

## **Lancashire Local – Lancaster District**

**Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010, at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Lancaster.**

### **Minutes**

#### **Present:-**

County Councillor Ken Brown (Chair)

#### **Lancashire County Council**

County Councillor Susie Charles  
County Councillor Chris Coates  
County Councillor Sarah Fishwick  
County Councillor Janice Hanson  
County Councillor Joan Jackson  
County Councillor Niki Penney  
County Councillor Sam Riches  
County Councillor Albert Thornton

#### **Lancaster City Council**

Councillor John Barnes  
Councillor Eileen Blamire  
Councillor Roger Dennison\*  
Councillor Tony Johnson  
Councillor David Kerr  
Councillor Ian McCulloch  
Councillor Joyce Pritchard  
Councillor Roger Sherlock  
Councillor Malcolm Thomas  
Councillor John Whitelegg

\* Councillor Roger Dennison replaced Councillor Bob Roe for the meeting.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Tony Jones.

#### **Public Participation**

The Chair explained that whilst Lancashire Local meetings were not public meetings, but business meetings to jointly deal with the business of the County Council in a public setting, it was the practice to facilitate public involvement before the transaction of formal business by the Members of the Lancashire Local by inviting comments/question on matters included on the agenda. A thirty minute period was set aside for this, with no person being allowed to speak for more than three minutes.

The Chair then invited contributions from the floor on matters on the agenda

The following persons all spoke in respect of Item No 5 - Proposed Residents Parking Scheme - Regent Street, Brook Street and Dallas Road Areas, Lancaster District

Kathy Barton  
Laura Booth  
Councillor John Barry  
Brian Sadler  
Matt Dower  
Ann Grunyer  
Hilary Shuter

Paul Wilcock  
Barry Hankin  
David Bousfield  
Rachel Newman  
Darryl Shepherd  
Paul Taylor  
John Whittaker

Councillor Ann Chapman

Issues raised from the floor included:-

- Queen Street residents should be allowed to park in the Regent Street Zone.
- The three zones should be amalgamated into one zone which will have the combined capacity to accommodate all parking demands.
- Pavement parking is unacceptable (obstruction/trips) and must be prohibited or pavement parking is an acceptable compromise which benefits most people.
- There is plenty of space in the Dallas Road zone, and this must go ahead.
- Regent Street Zone is best compromise but we need every space e.g. move Dallas Road (south) spaces from west to east.
- Lindow Square is intolerable due to cruising vultures.
- Emergency vehicles are regularly obstructed by two-sided parking in Portland/Regent Streets.
- It is always possible to park on Portland Street or I can never park near my home on Portland Street.
- Parking near homes is the issue not the removal of pavement parking.
- Aldcliffe Road residents would prefer not to have a scheme, but accept that displaced vehicles could be a problem and so they support amendment 6.
- There are not enough spaces in Regent Street Zone or there are enough spaces in Regent zone.

### **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

County Councillors Sarah Fishwick and Joan Jackson and Councillor Joyce Pritchard all declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item No 13 - Allocation of Playbuilder Grant Funding in Lancashire 2010/11.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 were presented.

**33. Resolved:-** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## Lancashire Local Grant Applications

### 34. Resolved:-

That the applications for local grants as set out in Appendix 'B' to the report now presented be approved for the following organisations, as detailed below:-

		Amount
Janice Hanson	16 <sup>th</sup> Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group	£200
	Morecambe Neighbourhood Council's - Morecambe in Bloom	£645
Ken Brown	3rd Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group	£300

### **Proposed Residents Parking Scheme Regent Street, Brook Street and Dallas Road Areas, Lancaster District**

A report was presented which gave details of three proposed traffic regulation orders introducing residents parking schemes in the Regent Street, Brook Street and Dallas Road areas of Lancaster.

This was deemed a key decision and had been included in the Forward Plan.

Details of the Orders which had been advertised in accordance with the legal requirements and the subsequent objections received, together with the Environment Director's comments thereon, were also presented.

The Local were asked to consider the proposed schemes in the light of the objections received and whether the proposals should be implemented, amended or abandoned.

As a result of the responses received, local City Councillors and County Councillors had carried out a further informal consultation and the results were also presented

The Area Manager (Highways) informed the Local that the report stated that the City Council would allow parking in the Dallas Road Car Park up to 10am and after 4pm Monday to Saturday, and all day Sunday similar to the existing exemptions in other car parks in Lancaster. However, the actual exemption would be up to 8am and after 4pm Mon to Fri, up to 10am and after 4pm on Saturday, and all day Sunday.

Members of the Local felt that it was extremely difficult to keep all residents in these areas happy as residents parking had been a major issue in this part of Lancaster for many years.

After a lengthy debate it was suggested that further consideration of the matter be referred to a Sub-Committee and that they be asked to take the final decision in respect of the proposals.

**35. Resolved:-**

1. That a Sub-Committee be established to give further consideration to the three proposed traffic regulation orders introducing residents parking schemes in the Regent Street, Brook Street and Dallas Road areas of Lancaster.
2. That the Sub-Committee comprise of 4 County Councillors and 4 City Councillors, namely, County Councillors Ken Brown, Chris Coates, Joan Jackson and Sam Riches and City Councillors Eileen Blamire, Ian McCulloch, Malcolm Thomas and John Whitelegg.

