

# **Annual Report: Cllr. Cahal Burke 2012/13**

## **Introduction**

My name is Cahal Burke and I am a councillor for the Lindley ward in Kirklees. I live in Lindley with my family and represent the residents of Birchencliffe, Birkby, Lindley, Marsh, Mount, Oakes, Salendine Nook and Quarmby.

2012/2013 has been another extremely busy and rewarding year. I have been able to help and assist many people in the Lindley Ward and look forward to carrying on the good work, putting people before politics, in 2013/2014.

I work to help achieve the Council's priorities to: Enhance Life Chances for Young People; Support Older People to be Healthy, Active and Included; Lead Kirklees Out of Recession; and to Provide Effective and Productive Services.

It is an honour and a privilege to serve the people of Lindley.

## **Participation at Council Meeting Committees**

- Full Council Meetings
- Area Committee - Huddersfield
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Children and Young People
- Educational Attainment and Safeguarding Performance Scrutiny Sub Group
- I also act as a substitute for colleagues on various committees including Huddersfield Planning

## **Participation on Outside Bodies**

- West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (member)

## **Ward Work**

During the year I have kept in touch, worked for and championed the people of the Lindley Ward keeping in touch with them via regular newsletters, questionnaires, surveys and target mailing on specific local issues. I also keep all residents informed of my work and keep them updated on local issues through my website and social media feeds:

- [www.cahalburke.co.uk](http://www.cahalburke.co.uk)
- [www.facebook.com/CahalBurke](https://www.facebook.com/CahalBurke)
- [www.twitter.com/CahalBurke](https://www.twitter.com/CahalBurke)

I am very deeply involved in lots of work in my ward and it's hard to do justice to all the things I have done this year. I will try and give you a flavour here but if you want to know more you need to look out for my regular newsletter or sign up to one of my social media feeds.

This year I have put a lot of effort into getting local roads improved and I am pleased to say many more of have been resurfaced in the last 12 month. However, there are many more to do, so I will be continuing to push for action from the Council in this area for the next twelve months. As there are a lot of changes going on at the moment, I have kept in regular contact with TRAs and other community organisations in my ward so I know what's happening for them and so I can

support them as their local councillor. For example, I have supported local Council tenants this year, when they came to me concerned about changes to the Council's lettings policy. I have also done a lot of work trying to make our roads and routes to school safer for parents and children by working with parents, residents, schools and the Highways Service to achieve this. I have also supported improvements to our play areas and been there as a local representative at planning meetings. I have also lent my support to various voluntary groups helping them in any way I could e.g. helping with funding for Lindley Chimes Over 60's group.

As I say, this is just a flavour of some of things I have done or been involved in. I hope it is helpful. You can find out more via my regular newsletter or my social media feeds.

### **Achievements During the Year**

- Working with residents to start the first 10k running event in Lindley
- Continuing to work with Lindley Carnival
- Safer access to Lindley Infant School and Lindley Junior School (new footpath on one side; widening existing footpath; 20mph zone; new entrance to the school)
- 20MPH zone for Moorlands Road - making it safer outside Moorlands Primary School
- Setting up Neighbourhood Watch areas in the ward with police and residents
- I have used my position as a councillor to raise money and awareness for charities by taking part in running events from 10k runs to Marathons
- I have been able to improve the lives of local people in many ways; much of this has been achieved through case work which sees me working on individual issues for residents

### **Members Surgeries**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month

9.30 am - 10.30 am - Lindley Library

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11.00 am - 12 Noon - Salendine Nook Shopping Centre (with the Neighbourhood Policing Team)

### **Training and Development**

All training relating to Council roles and roles on outside bodies.