



COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Thursday 17 March 2022

PRESENT: John Gili-Ross (Chairman), Robert Johnstone (Vice Chairman), Petra Palfreyman (CALC Clerk), Simon Dougherty Abberton & Langenhoe, Brian Butcher West Bergholt, Carol Harbach Langham, Karen Thompson Boxted, Robert Johnstone Myland Community Council, Maggie Holmes Layer de la Haye, Emma Coney Wakes Colne, Dan Jordan Stanway, Sophie xxxx, Yana xxxxx S106 process/legal agreements CBC, Simon Cairns, S106 Portfolio Holder CBC

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Alan Frost Abberton & Langenhoe, John Akker West Mersea, Catherine Cameron Fordham, Teresa Baines Stanway, Winstree Hundreds Parish Council, East Mersea Parish Council, Great Tey Parish Council.

2. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Thursday 2 December 2021.
All agreed.

3. MEETING TOPICS & GUEST SPEAKER: Simon Cairns and Yana xx, S106 Portfolio holder and S106 Officer, Colchester Borough Council gave a presentation with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (attached) about the process for S106 payments, followed by questions and answers session.

Yana advised the monthly reports sent out to parish councils show the contributions that can be bid on.

Q – If there is a major development in your parish, can you discuss it with Highways.

A – Martin Mason and Matt Tyler can be contacted to discuss the Highways impact. It is helpful to have Parish comments as early as possible so they can be factored into the plans.

Q - When Parishes have requirements that go to the LHP and are not dealt with for several years but there becomes a need for mitigated works immediately, there appears to be a disconnect between S106 & Highways?

A – Highways are contacted for the costing, and this is divided across the site allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan and will receive costs pro rata from each development which will then be pooled after which ECC would deliver the scheme. The mechanism for this has been questioned and there sometimes appears to be a lack of communication with ECC.

Q - Who can be contacted to update the Public Right of Way?

A – ECC Highways authority would be the first contact and then it can be added to the project list.

Q – Can S106 be locked to a specific geographic location

A – Where projects are close to the development site this can usually be done.

Q – There has been a lot of development in Myland over last 10 to 20 years and a lot of social facilities have been lost. Much of the S106 money for Myland was spent on Highways and the social facilities not replaced but there are many more houses with people that would use them. How can parishes affect that judgement?

Q – There has been a lot of investment and community facilities have been delivered in Myland including sports facilities such as the cricket club, Myland sports club and the Northern Gateway proposal.

A – How often does the wish list need to be updated.

Q – You should update the wish list as changes occur.

Q – If a developer fails to deliver its obligations, what happens?

A – CBC will enforce the agreements and will take developers to Court if necessary.

Q – When was the Governance process last signed off by CBC?

A – A review has just been carried out to look at the S106 process and some new formalisation around the project process and engagement with communities has been agreed. The spend/release process is audited annually.

Q – Why does some S106 money for a development in one parish, go to another?

A – This is usually when the deadline is close, and the parish have not submitted and wishes.

4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) TREASURES REPORT – The clerks’ fees of £218.00 for the previous quarter to March 2022, were agreed. The last bank statement held to 17 February 2022, showed a balance of £1369.50. A credit of £174.00 against hall hire costs at Marks Tey Village Hall is also held. Proposed RJ 2nd – DJ

b) LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – The last meeting was in December 2021. JGR did not attend and Roger Mannion, has now resigned from the Parish Council and the EALC and so is no longer on the LHP so there is no update this time. Robert Johnstone agreed to be on the LHP in the future on behalf of CALC

c) GOVERNANCE REPORT – nothing to report

d) EALC EXECUTIVE – The IT contract with Lodge Information Services has been agreed as the previous supplier could no longer meet the needs of the EALC. The EALC team are mostly working back in the office and providing in house and hybrid training. CIF will again be managed this year by the EALC. There is a vacancy in the accounts area of the EALC. There is an NALC initiative next week to lobby the MP’s on behalf of all the town and parish councils. One question is “what is levelling up and what does it mean to us”,

5. INFORMATION SHARING

Events arranged for the Queens Platinum Jubilee were shared as follows:

Boxted PC – The Church group have organised a Big Picnic with food, drink, dancing and a dog show.

West Bergholt PC – There will be a Beacon lighting ceremony and on Saturday a festival with football, cricket, crafts, cookery taster sessions, bands and a fun run.

Abberton & Langenhoe – There will be a BBQ on Friday evening and on Sunday a family Big Lunch on the village green.

Layer De La Haye – A committee of 30 have arranged stalls, activities, bouncy castle, football shoot out and netball. The local pubs will have a beer tent and the food venues are also arranging events.

Myland Community Council – The celebrations will be on Saturday with hospital radio, a bouncy castle, games, fun and a family picnic.

Ukraine appeal

Abberton & Langenhoe – the community association arranged a cake sale which raised over £1000 and collected toiletries to send to Muldover to distribute to the refugees.

Layer de la Haye – Three truckloads of goods were sent with donations for people and animals. There will be a collection on one of the evenings during the Jubilee celebrations.

Other information

Boxted PC are still trying to save the 120-year-old bridge in Dedham

They were allocated £250 000 S106 for the playing field and community building to improve parking, play facilities, artificial wicket, benches to accommodate wheelchairs, refurbishing the community building and improving the sports changing room and the café.

Layer de la Haye advised the solar farm is going ahead on 96 acres of local land. Seventy houses are being developed and the Council are up for election in May.

Cllr Holmes asked if other councils felt the planning committee took parish comments in to account and if the buildings inspector revisit once planning is approved. Other councils agreed that the sometimes felt the views were not taken in to account and when challenging the decisions, found that sometimes the plans had been revised. Also, that planning and enforcement can be called out to check once work has started or completed. One Council advised that the Council physically look at all the application sites.

6. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Date – 9 June 2022

Location – To be agreed

Time – 7pm

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

Signed..... Date

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