



## COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### **Minutes of the Colchester Association of Local Councils meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. March 2019 at 7pm in the Marks Tey Village Hall**

Present: John Gili-Ross (JGR), Robert Johnstone (RJ), Simon Dougherty, Mick Mead, Alan Frost, Brian Hindley, Dan Jordan, Nicki Matthews, John Lindsay & Pam Donnelly Colchester Borough Council.

1. To receive apologies – Roger Mannion Tiptree, Chris Boyce Birch, Alan Walker Marks Tey, Chris Stephenson & Harry Stone West Bergholt, Sheila Beeton Dedham.

2. Guest Speaker/s: Pam Donnelly CBC - It would be good to get an update on what CBC plans for the borough communities.

Pam Donnelly (Strategic Development Officer for CBC) spoke about the Strategic Plan 2018/21. This document can be found at the CALC website on the following link.

<https://www.essexinfo.net/calc/colchester-borough-council/strategic-plan-2018-21>

- Past Achievements in 2015/18
- Spoke about the CBC Council setup with the elections in May '19
- PD outlined the headline "GROW" – Growth, Responsibility, Opportunity and Wellbeing. Then spoke about each headline in depth

#### **GROWTH**

- Help make sure Colchester is a welcoming place for all residents and visitors
- Ensure residents benefit from Colchester's economic growth with skills, jobs and improving infrastructure
- Promote inward investment to the borough
- Develop jobs, homes, infrastructure and communities to meet the borough's future needs by creating new Garden Communities
- Work with partners to create a shared vision for a vibrant town centre.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

- Promote responsible citizenship by encouraging residents to get involved in their communities and to identify solutions to local issues
- Encourage re-use and recycling to reduce waste to landfill
- Educate those residents who behave anti-socially about the impact of their behaviour
- Increase the supply of good quality homes by using legal power to reduce the number of empty homes and improve standards in the private rented sector
- Create new routes for walking or cycling and work with partners to make the borough more pedestrian-friendly

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

- Promote and enhance Colchester borough's heritage and visitor attractions to increase visitor numbers and to support job creation
- Encourage green technologies through initiatives such as SMART Cities
- Help business to flourish by supporting infrastructure for start-up businesses and facilitating a Business
- Improvement District
- Ensure a good supply of land available for new homes throughout Local Plan Promote initiatives to help residents live healthier lives

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### WELLBEING

- Encourage belonging, involvement and responsibility in all the borough's communities
- Work with Essex Police and partners in the Safer Colchester Partnership to make Colchester an even safer place Create new social housing by building Council homes and supporting Registered Providers
- Target support to the most disadvantaged residents and communities
- Help residents adopt healthier lifestyles by enabling the provision of excellent leisure facilities and beautiful green spaces, countryside and beaches.

PD then went to speak about the CBC Parish Clerks Forum

- Parish Clerks forum has been through problems. Attendance is really poor. Next meetings are on 04.04.19 at 9.30am, 03.07.19 at 9.30am at Colchester Town Hall.

Pam Donnelly then took questions from members which included:

- Rural policing – further £60,000 to be invested later.
- Rural policing toolkit to be developed.
- All policing schemes from CBC and Essex Police have been placed on hold until further notice.
- Cycle ways in Myland and Horkesley Area. Why does CBC approve a shared cycle way for cyclist and pedestrians? PD will respond to this issue.
- Members asked PD to look at the size of PC & TC's in CBC
- Members asked is the money going to the Highway Rangers it should be redistributed to CBC to set up transferring responsibilities to Zone Wardens.

JGR then thanked Pam Donnelly for attending the meeting. Pam Donnelly then left the meeting

### 3. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. December 2018. All Agreed

#### 4. To receive reports: a) Treasurer' report

The treasurer circulated at the meeting the Bank Reconciliation. Members agreed to pay MTVH £139.20p and Kevin B. Money £218.00p.

JGR proposed to hold the subscription at £35 for 2019/20. Mick Mead seconded. **All Agreed**

#### b) Local Highways Panel

JGR could not make the last LHP meeting. No PC was represented at the meeting. JGR informed the meeting that he will be stepping down from the LHP representative for 2019/20.

Devolution trail is still continuing. 22 PC's are on the trialist list.

#### c) Governance Board. Nothing to report

#### d) EALC – Alan Walker. In the absence of Alan Walker JGR gave an update.

He mentioned that the meeting was today. Element that came out was changes at NALC level. Changes coming afoot on grant funding.

Local Services Fund when will it be re-launched. Announcement will be issued shortly on CIF, Crowd funding and Local Services Fund.

Essex has the most CiLCA trained Clerks in the Country.

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### 5. Information Sharing:

NALC Councillor guide for new Councillors is available on the NALC website.

Agenda further items

June '19 Meeting place CBC Town Hall

CBC Clerks forum discussion on 06.06.19 & Invite Pam Donnelly via Justin

Cycle and footpaths officer to be included in June election of officers

Date of next meetings:

6<sup>th</sup>. June 2019, 5<sup>th</sup>. September 2019, 5<sup>th</sup>. December 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....6<sup>th</sup>. June 2019

**John Gili-Ross**