

Annual Report: Cllr. Viv Kendrick 2011/12

Introduction

I have continued to enjoy working as a ward Councillor in Heckmondwike during this year and am grateful for the help and support of local residents, Labour Party colleagues and Mike Wood MP and his team. I said in last year's report that the pace of work did not seem to be slowing down and it certainly has not during 2011/12.

Participation at Council Meeting Committees

During the year I have attended the following: -

Full Council Meetings

Planning & Highways Committee

Planning Committee (but only as a substitute when another member cannot attend)

Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny Panels - I became the lead member for this year and chaired the panel meetings and also attended a number of briefing meetings.

School Transport Appeals

Spen Area Committee & the Committee's Planning Meetings

Fostering Panels

Neighbourhood Management Group - meeting with the Police, Fire Service, KNH, Streetscene, and Community workers etc to look at issues/problems in the ward.

Ward Meetings- with Highways/StreetScene, Community workers to decide on how to progress issues in the ward.

Ward Councillor Meetings - to discuss local issues with colleagues in the ward.

Spen Valley TRA Forum

Batley & Spen Tenants & Resident Committee

Kirklees School Services Ltd - as the alternate director for Kirklees

I have also regularly attended the following meetings:

Tenants and Residents Committee Meetings

Heckmondwike Children's Centre Advisory Board

Briefing meetings with Cabinet members and directors relating to well being & communities

NHS Chairs liaison meetings

Meetings with the Chief Executive of the PCT

Labour Group Meetings

Heckmondwike Labour Party Meetings

Local Government Committee of the Labour party

KNH's 'Maintaining decency/cyclical work meetings'

Meetings re Heckmondwike Market

I have also attended a number of one-off meetings and events

Public meeting re a housing development off White Lee Road

Meetings re road safety issues at Norristhorpe School

Heavy Woollen Countryside Forum

Sensory Independence Day

Financial Exclusion Event

Review of integrated Youth Support
Spenn Valley Neighbourhood Planning Session
Celebrating Warmzone
STEPS Celebration
Ageing Well Workshop
Association of West Yorkshire Authorities meeting on Police Commissioners
JSNA Launch
NHS Kirklees AGM
South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Trust 'Drop in event'
Local Government Day Event
AGM of Heckmondwike Petanque Club

Ward Work

I have continued to deal with cases for local residents and groups of residents, covering a wide range of issues, including planning issues, public rights of way, benefits, domestic violence, grants and funding, housing repairs, road safety, crime and anti-social behaviour, neighbour disputes etc. I receive referrals from people when they see me, out and about in Heckmondwike, from standing at a market stall, by telephone, email, referral from Mike Wood MP, other Councillors, various organisations, Council officers etc.

The most frequent contact is by telephone - 07747791686. If you use this method please leave a message or send me a text and I will ring you back.

The number of email contacts is growing. My email address is viv.kendrick@kirklees.gov.uk .

Achievements During the Year

- Organised and held over several weeks, a Spring Colouring Competition in Heckmondwike Market for local children, to help promote the market and provide a bit of fun around Easter. The Mayor, Cllr Eric Firth came to present the prizes and meet local stallholders.
- Organised a public meeting to address local residents concerns re a housing development off White Lee Road and traffic problems.
- Supported the Communications Union with petitions against the closure of the parcel office in Heckmondwike.
- Represented a number of groups of residents at Heavy Woollen Planning Sub-committee to raise their concerns and views.
- Supported the development of Heckmondwike Petanque Club.
- Supported local groups in obtaining funding for Jubilee celebrations.
- 2 unadopted roads were resurfaced.
- Participated in a re-launch day for Firth Park.
- Finally saw the refurbishment of bungalows in Brighton Street and additional fencing put in place, although the pitched roof work has still to be commenced.
- Provision of a grit bin in a new development with steep roads.

Many of the achievements in Heckmondwike have been accomplished by co-working with my fellow ward Councillors and also some have been achieved through joint working with our local MP Mike Woods and his team. My thanks to them.

Training and Development

The range of services and information that a Councillor may need is vast. Below are some of the trainings that I have attended.

- Chairing Scrutiny Panel Skills
- Introduction to licensing
- Safeguarding Training for Councillors
- Scrutiny Training
- Councillors and Social Media
- Excellent Homes Briefing
- Preventing Financial Abuse
- Ageing Well Workshop
- Fostering Panel Appraisal