

## **County Councillor Annual Report 2017/18**

*This report summarises the activities of County Councillor Betty Newton*

### **Council Activities**

#### **Committees I have served on at County Hall**

Combined Fire Authority (CFA) I'm the CFA Equalities Champion  
Corporate Governance Committee (CFA)  
Employment Committee  
Member Conduct Panel  
Vice Chair Strategic Equalities Board (CFA)

#### **Local Committees:**

Charnwood Highways Forum (no longer meets)  
Loughborough Campus and Community Liaison Group

#### **Other relevant bodies**

County Council Network of Councillors  
Assist where required the following resident's groups  
Storer and Ashby Residents Group (SARG)  
Three Closes Resident's Association  
Warwick Way Action Group  
Work closely with Hathern Parish Council on activities that affect Hathern

### **Electoral Division Activities**

#### **Main activities during the past year**

- ✓ Attendance: I've attended all County Council meetings, Member conduct Panel meetings. Regular attendance at all Combined Fire Authority Meetings and Corporate Governance Meetings. Also, attended Employment Committee meetings

- ✓ Attend Hathern Parish Council meetings and worked with them on a range of issues affecting Hathern and surrounding area. Reported faded road markings leading into Hathern Village and these were repainted. Progressed work on overhanging vegetation on the A6 that was causing problems for cyclists and pedestrians. Also, sorted out missed off street lights in Hathern
- ✓ Addressed issues such as litter dropping in streets near McDonalds on Warwick Way. Also attended a litter picking session in the same area
- ✓ Consulted with Severn Trent and officers at the County Council re flooding at bottom of Alan Moss Road and Tyler Avenue
- ✓ Raised issues re location of bus stops on busy roads
- ✓ Working on footpath issues at top of Maxwell Drive to ensure that they are push chair friendly
- ✓ Spoke to local bus companies regarding extending the bus service from Hathern to Shepshed so that School Children in Hathern would have the opportunity to travel to the nearest school. Unfortunately, the bus company was not receptive
- ✓ Supported Residents calls for Safer Space for Cyclists
- ✓ Spoke with officers regarding speeding on Knightthorpe Road, Alan Moss Road and motor cycle problems on Braddon Road.
- ✓ Presented concerns re markings on Warwick Way Roundabout as well as rubbish from McDonalds being disposed in the surround streets of Barsby Drive and Braddon Road
- ✓ Meeting with local neighbourhood watch on parking on speed bumps on Maxwell Drive. Liaised with the police on this issue
- ✓ Met with police officers re low level crime in division
- ✓ Attended Police and Communities Pact Meetings
- ✓ Visited local Communities Centres in the area
- ✓ Attended Charity Coffee morning in Robert Bakewell School
- ✓ Attended Anniversary Event at Hathern Library
- ✓ Judged Easter Bonnet Event at Three Closes and when available have attended police surgeries
- ✓ Visited Maplewell School with other Councillor
- ✓ Campaigned to keep the Children's Heart Unit open at Glenfield hospital.

- ✓ I produce regular newsletters to residents, hold monthly street surgeries, ward walk and have visited residents when requested
- ✓ Visited local residents groups and write regular reports for the Storer Road Residents Group.

### **Matters Raised in Full Council:**

I'm a regular contributor at Full Council meetings and have spoken on a number of issues including:

- Waspi Women, speech against pension inequality for women
- Public Sector Pay Claim
- Motion on Staff pay

### **Some Briefings, Workshops, Training and Conferences attended:**

- Health and Social Care Integration Briefing
- Equality Assessment Training
- Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Strategic Growth Plan
- Public Transport Strategy
- Data Protection (GDPR)
- School Organisation Briefing (specific to Loughborough Schools)
- Customer Services Briefing
- Also attended Voluntary Sector Training event at JSH
- Attended a Police Prevent/Solution Conference held in St Peter's Storer Road.
- After the Grenfell Tragedy attended a resilience briefing at County Hall
- Corporate Parenting Briefing
- Briefing on High Speed Train
- Gypsy and Traveller Engagement event at the Fire Authority

### **Priorities for the future**

- Will continue to campaign to protect Garendon and Hathern from encroaching development.
- Ensure that that effective Broadband is delivered to those with poor connectivity, this is still an ongoing issue in parts of Braddon Road Area
- Ensure that there is an adequate home to school transport system in place for all pupils
- Continue to support voluntary organisations and community group, try to ensure that that grants and participative budgeting is directed towards social priorities

- Monitor the delivery of Social Care to ensure that it is person centred care that meets the aspirations of service users
- Campaign for improvements in Road Safety across Loughborough North, especially in the Gorse Covert area
- Monitor NHS Services to ensure that the right Health Care Services are being delivered to our area. Robustly challenge any financial cuts that will impact on service delivery
- Supporting the campaign for a Loughborough Town Council

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