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MINUTES FOR BALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 6th January 2022 at 7pm by Zoom.

In attendance:

Martin Lee (Chairman), Michael Lager, Ann Hooks, Dave Gronland, Peter Gentry, Kerry Barnes, Philip Rawlinson & Grahame Walkingshaw Clerk

(1) **Apologies for absence:** Paul Lees & Jane Taylor

(2) **Approval of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on 22nd September 2021**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Philip Rawlinson

Seconded: Cllr Ann Hooks

(3) **Confirmation of Guest Speaker for meeting on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.**

The Chairman of Essex Highways Chris Siddall confirmed via email that he would attend the meeting on the 27th January 2022. This meeting will now be via zoom.

Agreed by all

(4) (a) **Financial Report – authorisation of clerks salary**

Payments	-	Clerks Salary November	£70.00
		Clerks Salary December	£70.00
		Temporary Clerk Salary (February to October)	£162.29
		Total	<u>£302.29</u>

Proposed: Cllr Ann Hooks

Seconded: Cllr Philip Rawlinson

Cllr Kerry Barnes joined the meeting at 7.12 p.m.

(b) **Local Highways Panel Report**

Nothing to report

(c) **BDC Standards Sub Committee Report**

Nothing to report

(d) **EALC Executive Report**

A letter had been received from the EALC Executive from the BALC Executive. Cllr Martin Lee is now on the Rural Partnership Committee & Cllr Paul Lees on the Finance Committee. AGM will be September 2021 (TBC).

(5) **Unity Bank – update on clerk being registered with the bank**

BALC are in the process of allowing the BALC Clerk access to the Unity Account, the documentation required will be with unity in the next couple of weeks.

The Former BALC Bank Account requires signatures from 2 previous members, at present 1 member has authorised their signature and contact has been made with the second member.

(6) "Proposed" prison at Wethersfield

Cllr Martin Lee reported that a proposed prison in Wethersfield would comprise of 2 prisons housing 1,750 prisoners in each. One prison would be Category B (violent offenders) and one would be Category C/D (lesser offenders). It would involve 70 lorry movements every day and would affect lots of Parish Councils within BALC as use of the road network via Sturmer, the A120 & the bridge at Great Barnfield could all experience an increase in traffic. The proposed prison would offer 1,500 jobs to the local communities.

Cllr Martin Lee proposed that the chairman of Wethersfield be invited to the next meeting to show his presentation on the proposed Prison development.

Agreed by all

(7) Date of next Executive Meeting

Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.00 p.m. via zoom

Cllr Martin Lee proposed that the meeting date in April be brought forward to Wednesday 16th March 2022 and that the meeting scheduled for Thursday 16th April 2022 be moved to Wednesday May 18th 2022 (AGM).

Agreed by all.

The meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.