

Liberal Democrats



Councillor Cahal Burke Annual Report 2017 to 2018

Cllr Cahal Burke

Year Elected: 2010, 2014, 2018

Ward: Lindley

Introduction:

My name is Cahal Burke and I am a councillor for the Lindley ward in Kirklees. I live in Lindley and represent the residents of Birchencliffe, Birkby, Lindley, Marsh, Mount, Oakes, Salendine Nook and Quarmby. 2017/2018 has been challenging, eventful and very rewarding. I have been able to help and support many people in the Lindley Ward and look forward to carrying on the good positive work, putting people first before politics in 2018/2019. I work to help realise council priorities to Enhance Life Chances for Young People, support older people to be healthy, active and included, Lead Kirklees out of recession and Provide effective and productive services. It is an honour and a privilege to serve the people of the Lindley ward.

Council Meetings Attended:

- Annual Council
- Children's Scrutiny Panel (Chair)
- Council
- Extraordinary Council
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Participation on Outside Bodies:

Ward Work and Achievements:

During the year I have kept in touch, worked for and championed the people of the Lindley ward by regular newsletter delivery, questionnaires, surveys and target mailing on specific local issues. In an effort to better represent the needs and interests of all residents, I hold a residents' advice surgery on the second Saturday of each month. Campaigning for improvements to school places in our area. I keep in contact with TRAs and other community organisations within my ward. Working to make our roads safer and making routes to school safer for parents and children – working with parents, residents, schools and highways. Improving our play areas in the ward. Representing residents at planning meetings. Helping different voluntary groups and various community organisations and groups in the ward. Campaigning with residents and various groups to protect our green fields, keep our Library in Lindley and securing more school places.

I also keep all residents informed of my work and keep them updated on local issues through my website and social media:

- www.cahalburke.co.uk
- www.facebook.com/CahalBurke
- www.twitter.com/CahalBurke

I hope I have been able to improve the lives of local people in many ways; much of this has been achieved through case work, working on individual issues for residents. Continuing to work with Lindley Community Group working with residents and partners to plan and organise the Lindley Street Party, Lindley Carnival, Lindley 10k and working with local businesses to promote Lindley. Safer access to schools and working with partners to reduce speeding in the Lindley ward. Many paths have been improved in the Lindley ward helping residents be more active and have more access. Many roads have been improved from pothole filling to complete resurfacing. Helped set up a group to keep Lindley Library open – Lindley Library Community Group. 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.

Surgeries:

In an effort to better represent the needs and interests of all residents, I hold a residents' advice surgery with Cllr. Richard Eastwood and Cllr. Gemma Wilson on the second Saturday of each month. Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 9.30 am - 10.30 am Lindley Library Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 11.00 am - 12 Noon Salendine Nook Shopping Centre (with the Neighbourhood Policing Team).

Training Attended:

All relevant training relating to council roles.