## **BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Supporting Parish and Town Councils in the District of Braintree

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## MINUTES FOR BALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Wednesday 5th. April 2023 at 7pm by Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Martin Lee (Chairman), Kerry Barnes, Peter Gentry, Jane Taylor & Kevin B. Money BALC Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A. Hooks, Cllr M. Lager and Paul Lees
- 2. To confirm and agree the Minutes of the BALC meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup>. January 2023
- 3. Meeting topic and guest speaker for next BALC Representatives Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup>. April 2023. Meeting adjourned to 25.05.23 in Witham TC
- 4. To receive reports:
  - **a)** Finance report To agree the payment to Kevin B. Money of £253.17p (Representing payment for the months of January March 2023**). All Agreed** To receive the Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2023. Not agreed accounts for 2022/2023 to be circulated to Executive Members before the next meeting (25<sup>th</sup>. May 2023)
    - b) To agree 2023/2024 Subscriptions. To adjourn to 25<sup>th</sup>. May 2023 meeting
  - c) Local Highways Panel

Nothing to report except that due to the LHP being underfunded the LHP has become non-effective and may be re-launched

**d)** BDC Standards Sub Committee Nothing to report

e) EALC Executive

A couple of meetings have happened. A new Wi-Fi system is being upgraded which has already been accepted from Marks Tey Radio. Courses are down on projected figures due to elections. After the elections more course take-up will happen. Great Dunmow has refused to join EALC. EALC is sitting on a lot of reserves. Finance nomination was delayed until after the election date. The Police Constable mentioned he had attended a BALC meeting and has not attend EALC. AGM at Colchester Community Stadium. Weathersfield Prison was talked about where Immigrants are going to housed. Maldon District does not attend the EALC meetings and may be trying to break away. BALC insurance is being considered by EALC to undertake under their umbrella.

It was also discussed about the very poor handling of the Councillor Elections by BDC. There was no official notification sent to Clerks or councillors. It was left on the BDC website to find and it did not appear as an official document. BALC Executive committee agreed that BALC would send a letter to BDC expressing our concerns after the elections.

- 5. Date of next executive meeting **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>. JULY 2023** at 7pm via Zoom
- 6. Future Executive 2023 meeting dates: 4<sup>th</sup>. October 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.10pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed *MLee* 5<sup>th</sup>. July 2023

Martin Lee - Chairman