

Correspondence List for meeting dated 11 September 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	05/07/2019	CDALC	2-page notes from briefing on Section 106 planning gain (Stephen Reed's presentation to CDALC Executive). Can be forwarded.	
2	08/07/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 7 July. No new applications to report.	
3	08/07/2019	CDALC	Details of NALC Annual Conference, October - 20% early bird booking discount expires 31 July.	
4	08/07/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about cemetery management software - for Trimdon Foundry PC	
5	08/07/2019	CDALC	New guidance for councillors on handling intimidation - from Local Government Association. Email forwarded to all cllrs 8/7/19 at request of CDALC.	
6	09/07/2019	CDALC	Reminder of forthcoming Operation London Bridge information awareness raising session, 16 July, County Hall, 6pm (free).	No councillor interest expressed.
7	09/07/2019	My Neighbourhood Plan Writing Specialist	Sales promotion from planning professional.	Filed and unsubscribed.
8	09/07/2019	Carnegie UK Trust	Newsletter: new CEO, The Practice of Kindness, funding programme for libraries, Wellbeing and Devolution.	
9	15/07/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 14 July. Email sent to all cllrs 15/7/19.	
10	16/07/2019	CDALC	Encouragement for PCs to sign up to Pledge to reduce single use plastic.	Item on September agenda.
11	16/07/2019	CDALC	Agenda for CDALC Smaller Councils Forum, 25 July, Spennymoor. Clerk to attend.	
12	18/07/2019	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England North East Newsletter Summer 2019. 12-page PDF can be forwarded on request.	
13	18/07/2019	Durham Community News	News bulletin July 2019: third sector trends, funding round-up, inducting volunteers training.	
14	18/07/2019	CDALC	Request to provide details of PC website so that a link can be provided on the Durham County Council's webpage about parish councils.	Clerk actioned 19/7.
15	22/07/2019	CDALC	Agenda and papers for Smaller Councils Forum meeting, 25 July.	
16	22/07/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 21 July. No new applications to report.	
17	22/07/2019	CDALC	Bridges guidance. Slide pack and detailed 26-page document (classed as 'officially sensitive') of guidance from National Association of Civic Officers on marking the death of a senior national figure, following information awareness raising session. Request to liaise with DCC's Civil Contingencies Unit on any local arrangements.	
18	26/07/2019	DCC Overview & Scrutiny	Advice that Durham County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board's Annual Report of work undertaken during 2018/19 is now published. The 24-page PDF can be forwarded to councillors on request to Clerk.	
19	29/07/2019	CDALC	Link to YouTube 26-minute video 'A year in the Life of Thornley Parish Council' - for interest. https://youtu.be/zj14MP6KQVE	
20	30/07/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about whether any PCs have responded to a request to modify cemetery footpaths to allow wheelchair access to graves.	
21	02/08/2019	SLCC	Survey on Community Governance programme (sector-specific higher education), details of AGM and Annual Conference and forthcoming training webinars and events	

