

Wrekin Area Committee Report

Wrekin Area Committee meets, when possible, on a quarterly basis and reports to the SALC Executive. Five members (elected annually) represent the Committee on the SALC Executive. EMPC has two representatives (Cllrs Hughes and Wickson) on the area committee and Cllr Barrow is a regular attendee. Other Councillors are welcome to attend.

It held its' AGM in September where it elected its Chairman Cllr Unwin and confirmed the 5 area committee representatives, those being Cllrs Wilson, Williams, Offland, Reynolds and myself.

Over the last twelve months, guest speakers at the meetings included Superintendent James Dunn on policing in the Borough, Cllr David Spicer on Safeguarding for Parish Councils and Diana West on Green Spaces (Physical Activity) Project.

Agenda items have included Planning & Development Information events, of which there were 9 sessions. Over 123 councillors attended these sessions.

The committee were fully briefed on the CSE Report by Cllr Paul Watling, who, when asked, informed the committee that the resultant Plan would be shared with all Town & Parish Councils as soon as possible. I don't believe that this has been received as yet.

Ecological issues like Extreme Heat, Warm Front and Cost of Living Crisis were discussed at various meetings, together with Carbon Literacy and Climate Change. As you would expect, Highways and Transport are consistently on our agenda together with delays in Parish Projects.

We were consulted and had input on the new Parish Agreement with Telford & Wrekin, which came into being earlier this year and has been adopted by 27 Town & Parish Councils in the borough. Two commitments included are to regularly review the agreement and to hold a bi-annual Conference, the first being on 4th October 2023.

Our next meeting is on the 22nd June 2023, via Zoom

Cllr Wickson

Vice Chairman, Wrekin Area Committee.