**Local Safety Scheme Ref No 1.214  
Torrisholme Road, Morecambe  
Improvements to signs and road markings, new pedestrian refuge  
Report on public and statutory consultation**

It was reported that the scheme provided improvements to the signs and road markings along Torrisholme Road between the Hyde Road and Leycester Drive junctions, and a new pedestrian refuge near the Russell Drive junction as shown on plans attached to the report. The scheme was designed to address the poor record of injury collisions along this stretch of road.

This was deemed a Key Decision and had been included in the Forward Plan.

The Local were informed that a public consultation exercise on the proposals had been undertaken in the Spring of 2009 which had raised several issues. It was further reported that amendments to the proposals were subsequently made and the affected residents were re-consulted in June.

Details of the outstanding objections were presented, together with the Environment Director's comments thereon.

Lancashire Local - Lancaster District were recommended that the scheme be approved for implementation, including the making of the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders.

**37. Resolved:-**

That the scheme to provide improvements to the signs and road markings along Torrisholme Road, Morecambe, between the Hyde Road and Leycester Drive junctions, and a new pedestrian refuge near the Russell Drive junction as shown on plans attached to the report be approved.

### **Proposed Disestablishment of School Crossing Patrol, (Point B18) Bowerham Community Primary School, Greaves Road, Lancaster, Lancaster District**

It was reported that at their meeting in March 2009 Lancashire Local – Lancaster District received a report which sought approval to disestablish the School Crossing Point (Point B18) Bowerham Community Primary School, Greaves Road, Lancaster.

At the meeting a decision was taken that the proposal to disestablish the school crossing patrol be deferred to enable further contact to be made with the school in order to seek their views on the proposal as none had been received. Following the meeting, the school was contacted again. A request for an appeal assessment was received verbally from the school in April 2009. An appeal count was completed by the Police on 18 November 2009 which revealed that no unaccompanied children of primary school age crossed at the point therefore not meeting the County Council's agreed criteria.

It was further reported that this point had been subject to a scored assessment, using two counts on different dates, based on agreed criteria for maintaining a school crossing patrol, and on each occasion had been insufficient to enable the continuation of this point. Lancashire Constabulary had also conducted an appeal count, a final count undertaken for verification purposes, which had also resulted in the criteria not being met to enable the continuation of this point.

The Area Manager (Highways) informed the Local that a zebra crossing was to be constructed in this locality and members of the Local felt that the crossing patrol should not be disestablished until the zebra crossing was installed. .

#### **38. Resolved:-**

That the School Crossing Patrol, (Point B18) Bowerham Community Primary School, Greaves Road, Lancaster, Lancaster District be retained until the proposed zebra crossing in this locality is installed and further consideration to its disestablishment be given at that time.

### **Highway Capital Special Maintenance Programme 2010-2012**

A report was presented which set out the provisional highway capital special maintenance programme for 2010-2012, subject to budget and other constraints.

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District was invited to express views on issues related to the provisional highway capital special maintenance programme for Lancaster District in 2010-2012 such as the timing of works, local events or plans that might affect the scheme or other information that would help minimise the disruption to users of the highway

The provisional highway capital special maintenance programme for 2010-2012 was set out at Appendix A to the report,

**39. Resolved:-**

That the report be noted.

**The County Council's 2010/11 Revenue Budget and Capital Investment Strategy**

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District were reminded that, in September, 2009, the County Council's Cabinet had agreed a two stage consultation process for the 2010/11 budget and the financial strategy for future years – the Local recalled participating in Stage 1 of the process, including the submission of a response to Cabinet for consideration at their meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

It was further reported that, on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010, the Cabinet had set out their revenue and capital budget proposals for future years, including the following major items:-

- no increase in Council Tax in 2010/11
- efficiency savings of £21.7m in 2010/11, which would rise to £36.7m in 2011/12, the details of which were set out in Annex 1 to the report;
- providing for the increase in demands on services brought about by legislative and demographic changes, adding £9m to the County Council's costs in 2010/11;
- reducing the budget provision made in 2010/11 for both pay inflation and general prices, reflecting current information regarding future costs;
- for consultation, policy options for service reductions totalling £1.5m, the details of which were set out in Annex 2 to the report;
- for consultation, options for increasing income through charging totalling £0.3m, the details of which were set out in Annex 3 to the report.

For the three subsequent years 2011/12 to 2013/14, current forecasts were that the County Council would need to make total further savings of between £46m and £108m – this was in addition to the efficiency savings identified as part of the 2010/11 budget process and the further budget options noted above.

The Cabinet had also agreed a four year capital investment strategy, enabling consideration of investment priorities over the medium term and ensuring both revenue and capital spending plans were closely aligned.

The Cabinet had asked that each Lancashire Local consider the budget proposals set out in the report, in particular on the options for service reductions and for charging, in the light of the financial position also set out in

the report, and return any comments on the proposals that the Local wished to make.

