

BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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MINUTES FOR BALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th. September 2022 at 6pm by Zoom.

In attendance: Cllrs Martin Lee (Chairman), Kerry Barnes, Ann Hooks, Michael Lager, Philip Rawlinson, Jane Taylor, Jill Toocaram & Kevin B. Money Clerk

1. Apologies for absence. No apologies were received

2. Approval of meeting Minutes held on 6th July 2022.

To confirm and sign the minutes of the BALC meeting held on 6th. July 2022

Proposed: Cllr M. Lager Seconded: Cllr J. Taylor All Agreed

3. Meeting topic and guest speaker for next BALC Representatives Meeting on 21st September 2022.

It was agreed that due to the short space in time the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21st. September be cancelled and re-arranged for Wednesday 19th. October 2022 at 7pm via zoom. The Clerk to inform all BALC members of the change of meeting date.

The Clerk to also contact the Police & Crime Commissioner to inform him of the new date.

4. To receive reports:

a) Finance report – to authorise Clerks final salary (Grahame Walkinshaw)

Grahame Walkingshaw Salary and Zoom licence for August £84.39

Grahame Walkingshaw Expenses for September £14.39 (Zoom licence)

Cllr M. Lee proposed and Cllr M. Lager seconded. **All Agreed**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had not received from Unity Trust Bank his new log in details so this payment would be delayed until such time as he can access the accounts

b) Local Highways Panel

Kerry Barnes and Philip Rawlinson attend the interesting meeting. The meeting was attended by numerous District and County Councillors. The meeting was informed that LHP had limited amount of funds available and that new applications will take about 3 years to process, receive any monies allocated to come through

Jane Taylor asked whether ECC 20' plenty was not only for schools in Essex. Martin Lee thought that having 20's plenty across the whole of Essex is a bad idea.

The Clerk was asked to contact Local Highways Panel Clerk to incorporate a 20's plenty item on the next meeting agenda.

Kerry Barnes asked for an attendance allowance to attend meetings. Martin Lee said that BALC did not have the funding for this but to ask his own PC to fund the allowance. Kerry Barnes was not happy with asking his own PC to fund his LHP meetings.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Chair of LHP to ask for attendance allowance for BALC members

Next LHP meeting will go through application list (22.09.22) and will decide successful applications

c) BDC Standards Sub Committee

Nothing to report

d) EALC Executive

The 2022 EALC AGM is scheduled for 22.09.22

Wendy Stamp has stood down as Vice-Chairman on EALC

Martin Lee asked anyone who can attend the AGM to register ASAP

e) Update on New website for BALC - <https://e-voice.org.uk/balc/>

The Clerk informed and showed the meeting of the new BALC website address and its contents. He requested that if any Executive Member wishes to add a section to the website could they please let the Clerk know and any possible wording required

Martin Lee asked Michael Lager to send the Clerk his newsletters in PDF format

5. Date of next Executive meeting – WEDNESDAY 4th. JANUARY 2023 at 7pm

It was agreed to discuss 2023 meeting dates for both Executive and Representative at the October meeting but it was agreed to hold the meeting quarterly.

EXECUTIVE meetings will be on 4th. January 2023, 5th. April 2023, 5th. July 2023, 4th. October 2023 all via Zoom at 7pm

REPRESENTATIVE meetings will be on 18th. January 2023, 19th. April 2023, 19th. July 2023, 18th. October 2023 in person and via zoom at 7pm

The Clerk will circulate 2023 dates for the whole year to Members and the website

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 7.05pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed



Martin Lee Chairman

4th. January 2023