



ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Thursday 6 October 2022 at Marks Tey Village Hall

PRESENT: John Gili-Ross Chairman, Robert Johnstone Vice Chairman, Brian Butcher West Bergholt, George Branagh Fordham, Maggie Holmes Layer de la Haye, Gerald Wells Marks Tey, Dean Nokes Eight Ash Green, Mick Mead Great Horkesley, Simon Dougherty Abberton & Langenhoe, Steven Smith Eight Ash Green, Helen Branagh Fordham, Sargeant Robert Temme Colchester Community Policing Team, Petra Palfreyman CALC Clerk.

1. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES** Sue Allen-Shepherd Tiptree, Emma Coney Wakes Colne, Carol Harbach Dedham & Langham, Cllr Taylor Wakes Colne, John Akker, West Mersea, Alan Frost Abberton & Langenhoe, Kevin Money Braintree Association of Local Councils
2. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:** Thursday 9 June 2022
All agreed.
3. **MEETING TOPICS & GUEST SPEAKER:** Sargeant Rob Temme from the Colchester Community Policing Team gave a power point presentation (copy attached), followed by questions and answers

Q – PCSO's used to attend Parish meetings and knew the villages and residents very well. This has left a gap in the communications

A – There is no longer any capacity or resource for attending local council meetings but since Covid there has been more engagement as two constables have been dedicated to community engagement. They may be able to attend occasional face to face meetings but will not return to attending every local council meeting.

Q – How should contact be made

A – All contact should be made via central communications, where the issue will be logged. The 999 calls are covered 24/7 365 days per year are covered by the local policing team. A response is expected in 10 minutes in urban areas and 15 mins if rural. Behind them the personnel is divided into various teams such as Community Policing Team, Criminal Investigates Dept, Public Protection Unit, Firearms, Dog Unit and Operational Support. Resources are currently at around 3700 which includes back-office staff. In the last few years there have been a change in the processes to consider social care and vulnerability

and a statutory partnership with ECC/CBC and a new focus on crime prevention. Street safe is a new initiative for the public to identify areas where they feel unsafe, anonymously.

Q – How does the triage system for reporting crime online work

A – Incidents are rated 1 -5 1 being a blue light response for risk of harm or a suspect in the locality and 5 meaning there will not be attendance

Comments – where perpetrators are identified on CCTV it is disappointing that nothing is done, or it is not considered good enough evidence and the case is closed.

Phone 101 – the service is much better than it was and gets the caller to the right place quicker. All calls go via the resolution centre in Chelmsford

4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

- a) **TREASURES REPORT** –. The clerks' fees of £218.00 for the previous quarter to October 2022, were agreed. The last bank statement held to 14 July 2022, showed a balance of £933.50. A credit of £138.00 against hall hire costs at Marks Tey Village Hall is also held. JGR confirmed the bank reconciliation. The clerk advised the subscription letter has been issued but the latest bank statement does not reflect the credits. Proposed JGR 2nd – SD
- b) **LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL** – RJ was unable to attend. The LHP approves projects but if they cannot be delivered the funds go back to source to be redistributed. JGR & RJ will be looking at a number of small safety projects that have been requested some time ago. It was suggested that the projects are brought together as one to be considered as a safety issue. It is understood that the LHP may be under review by Cllr Lee Scott.
- c) **GOVERNANCE REPORT** – nothing to report
- d) **EALC EXECUTIVE** – Over 100 members attended the EALC AGM which was sponsored by ECC and the Police. The new format was felt to be successful.

There is still a vacancy on the EALC executive since Roger Mannion left. Cllr Brian Butcher from West Bergholt agreed to take up the position and following a vote was duly elected. Proposed RJ Seconded SD. All in favour

5. **INFORMATION SHARING** JGR will be visiting the police control room. West Bergholt have been vocal about reports made to the police as the changes made do not seem to be working for towns and parishes.
RJ attended a meeting in Rowhedge with First Buses Commercial Director Gary Nichols and East Donyland Parish Council. The introduction of shuttle buses means that buses that went to North Station now stop at Osborne Street and there is a delay before the next bus to North Station, making the journey much longer. RJ & the chair of EDPC would like to see the bus users group start again which would allow discussions with the 7 bus companies that service the area. RJ will write a plan with an objective list and purpose and discuss at the next meeting. There is still about £200 of funds from the previously disbanded group. Cutting buses will not help the climate emergency.

It was agreed that there would be two face to face meeting in the summer months and Zoom meetings in the winter months.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Date – Thursday 1 December 2022

Location – by Zoom

Time – 7pm

Guest speakers (provisional) – CBC Leader David King & CBC CEO Pam Donnelly

After meeting note – speaker for 1 December 2022 is confirmed as Cllr Lee Scott, Portfolio Holder for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport.

Speakers confirmed for 9 March 2023 are confirmed as CBC Leader David King & CBC CEO Pam Donnelly

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending and providing valuable feedback.

Signed..... Date

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