

Correspondence List for meeting dated 8 May 2019

Ref	Date received	From	Subject	Note/comment
<i>Note: CDALC = County Durham Association of Local Councils NALC = National Association of Local Councils SLCC = Society of Local Council Clerks</i>				
1	04/04/2019	CDALC	Request to share any Village Green policy - from Sedgefield Town Council	
2	08/04/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report for w/c 6 April. Nothing new to report.	
3	08/04/2019	CDALC	NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin: new Practitioners' Guide for governance and accountability for smaller authorities now published, with summary of changes; change to Data Protection (Charges and Information)(Amendment) Regulations 2019 came into force 1 April which means that local councillors are now exempt from paying a data protection fee; County officers received training borrowing approval, risk assessment, county association benchmarking and training and funding for churches; and purdah guidance for authorities holding elections in May.	
4	08/04/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 7 April. No new applications to report.	
5	08/04/2019	CDALC	Notes from training (which Clerk attended) on external audit / Annual Governance and Accountability Returns 2018/19.	Can be forwarded by Clerk on request.
6	08/04/2019	CDALC	Details of Risk Management training to be provided by DCC Internal Audit Section, if sufficient interest. Fee for 2 x3-hour sessions is £375.	
7	09/04/2019	CDALC	Notice of early-bird bookings for NALC annual conference - Milton Keynes, 28-29 October, £211+VAT per head (excl. accommodation) if booked before 31 July.	
8	09/04/2019	CDALC	War Memorials Grant Scheme: War Memorials Trust can provide grants for repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials. Normally for up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs, with maximum grant of £30k. Next closing date 31 July 2019.	
9	10/04/2019	Seafarers UK	Invitation for the PC to support this year's campaign to raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers - through 'Flying the Red Ensign' with a ceremony and promotion on 3 September.	
10	10/04/2019	CDALC	Link to details of funding opportunity for parish councils and community organisations from £3m government money for refurbishment of village halls, hoping to help around 100 building across the country.	Link to details can be provided.
11	10/04/2019	CDALC	Details of 'purdah' arrangements which will come into effect 15 April should the European elections scheduled for 23 May be proceeding.	Full timetable for the elections available on request.
12	11/04/2019	Calor Rural Community Fund	Reminder that deadline for funding applications (up to £5k) is 29 April.	
13	15/04/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 14 April. No new applications to report.	
14	16/04/2019	CDALC	Call for agenda items for next Smaller Councils Forum scheduled for 23 May in Shildon at 2pm.	
15	18/04/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 20 April. Nothing new to report.	
16	20/04/2019	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England, North East newsletter Spring 2019. 12-page newsletter can be forwarded on request to Clerk.	
17	23/04/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 21 April. No new applications to report.	
18	23/04/2019	Teesdale Action Partnership	TAP AGM/Board meeting, Wednesday 8 May, 6-8pm at Teesdale School. Members of the public are invited to observe proceedings.	
19	24/04/2019	CDALC	New NALC consultation method: 2 brief questions for parish councils - this time on a new vehicle operator licensing system due to come into force in April 2020, for response by 11 June.	Does the parish council wish to respond to this consultation?

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20	24/04/2019	CDALC	Request to share experience of using online banking and use of credit/debit cards — for West Rainton and Hetton PCs.	
21	29/04/2019	CDALC	NALC Chief Executive's bulletin: judicial review outcome in which a decision by a principal authority to abolish two parish councils was quashed; comment on news report that councils are struggling to fill seats in local elections — that there are over 100,000 real hyperlocal heroes spending their time and energy helping their communities [by being parish councillors] and that local councils are actually becoming one of the most important parts of local government as they are closest to the people and covering the issues that really matter in a time of real disenchantment and that they are the only growing part too as several are created each year; consultations currently 'live' are — National Audit Office Code of Practice and Traffic Commissioners; new guidance on Borrowing Approval process for local councils; push for keeping up to date with NALC news through Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.	
22	29/04/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 28 April. No new applications to report.	
23	30/04/2019	CDALC	Notice of latest NALC Briefings: a) that as notice of the European Elections has been given, no local council should be issuing any publicity which seeks to influence voters; b) notice of the newly introduced exemption for councillors to register (and pay the £40 fee) as Data Controllers with the Information Commissioner's Office if they hold any information in their capacity as an elected representative; and c) information on Community Infrastructure Levy for parish and town councils (the charge on development that came into force in 2010, in tandem with s.106 agreements), however Durham County Council does not require developers to make this payment. NALC briefing notes are available on each topic if you wish to read further detail.	
24	30/04/2019	CDALC	Reminder of s.137 expenditure and General Power of Competence. Section 137 limit per elector in 2019/20 is £8.12. NALC legal topic note contains full overview and can be forwarded on request to the Clerk.	
25	30/04/2019	Carnegie Trust	Newsletter. Can be forwarded on request to Clerk.	
26	01/05/2019	CDALC	Reminder of legislation concerning the election of a chair at the May Annual Meeting of the Council. [Clerk notes everything is in order]	
27	01/05/2019	CDALC	Details of free 'Pioneer' Workshop to help communities set up meeting centres to support people with mild to moderate dementia and their families. Afternoon workshop at Newcastle University, 26 September.	
28	01/05/2019	CDALC	Details of full day training course for new and experienced councillors, 19 June in Yarm, covering: roles and responsibilities of a councillor, the Chair, Clerk and Council; the agenda; powers, duties and precepts; meetings, policies and standing orders; and code of conduct. Cost £27 per place. Booking by 9 June.	Further details can be provided for this recommended training.
29	01/05/2019	CDALC	Request from Durham Community Action/Homes England for information on the potential appetite to deliver community-led housing projects - including new build and conversions - over the coming years. Closing date for response via link provided is 31 May.	Does the Parish Council wish to respond?