



COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th. June 2019 at Marks Tey Village Hall at 7pm

Present: John Gili-Ross (Chairman), R. Johnstone (Vice-Chairman), H. Stone West Bergholt, Roger Mannion Tiptree, Mick Mead & Lance Williams Gt. Horkesley, Simon Dougherty & Alan Frost Abberton & Langenhoe, Dan Jordan Stanway, John Lindsay Messing-cum-Inworth, R. Kean Winstree 100, Karen Thompson Boxted, Jo Beighton-Emms Wivenhoe, Allan Walker Marks Tey

1. **To receive apologies** – Langham PC, West Mersea TC, Birch PC.
2. **Election of Officers**

Chairman - John Gili-Ross. JGR informed the meeting that he will be standing as CALC Chairman from June 2020

Vice-Chairman - Robert Johnstone

Treasurer / Secretary - Kevin B. Money

LHP Representative - North area – With the changes happening this position cannot be filed yet as the process has not been put in place

LHP Representative - South area – With the changes happening this position cannot be filed yet as the process has not been put in place

LHP Representative Representing all 28 PC & TC's. – John Gili-Ross deputy Roger Mannion

EALC Representatives - Alan Walker & John Gili-Ross

Cycle and Footpaths Representative - Robert Johnstone

Governance Board Representative - Alan Walker & Roger Mannion

3. **To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st. March 2019 and 18th. April 2019.** All agreed

4. **To receive reports:**

- a. Treasurer' report

To authorise the payment of £436.00p to Kevin B. Money (2 meetings 18.04 & 06.06.19).

All agreed

- b. Local Highways Panel – Nothing to report. For information the projects are progressing through and a small amount of funding is still available.
- c. Governance Board – Nothing to report
- d. EALC - Allan Walker.

Changes in staffing has taken place. PC's having an income of over £100,000 should have a financial strategy and having a reserve of 1 year of precept. Micro grants have been well supported. H&S and Fire policy has been adopted. The ECC devolution policy is being extended to footpaths.

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Training programme is going well. More training sessions have been set up. The CiLCA courses are always fully booked. Highways Devolution pilot project was formally launched 14th June and included a photo shoot in West Bergholt as a pilot Council.

5. Information Sharing:

Discussion took place about funding generally. Various funding grants are available.

The devolution pilot scheme has been received with mixed views.

Is the information from ECC and/or CBC lacking with respect to vital information i.e. Road closure?

Does other PC's have problems with car parking issues outside school areas? This caused a discussion and good ideas were progressed by informing ECC that in many cases issues arising were ECC responsibility and not the PC's.

Is the police policy from Mark Cory still in operation. Answer it has been postponed until further notice.

Are the Highway Rangers still in operation. Answer Yes. Try using the Zone Wardens as well. It was suggested that available funding would be better used by the Zone Wardens and taking it away from the Rangers.

Clerk to write to all PC & TC's asking for an invitation to attend Parish & Town Council meetings to brief councilors on CALC and EALC activities.

Local land encroachment – Could CALC be the eyes and ears of ECC?

It was generally agreed that Parish and Town Councils were best positioned to inform ECC and CBC of unlawful land encroachment that occasionally takes place in communities.

Date of next meetings:

Thursday 5th. September 2019 at Marks Tey Village Hall at 7pm

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked everyone for attending and providing valuable feedback.

Signed5th. September 2019

John Gili-Ross