

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. July 2023 at 7pm by Zoom.

Present: Cllrs M. Lee (Chairman), P. Lees, K. Barnes, P. Gentry, J. Taylor, G. Warren & Kevin B. Money
BALC Clerk

1. Apologies for absence were received from Ken McDonald and P. Rawlinson
2. To confirm and agree the Minutes of the BALC meeting held on 5th. April 2023. **All Agreed**
3. Meeting topic and guest speaker for next BALC Representatives Meeting on 19th. July 2023.
Cllrs M. Lee and P. Lees to discuss this with the BDC Chief Executive at their meeting on Monday 10th. July 2023 and let the Clerk know in readiness for the 19th. July 2023 meeting

4. To receive reports:

- a) Finance report – To agree the payment to Kevin B. Money of £168.78p
(Representing payment for the months of June & July 2023)

Cllr M. Lee proposed and Cllr P. Lees seconded to authorise the payment of £168.78p to the Clerk.

All Agreed

- b) To receive the Bank Reconciliation to 30th. June 2023

Members noted the Bank Reconciliation to 30th. June 2023

c) Local Highways Panel

- LHP have approved about £270,000 of funding to projects. However, even though an additional £100,000 has been allocated to each LHP there is still not enough money to go around.
- Many schemes that were on the list up to 2023 have been removed as they do not meet the criteria but a further 12 schemes have been added for 2024
- Only ECC Councillors may vote at the LHP meetings
- Rumours of town and Parish representation on LHP has been bandied about.
- Next meeting is on 12th. July 2023 at BDC

d) BDC Standards Sub Committee

Nothing to report

e) EALC Executive

- Cllrs M. Lee and P. Lees again raised the issue of EALC funding the insurance required to be taken out by all Local Council Associations. This is still being investigated.
- EALC are undertaking more courses to overcome their financial difficulties due to a year end balance of just £27,000.
- It is understood that their funding arrangements may be ending this year – hence more income loss but in-house training is being pushed harder
- It has been suggested that a 4-year financial plan be set up to alleviate any shortfalls in income
- The AGM this held, being held at Colchester United Football Club, is free. The cost is being covered by donations and sponsorships
- Cllr M. Lee is trying to get onto the Finance Committee at EALC
- Worknest HR is a provider to EALC. They are running good courses for Chairs. All courses are being held via Zoom

5. Date of next executive meeting **WEDNESDAY 4th. OCTOBER 2023** at 7pm via Zoom

6. Future Executive 2024 meeting dates: TBA at 7pm via Zoom

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.05pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

M Lee

4th. October 2023

Martin Lee - Chairman