

Notes on KALC meeting Dec 9th 2021

Mary McKinley in the chair. 18 participants

Inspector Lizzie Jones. 13 districts for Kent Police. TMBC is usually in the 3 least crime areas. Drug crime down 50% on last year. Most other crimes also down. Biggest crime type currently is domestic abuse.

Boundary Commission. Tim Shaw says he voted against TMBC's proposal but it passed 23 to 11. The public can still express their views directly to the Commission.

Proposal for 200 HGV park at Wrotham on green belt land. Will come before area 2 planning committee next year. The local parish council is opposing it. Tim Shaw suggested Bluebell Hill as an alternative. Ashford lorry park is now open. Do we really need another one?

Wendy Palmer has now been confirmed as KALC representative on the Joint Transportation Board. 2 people are allowed. Mary McKinley will be the 2nd representative

PPP. How do we get stuff onto the agenda? I have already submitted an item on flood protection to KALC to propose since I had understood that agenda items were to be submitted via KALC.

Waste and recycling. Some districts have had no garden waste collections at all. Church farm in Ryarsh is willing to take garden waste. Food waste bins are losing their handles. Bins are left in the centres of driveways. Nobody happy.

I gave the report on green issues, since the proposed climate change working group seems to so far be me only. I said that we are addressing our flood plan in Aylesford and asking developers to embrace 'green' policies. I also asked if we could demand that new houses be Energy Performance Certificate A rather than EPC B. It was suggested that all parishes should express their views to TMBC on such matters at every opportunity. It was suggested that parishes in rural areas should also address possible flooding issues that might arise from increased farm run offs from poly tunnels. I also mentioned discussions I have been having with the University of Greenwich on a possible project to harness the energy of the tidal Medway.

Fears were expressed that the new local plan will also be rejected

Lighting column attachment charges. There were complaints that some lamp posts have not yet been tested and so have no Christmas lights. Mike Taylor said there only really needed to be testing on one exemplar column out of any set of identical columns. He suggested that the current testing and certification procedure of every singly column was simply a way that KCC had come up with to raise increased funds. He asked all concerned parishes to join him in complaining.

Next KALC meeting will be in mid January prior to the PPP on January 27th 2022

Tom Shelley. December 12th 2021.