

**Minutes of the Management Committee meeting
held on 18th January 2024 at 6.00pm
at Dunholme Old School**

Present:

Reece Harrington (Chair), Tony Howard (VP), Cathie Nicholl.

Officer in attendance:

Andrew Everard

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Gary Ellis, Mike Passfield and Steve Fletcher, Karri Davey and Katrina Evans.

3. To approve minutes of the last meeting held on 19.10.23 & 15.12.23

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 19.10.23 and 15.12.23.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present at the meeting, but the report had been circulated in advance. It was noted that a positive outcome was anticipated by financial year end.

It was RESOLVED to accept the report.

5. Training Report

a) The report for October- December quarter had been circulated prior to the meeting and also sent to LCC. No concerns overall. The report was noted.

b) There was a discussion about who could be invited to attend the 'Evening with ...' sessions. Some suggestions from previous meetings were: Local Planning Officer, ICO, Civility & Respect/Code of Conduct (LGA) and at this meeting it was proposed a senior Police Officer (Chief Constable/ Deputy CC), Emergency Services reps – Fire, Ambulance and maybe utility companies – Anglian Water and National Grid.

6. LALC Services and Staff Matters

It was noted that the job descriptions had been prepared to be sent to Chris Moses to undertake the job evaluation process.

7. National and Regional Matters

a) The Chair had been unable to attend latest meeting. The Chair will attend the training day 30.1.24.

b) Items that members would like the Chair to raise at National Assembly, please email him. It was noted that the Chair of NALC had a meeting with Barclays Bank but not much achieved. It was a continuing issue for the local council sector to be able to obtain reliable banking arrangements.

c) In the absence of KE this item was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Any policy items raised by LALC members

a) As KD was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed to defer the discussion around the Cost of Living Crisis to the next meeting.

b) AE circulated a draft Risk Management Register for LALC at an earlier meeting. This was deferred to the next meeting.

9. To consider the following action groups:

i) Climate change – in conjunction with Clive Wilson and University of Lincoln – deferred to await report from KE.

ii) Recruitment & Pay – KE/AE to draft terms of reference to be agreed at the next meeting to include representatives of clerks, councillors and LALC management committee.

iii) Young councillors – debate concluded that political parties/ political groups may be of assistance to identify young councillors and this may establish links to independent councillors. TH will try Labour. The Chair will make contact through NKDC groups.

iv) Locum Clerks – This is a topic that comes up from time to time when there is a sudden issue at a council and LALC may be able to consider a working group to improve support or services across Lincolnshire.

10. Any other urgent business for consideration, by permission of the Chair

No other business to discuss

11. To discuss items for the next agenda

Deferred items, action groups, risk management register.

12. Date and venue of next meeting

Future meetings agreed to be on 18.4.24, 17.7.24, 17.10.24, 16.1.25.

Meeting closed at 20:10.

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