

## **Dales Annual Report 2019/20**



Ward Councillors *Gul, David & Neghat*

**Introduction** - Councillors Gul Khan, David Mellen 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 regular advice surgeries and communicate with local residents in order to highlight current issues and help get them resolved.

**Council Involvement** - In 2019/20 we were on the following committees/boards:

### **Councillor G Khan**

- Vice Chair of Licensing Committee
- Member of Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority

- Member of Area Committee East (A.C.E), Planning Committee, Regulatory and Appeals Committee, Overview and Scrutiny and Overview and Scrutiny – Call in Panel.

### Councillor Mellen

- Leader of Nottingham City Council
- Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Safety and Communications
- Chair of Executive Board
- Chair of The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity committee
- Chair of Crime Drugs Partnership
- Member of Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee, Area Committee East, Nottingham Education Trust, One Nottingham, Standard Committee for Religious Education (SACRE), Core Cities, D2N2, Member of D2N2 LEP Board, East Midlands Council, Local Government Association (General Assembly), Local Government Association City Regions Board, Board member of Nottingham Music Services. A Nottingham City Council appointed Director of Blue Print Ltd.

### Councillor N Khan

- Portfolio Holder for Early Years, Education & Employment
- Chair of Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
- Chair of Standard Committee
- Chair of Nottingham Education Trust
- Co-Chair Children’s Partnership Board
- Vice Chair of Area Committee East (A.C.E)

- Member of Corporate Parenting Board and Nottingham School Trust. A Nottingham City Council appointed Director of Robin Hood Energy, Nottingham College and Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Futures

**Community Involvement** - To interact with residents we:



Undertake monthly Councillor Ward Walks with partner services (including Community Protection, Street Scene) where residents have the opportunity to raise/show any neighbourhood issues

affecting them.

- Hold twice weekly Councillor Surgeries to give local residents an opportunity to meet us face to face to ask questions about the Council, its policies, seek support for a problem or raise concerns about an issue in the ward.
- Hold 10 local issues meetings in the year at various locations across the ward to ensure the views of local residents & community groups such as Sneinton Tenants & Residents Association (STARA), Friends of Colwick Woods, Friends at Green's Mill, Carlton Folds and Candle Meadow residents are heard and they assist in priority setting.

- Hold monthly Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings which highlight issues affecting residents and we hold service providers accountable.
- Send bi-monthly Councillor Email newsletter to keep residents updated.



On the last Saturday of every month local residents join us and help keep our ward clean. If you are interested in coming we meet at The Dales Centre at 11:15am, Litter pickers, ‘high vis’ vests and bin bags are provided for free.

## **Ward Work and Achievements**

One of our local pledges during the May local election was to campaign for a new primary school to address the shortage of places and provide for new families moving into the area. Greenwood Academy Trust (GAT), who run Nottingham Academy, has worked well with the council to develop their proposals, which was accepted by Government and a new school will be built in the Trent Basin area.

To tackle parking issues and after numerous requests from residents we introduced Residents parking schemes on Ivatt Drive, Gresley Drive, Meadow Lane, Sneinton Hermitage, Ardmore Close, Marham Close, Sneinton Hollows, Victoria Avenue, Castle St.

Working with Parking Enforcement, they have done 389 visits to hotspot areas in the ward and issued 356 parking tickets to irresponsible drivers on Watson Avenue, Hardstaff road, Edale road, Shrewsbury road, St Stephens road, Windmill Lane and Newark Crescent.

We were very proud to unveil a memorial bench for former Dales Councillor Ken Williams at Greens Windmill Park. Ken served as a Nottingham City Councillor for Greenwood ward and then Dales ward – giving 11 years of service in total. It was great to be joined by Ken’s wife, Steph Williams at the unveiling.



Local residents on Lancaster road complained about the lack of parking and the large trees which caused problems, so as local councillors we consulted residents and in two phases completed the improvement to residents parking

by installing parking bays and replacing large trees with smaller ones.

On Remembrance Sunday we held a short informal gathering at the gates of Green's Mill which was well attended, this was a chance to reflect and remember.

After Phase 1 improvements to the Trickets park we have started phase 2, which involved installing new outdoor gym equipment and some landscaping has taken place with clearing up of some of the stumps left from bushes that were cut back



in Phase 1 and some reorganisation of the fencing to stop litter being built up.

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we held our Christmas Lights Switch on at the Dales Centre where children from local schools attended and took part in singing. Our annual Christmas Fair book place at Christopher's Church Hall with free food, drink, singing and Santa's Grotto.



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February the Dales ward became the 1<sup>st</sup> ward across the city to trial the kerbside collection scheme which was in addition to the normal bulky waste collection. This meant residents were able to get rid of any excess rubbish on the day for FREE, 40 tonnes of waste was collected, and this was roughly 3 times the normal bulky waste tonnage using the appointments service.

In March we were hit with the Coronavirus, a world-wide pandemic which unfortunately meant we could not carry out our usual advice surgeries and all face to face meetings had to be halted.

## **Use of Devolved Budgets**

Over the past year we have used £6,050 funding to support various community projects, to mention a few:

- ❖ Oliver Hind Youth Club, Music Hub, Muslim Community Organisation (MCO), Dales Xmas Events, Lets Shine and Give a Smile, Muslim Women's Network, Dales ward support costs.

## **Area Capital Funds**

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

- Lancaster Road Phase 2 – £60,000
- Double yellows on (Eastdale/Northdale, Sunnydale, Findern Green, Baden Powell) - £31,061
- Tree works on Sneinton Boulevard - £5,000
- Dales ward gating - £2,000



## **Dales Ward Priorities**

- Tackle the issue of speeding in Bakersfield and parking across the ward.

- Tackle levels of fly tips, bins on street, dog fouling and dogs off the lead.
- Improve local parks (Greenway Park phase two)
- Ensure the views of local residents assist in priority setting
- Tackle Parking and speeding issues.



**Pledges - Our 2019 pledge to you is to:** (tick indicates has been achieved)

1. Make ourselves available to residents with twice-weekly advice surgeries, at least ten public meetings a year knock on every door at least once during the next council term.
2. Continue to support Council staff to make Dales Ward cleaner, organising a monthly Community Litter pick, planting 1000 bulbs and planting two new trees for every one removed.
3. Campaign for a new primary school to address the shortage of places and provide for new families moving into the area.
4. Address speeding in Bakersfield, working with residents to provide appropriate measures to slow traffic down.
5. Encourage new businesses and jobs for local people in the area whilst objecting to any new hot food takeaways on Sneinton Dale.



**Contact Details**

We as your local Councillors are contactable on the below details or at our twice weekly councillor surgeries at The Dales Centre every Wednesday 6-7pm and Saturday 10.30am–11.30am

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