



COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the Colchester Association of Local Councils meeting held on Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7pm in the Marks Tey Village Hall

Present: John Gili-Ross (JGR), Robert Johnstone (RJ), Chris Stephenson, Alan Walker, Peter Thompson, Roger Mannion. Simon Dougherty, Mick Mead

1. To receive apologies. Apologies were received from Chris Boyce Birch PC, Petra Palfreyman Town Clerk West Mersea Town Council, Alan Frost Abberton & Langenhoe,
2. Guest Speakers: Cllr Mark Cory Leader of CBC, Jane Gardner (Deputy Police & Fire Commissioner) & Darren Horseman Police & Fire Commissioners Office.

Mark introduced himself and his layout of the future of CBC and especially Policing in Essex. His intention is to clean up Colchester Town centre

- Increasing Tourism in the town but this brings more hazards (litter, crime etc)
- Promoting a Rural Policing team
- Street Week – where a large number of police together with other multi-agencies hit a dedicated area where the has been reported incident/s spend time in a certain area.

Members asked numerous questions on the Rural Policing Joint Investment Plan to Mark who answered all their questions fully and in great depth. He then went through his draft proposal form in great detail.

The proposal is not mandatory. Each Parish Council can make up its own decision whether to take up this proposal.

Mark has set up a new scheme called “A Better Colchester”

This is a CBC initiative and will not stop when CBC elections happen.

Jane Gardner gave a comprehensive overview of the policing in the Colchester Area.

The Police Commissioner is hoping to build a sustainable police force. When can this be achieved – not in the immediate time. The future is very demanding especially with the money formula. Being an efficient police force is detrimental to the police force financial impact.

Her aim is to have Police Constable in every Parish/Community and it is getting there but very slowly. This proposal works for policing in the local areas.

The system 101 is being addressed as it was not working to its full potential. The information is not reliable when being given out by the operators.

Her view is to have a higher profile for all Police Officers whether Police Constables, PSCO'S or Specials.

Members then asked numerous questions on the policing in the Colchester area now and in the future. Jane answered all the questions thoroughly.

CALC are, in principle, in agreement for this policing proposal is taken forward

Mark recently mediated over a dispute we had with "Colchesteramphora", re Parishes using grounds for their Village shows. Firstly a bill for £120 to be paid before you start then, site plans & lists of demands even using your own parish land

Mark & James at C.A have been told by the clerk our views, could Mark give an update, if any on future procedures?

Mark Cory answered. The problem was dealt with at the time. CBC budgets have been cut and is always looking at ways to generate more money. CBC is using its land commercially.

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Roger Mannion Tiptree

“What does he know or understand about the decision of CBC to refuse the development of the disused and crumbling Tiptree Toilet Block, does he agree with the decision and what will he do to help Tiptree?”

Mark Cory answered.

Chris Stephenson

Given the uncertainty over Colchester’s Local Plan and Garden Community proposals, what guarantee can he give that Parishes producing their NPs will not have to provide more housing if the Local Plan is subject to a longer review?

Supplemental to this, what are the implications for Parishes given the speculative development proposals in our villages currently and the lack of a 5-year housing supply?

Mark Cory answered. His officer has sent an email to Chris

Can he provide details of how CBC plans to change Colchester town centre to make it an attractive place for people to visit.

2. The Local Plan proposes the formation of two Garden Communities to the east and west of Colchester. The road infrastructure and parking in and around Colchester struggles to cope with current traffic volumes. What changes would he hope to have implemented to mitigate this issue.

3. Parking in villages and in particular around schools at peak times remains a problem. There is a finite resource of parking wardens within NEPP which is managed through CBC officers and elected members. Some Parishes would like their employees to be trained and appropriately attired to carry out parking duties and feed into the existing NEPP reporting systems. What are his views on this as a possibility and how does he envisage P&TC can work with CBC to supplement existing resources

Messing-cum-Inworth has 2 related questions:

A) What effect will the current uncertainty about the future of CBC's West Tey Garden Community proposals have on the timing of the already much delayed announcement of the preferred route option for the widening of A12?

B) What are the chances that the A12 widening project will be postponed and moved into the later Road Investment Strategy RIS2?

3. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st. June 2018
All Agreed



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4. To receive reports:

a) Treasurer' report. The treasurer circulated the bank balance and membership subscription to members. Members noted

b) Local Highways Panel. Colchester have accepted the changes to the LHP venue. Kevin Bentley is now responsible for the LHP. Taking the model from Colchester that a Parish Council must be representative on the panel. He wants to formalise a devolution down to PC whenever they want it. Local Services fund has been in existence for a year and has been well received.

c) Governance Board. Nothing to report

d) EALC – To approve Cllr Alan Walker as the replacement Colchester Executive member following the resignation of Brian Hindley from this position. All agreed

5. Information Sharing:

Date of next meetings:

Thursday 6th. December 2018 at Marks Tey Village Hall at 7pm, 7th. March 2019, 6th. June 2019
5th. September 2019, 5th. December 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....6th. December 2018

John Gili-Ross