The Local was informed that any comments would then be considered by the Cabinet as part of the process for finalising the Cabinet's budget proposals. The Cabinet would make its 2010/11 budget recommendations at the beginning of February, 2010; the proposals would then be considered by the full County Council meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, which would then set the budget for 2010/11.

Members of the Local raised issues around children's social care and were informed that the proposals contained in the budget would have no impact on services. It was also felt that overall the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2010/11 and future years were horrendous and cuts to services would be inevitable.

#### **40. Resolved:-**

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District agreed that the comments raised at the Meeting be forwarded to the County Council's Resources Director, to be considered by the County Council's Cabinet as part of the process for finalising the County Council's Cabinet's Revenue and Capital Budget proposals.

#### **Consultation on the Local Development Framework: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies**

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District were informed that the first round of consultation on the Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies had been held early in 2009. Following on from the first consultation, Officers had considered all the comments and had formulated the current document "Consultation on Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies". Within that document there were a number of options put forward for potential future minerals and waste sites within Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

This was currently out for consultation with parties with a potential interest in Minerals and Waste, including companies within the Minerals and Waste industry, Elected Members, and owners of property (business and residential) in areas adjacent to proposed works, as well as the wider public.

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District was also informed that the Consultation on Possible Minerals and Waste Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document concentrated on the allocation of minerals and waste sites within Lancashire up to 2021 and had been split into the following chapters:

- Options for safeguarding mineral resources;
- Allocating inert recycling facilities;

- Allocating mineral sites;
- Managing road transport;
- Allocating built waste facilities;
- Allocating landfill capacity;
- Options for development management policies.

In Lancaster District, a proposal had been put forward for

- inert waste recycling at Leapers Wood Quarry
- the extension of Dunald Mill Quarry
- the protection of rail sidings at Carnforth the operational wharfage at Heysham Dock
- a new road to allow access to reserves at Dunald Mill
- strategic waste management locations - Heysham Port
- other smaller waste management locations – land at Lancaster West Business Park, White Lund Industrial Estate and Heysham Industrial Estate.

**41. Resolved:-**

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District noted the current consultation.

**Developing a North Lancashire Area Commissioning Plan**

A report was presented which provided a summary of the adult social care commissioning intentions for the coming four years, and provided the Lancashire Local with the opportunity to comment on and influence the development of a North Lancashire Area Commissioning Plan, which would set out how these intentions would be delivered at a local level.

**42. Resolved:-**

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District noted the report.

**Lancashire County Council's Young People's Service  
Proposed Arrangements Responding to Revised Constitution/Delegated Powers of Lancashire Locals**

A report was presented which outlined proposals for consideration by Lancashire Local - Lancaster District as to an annual timetable of activity and a range of monitoring and reporting processes to be implemented by the Lancashire Young People's Service. These processes sought to respond to the requirements of the revised constitution of the Lancashire Locals with respect to their delegated powers regarding the Lancashire Young People's Service in Lancaster.

In line with the new delegated powers, the report also presented a Draft Summary Overview of Service Provision from the Lancashire Young People's Service District Plan for Lancaster (2009 to 2010).



**43. Resolved:-**

Lancashire Local – Lancaster District noted the report.

**Allocation of Playbuilder Grant Funding in Lancashire 2010/11**

A report was presented which informed Lancashire Local – Lancaster District of the Lancashire 'Fair Play' Playbuilder Initiative, an external funding scheme profiled to invest £1.228 million capital, developing 20-25 play spaces for 8-13 year olds across Lancashire, offering natural and adventurous play, during a three year period 2008-2011.

The report presented details of projects which had secured Year One (2008/9) and Year Two (2009/10) funding, together with recommendations for grant funding for Playbuilder schemes in the financial year 2010/11 from the Playbuilder Assessment Panel meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. Following assessment, the Report outlined ten projects across Lancashire which had been recommended for funding.

**44. Resolved:**

1. Lancashire Local – Lancaster District welcomed the proposal for the development of a play area at Caton with Littledale
2. That the Lancashire Children's Trust Partnership Board be recommended to endorse the proposed applications for Playbuilder grant funding in 2010/11 (totalling £483,705) as set out in the report now presented and commend them to the Cabinet Member for Young People for approval.

**Lancashire Local Grant Applications  
Action Taken Under the Urgent Business Procedure by the County  
Secretary and Solicitor**

**45. Resolved:-**

That the action taken by the County Secretary and Solicitor, on behalf of Lancashire Local – Lancaster District, under the Urgent Business Procedure, to support applications submitted by County Councillors Sarah Fishwick and Sam Riches totalling £550.00 to the Local Grants Scheme , be noted

**Urgent Business  
The Future of Lancashire Locals**

County Councillor Janice Hanson expressed the view that the turn out by members of the public to this meeting showed that Lancashire Locals should not be disestablished. The Locals are the only forum for the public to have a say in matters in their locality.

**46. Resolved:-**

That Lancashire Local - Lancaster District would like to see the retention of Lancashire Locals across the county.

**Date of Next Meeting**

It was reported that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 6.30pm at Borwick Hall, Borwick.

I M Fisher  
County Secretary and Solicitor

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