

Dales Annual Report 2015-16

David Mellen, Gul Nawaz Khan & Neghat Khan

Introduction

Councillors David Mellen, Gul Khan and Neghat Khan are the elected members of Nottingham City Council representing the Dales Ward.

We work alongside each other to support the residents of the ward. We involve ourselves in various resident groups, hold advice surgeries and communicate with local volunteers in order to highlight current issues and resolve them accordingly.

Council Involvement

In 2015-16 we were on the following committees:

Councillor Mellen

- Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention & Early Years
- Chair of Corporate Parenting Board
- Chair of Nottingham Children's Partnership
- Member of One Nottingham Board
- Member of Area Committee East
- Member of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Board Member of Base 51 (city centre youth facility)
- Member of 'Small Steps, Big Changes' (lottery project supporting families)
- Member of Refugee Forum Board

Councillor G Khan

- Member of Area Committee East (A.C.E)
- Member of Licensing Committee
- Vice Chair of Overview and Scrutiny
- Member of Planning Committee
- Member of Regulatory and Appeals Committee
- Chair of Scrutiny Review Panel

Councillor N Khan

- Vice Chair of Area Committee East (A.C.E)
- Member of Health Scrutiny Committee
- Member of Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority
- Member of Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel
- Member of Overview and Scrutiny

Community Involvement

To interact with residents, we:

- Hold regular advice surgeries every Saturday 11am –12 noon at Sneinton Library and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month 10am - 11am at Bakersfield Library
- Undertake monthly Councillor ward walks with partner services (e.g. Police, Community Protection and Street Scene) where residents have the opportunity to raise any neighbourhood issues
- Hold 12 Local issues meetings in the year at various locations across the ward including BANCA, MCO, Greenway, URC, etc.
- Hold residents meetings with groups such as Sneinton Tenants & Residents Association (STARA), Friends of Colwick Woods, Carlton Folds and Candle Meadow
- Hold monthly Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings which also highlight issues affecting residents and we hold service providers accountable

Ward Work and Achievements

- This year we have continued to improve children's parks to make them a safe and enjoyable place to be. We improved Tricket's Yard play area behind the Greenway Centre by cutting back vegetation, installing new equipment and making it a better space for young and old to enjoy
- To tackle the issue of parking outside Nottingham Academy, funds were allocated and parking restrictions have now been put in place. Vehicles are no longer allowed to park outside Nottingham Academy between 12-2pm, there has been an extension of zig-zags outside the entrance and double yellow lines have been extended also
- To tackle the issue of fly tipping across the ward, we are looking at investing into a 3g portable camera which can be transported between the hotspots
- By replacing broken locks on resident's alleyways, we have reduced the number of ASB and fly tipping in these areas
- As a NAT priority, it was agreed that there be increased Police patrols to tackle the issue of ASB outside the shop Boozebusters on Oakdale road
- We have pruned nuisance and overgrown trees which were causing damage to properties and trouble to residents
- We have enforced the Dog Control Order so that dogs remain on leads, therefore owners will be held accountable for any dog fouling and fines have been issued
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Use of Devolved Budgets

Over the past year we have used £15,000 funding to support various community projects, to mention a few:

- Sneinton Community Food bank
- Sneinton Town FC

- MCO Mums and Tots
- Skipton Circus Family Fun Day
- Sneinton Festival
- Dales Eid/ Christmas Lights
- Oliver Hind Youth Club
- STARA
- Friends Of Colwick Woods
- Dales Barrier Trough Planting
- Greenway Centre
- The Dales United Reform Church, Litchfield in Bloom
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Area Capital Funds

We used our allocated funding for Local Transport Plans (LTP) schemes and Public Realm schemes.

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£63,441 was used for: resurfacing Pullman Road footpath, lining outside Nottingham Academy, dropped crossings, Colwick Road Carriageway, feasibility study of Candle Meadow and introduction of scheme to address parking issues on Lord Street, Robert Street and Windmill Lane
- Public Realm schemes
£48,045 was used for: Watson Avenue/ Bentley Avenue signage & Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), Dales ward bins, Greens Mill Play area, Rossington Road ASB in alleyway, Gate lock replacements, 3 year program to tackle nuisance trees, area improvements

Pledges

Our pledge to you is:

1. We will continue to hold weekly advice surgeries/ monthly meetings for residents and respond promptly to constituent emails and phone calls
2. We will bring in further measures to tackle speeding in Bakersfield
3. We will continue to work with enforcement staff to tackle fly tipping and irresponsible dog owners, keeping our streets as clean as possible
4. We will open a new “JOINT SERVICE CENTRE” including a new library and retaining the police neighbourhood team in Dales Ward

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