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22	02/08/2019	CDALC	Details of consultation by DCC on proposed increase to the Council Tax premium on long-term empty properties (which is considered to incentivise owners to bring them back into use). Deadline for response is 6 October.	Does the PC wish to respond?
23	05/08/2019	CDALC	Powerpoint slides from Smaller Councils Forum presentation on Community Led Housing and link to presentation on the new County Durham Vision.	
24	05/08/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 4/8. Email sent to all councillors 5/8.	
25	05/08/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 3 August. Nothing new to report.	
26	06/08/2019	Resident A	Email commenting that entrance sign is now obscured by flowers; and sending a suggested design for a new sign. (Happy for message to be ignored if council don't like it).	Design will be shown at meeting on 11 September.
27	06/08/2019	CDALC	Details of webinar on bringing forward affordable housing - the process from gathering evidence to determine if there is an affordability issue, through to having robust affordable housing for sale policies to bridge the affordability gap - using Neighbourhood Planning. Webinar is 12noon-1pm on Monday 23 September. Clerk has link for registration for it.	
28	08/08/2019	Teesdale Action Partnership	Ebulletin: new board members, shopping clubs for over 50s, Employability Discretionary Fund, Silver Talk free befriending by phone service and fully funded SME energy audits.	
29	12/08/2019	CDALC	Flyer promoting 'Land of Promise' performance - history of town planning in radical writings and protest songs, 3 September, Durham Town Hall. Email forwarded to all clls 12/8.	
30	12/08/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 10 August. Nothing new to report.	
31	12/08/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 11 August. No new applications to report.	
32	13/08/2019	CDALC	LGA Councillors Guide (link to 65-page PDF). Forwarded to all cllrs 14/8/19.	
33	13/08/2019	CDALC	Reminder of VAT training session, all day, 24 September, free to attend at Shotton Hall, Peterlee. Recommended that each council sends someone.	Clerk will attend. Any councillor interested?
34	17/08/2019	SLCC	Autumn newsletter - inviting nominations for annual awards, branch and regional training event feedback, annual conference details (2/3 October)	
35	17/08/2019	My Neighbourhood Plan Writing Specialist	Invitation to (free) webinar training on Neighbourhood Planning.	
36	19/08/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 18 August. No new applications to report.	
37	19/08/2019	CDALC	News, information and invitation from County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust. Forwarded to all cllrs 19/8/19 at request of CDALC.	
38	19/08/2019	CDALC	Invitation to Durham Year of Pilgrimage 2020 information event, 4 September. Forwarded to all councillors 19/8 due to short notice.	
39	20/08/2019	CDALC	Request to share information about addressing anti-social behaviour in play park by neighbouring residents volunteering to unlock and lock the access gate each morning and evening (concerns about insurance, health and safety) - for Trimdon PC	

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40	20/08/2019	CDALC	Link to 'The Village Survival Guide' produced by the Prince's Countryside Trust - giving advice on village sustainability top 10. This could form the basis of developing a village vision, giving a voice to everyone, developing self-sufficiency, building financial resilience and becoming a stronger community. An easy read - and recommended! Link is https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=120f6ce4-b907-4b87-9ac0-91a7499ede4c	
41	23/08/2019	Brain Tumour Research	Appeal from Community Fundraising Manager to promote charity event 'Walk of Hope' on 28 September in Newcastle. Details available from Clerk on request.	
42	24/08/2019	Play@Cotherstone	Letter clarifying that Play@Cotherstone continues to actively seek funds, immediately to replace the large basket swing at £9/10k (contrary to erroneous report in recent Teesdale Mercury article).	Will be read at meeting 11 September.
43	27/08/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 26 August. No new applications to report.	
44	27/08/2019	CDALC	Roadworks report w/c 24 August. Nothing new to report.	
45	28/08/2019	Durham Community Action	Invitation to respond to consultation on sexual harassment in the workplace and the legal protections available under the Equality Act 2010, which has the potential to change how organisations safeguard and support not only their staff but also their volunteers.	
46	29/08/2019	Durham Community Action	Invitation to the Better Together Social Value Policy Forum, 13 September, 9.30-12.30pm at Bowburn. Details can be provided.	
47	01/09/2019	Resident B	Email seeking help with planting replacement trees on private property in the village. Clerk advised Resident to approach Trees for Cotherstone via Ian Moorhouse.	
48	02/09/2019	DCC Planning	Weekly list of new applications w/e 1 September. No new applications to report.	
49	02/09/2019	CDALC	New NALC Legal Topic Note 22 - Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements. This takes account of the Ledbury Case from 2018. A new model Disciplinary and Grievance policy has been prepared by NALC to reflect this.	New model policy will be considered at this PC's policy next review.
50	02/09/2019	Friends of the Earth	Suggestion to set up 'Climate Action Cotherstone' to rise to climate challenge, and perhaps organise a climate action event and join with other communities, supported by Friends of the Earth who will provide free training, online tools, promotion and dedicated support.	