hospitals and other medical practitioners.

Public transport was very limited and community transport services encountered difficulties with volunteer drivers who attended from some distance away from the patient's home. Although the patient paid the volunteer driver 40p per mile for the distance travelled with the patient in the vehicle, the "dead mileage", to and from the patient's home from the driver's home, could be a significant expense for community transport services such as the Little Green Bus.

Consideration could be given to arranging a meeting for the Chairs of the Parishes involved with the manager of the Little Green Bus service and the Head

of Regeneration and Housing agreed to lead in these arrangements. The focus would be to engage volunteer drivers local to the patients.

Members were advised of the provisions for insurance and training available through Little Green Bus.

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MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PARISH COUNCILS

(a) Sabden – A59 Roundabout

The Representative from Sabden queried the timescale for completion of the roundabout at the junction of the A59 and Pendle Road. The Head of Regeneration and Housing informed Members that he now understood that the work would commence in August 2017, and he would endeavour to notify Members of a completion date when known.

(b) Wiswell – Permitted Development Rights in Conservation Areas

A Representative of Wiswell Parish Council requested information or for a workshop to be arranged with regard to the extent of permitted development works allowed within Conservation Areas. The Head of Regeneration and Housing indicated that a representative of the Planning Department could be invited to a future meeting of this Committee.

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chairman encouraged Members to submit suggestions for Agenda Items at future meetings. Consideration has already been given to invitations to the Parish Champion and the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing at Lancashire County Council.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).