



COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

PRESENT: John Gili-Ross (Chairman), Robert Johnstone (Vice Chairman), Petra Palfreyman (CALC Clerk), Roger Mannion, Emma Coney, Mick Mead, Gerald Wells, Kate Cameron, Carol Harbach, Simon Dougherty, John Akker, Nick Durlacher, Beth Nelson, Jill Bruce, Monica Taylor, Maggie Holmes, Chris Stevenson.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Chris Boyce, Dan Jordan, Karen Thompson, Anne Hughes, Jo Beighton-Ems, Ian Woodman, Alan Frost

2. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Thursday 18th March 2021.
All agreed.

3. MEETING TOPICS & GUEST SPEAKER: Ben Plummer, CBC Climate Emergency Officer.

A talk about CBC actions to tackle climate change and reduce environmental impact, and resources Councils could use to help consider climate change within their work. Ben gave a presentation followed by a questions and answers session.

4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

- a) **TREASURES REPORT** – The clerk confirmed the subscriptions letter for 2021/22 will shortly be issued with the cost remaining at £35 per Council. The bank balance is still £1008.50. There is a credit of £174.00 against hall hire costs at Marks Tey Village Hall. The clerks fee of £218.00 for June 2021 was approved.
- b) **LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL** – The new chair of the LHP is County Councillor Sue Lissimore, deputy cabinet member for Highways. Lee Scott is the cabinet member for Highways. There are £519000 worth of funded schemes for 20/21 and 21/22 which is approx. 40 schemes. Very few have been completed or are running due to COVID but are in progress. There is £673000 worth of schemes awaiting funding ranging from traffic management, walking, cycling, passenger transport and public right of ways. A number have been agreed for validation this year. Some schemes date back to 2015 and the Highways officers did not show any urgency for them which was disappointing. If parishes have any issues, they

should speak to JGR or RM to try and push them forward. Colchester has got an extra £200000 which totals a budget of £700000, all of which is all allocated.

- c) **GOVERNANCE REPORT** – nothing to report
- d) **EALC EXECUTIVE** – The AGM is planned for September at Highlands House with a number of guest speakers. Motions are being prepared for the AGM and there may be some changes in constitution. Remote training is still going ahead.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

The consultation regarding Transforming travel in Colchester - The North to South and East to West cycle routes. The Myland planning and highways committee intend to object, for reasons including cycling on the pavements, poor connectivity as no cycle lanes. The consultation runs to 11 July 2021.

McDonalds have put in a 5th planning application. ECC did not object although some issues were raised.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the format of future CALC meetings and whether we will continue by Zoom or meet face to face.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Date – 23 September 2021

Location – by Zoom

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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