

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019- MARCH 2020

Councillor:	Zafar Ali
Ward:	Keighley Central
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	May 2015
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£2,558.06
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Keighley Area Committee
- Regulatory and Appeals Committee

Other meetings/bodies which you regularly attend: (e.g. School governing bodies, outside bodies etc.)

- Keighley Area Committee
- KTCSDG
- KCLLD
- Regulatory and Appeals Committee
- Eastwood School
- Unforeseen(unexpected) meetings

My priorities for the past year (May 2018 to April 2019) were:

Civic Duty: Lord Mayor of Bradford

- As Lord Mayor of Bradford I had a very busy year but enjoyable and very informative in many areas.
- I represented Bradford and the Civic Office professionally and to the best of my ability, attending nearly 1200 engagements and some of them are listed below:
 - CSE conference, Keighley
 - Safe Guarding
 - Dementia Garden Opening, Keighley
 - Visit numerous Schools Bradford District
 - CLLD Keighley
 - Keighley & Agricultural Show Keighley
 - Rugby Union Football Club

- Several annual Remembrance days, Bradford, Keighley, Ilkley, Harden
 - Launch of the Santa Appeal
 - Bradford. Association of Ukraine, Polish, Latvian, West Indies, Jamaican, Dominic Celebration 70 Years Wind Rush
 - Nigerian Community
 - Fund Raising
 - Disability Historical History
 - International Women's Day
 - Graduation Ceremony, School, College, University
 - Opening of World War Centenary Exhibition
 - Fabian War Memorial Foundation of Commonwealth Garden
 - 10th Anniversary of Bradford UNESCO City
 - Rotarian Club, Bradford, Shipley, Keighley
 - Visiting all Council departments
 - Visiting the Sorting Office Keighley
 - Airedale Shopping Centre Keighley
 - Visiting Mosques and Churches, Gurdawaras, Temples, Synagogues
 - Salvation Army, Bradford & Keighley
 - Integrated Conference Keighley
 - Women's Day Keighley
- With my back ground for over 50 years working in the voluntary sector and with the Racial Equality Council who helped me to discharge my Mayoral duty with utmost respect and with diligence and managed to promote good relationships amongst various communities regardless of religion, non-faith, race, cultural, nationality in the Bradford district and the slogan is "**WE MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY**" This notion was well received by Citizens of the Bradford District.
- Despite having to have to commence work from very early morning to midnight to full fill Civic duties in Bradford district, I manage to resolve some of the issues/ concerns presented to me by constituents.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2020 to April 2021) are:

(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)

- To appraise the road safety in Central ward to relevant Officers.
- Hold Councillors Surgeries when appropriate.
- Lobby for the new Street Light in Showfield and Lawkholme
- To appraise the Voluntary organisations through the Keighley Area Office for funding opportunity and support their projects that benefit the residents of Central Ward, these projects for young people with problems and as well as for women and the elderly, or any other projects.
- Support people who would like to bring or create new business to Keighley to enhance employment opportunities for residents of Keighley.
- Continue to lobby for CCTV in some parts of Central Ward in order to reduce fear of crimes.
- Continue to press for 2 Hackney Carriage Taxi bay in Bow Street Keighley.
- Continue to work with Highways for implementation of traffic signals to allow taxi's to turn left into North Street. (Bow Street).
- Work with Highways to install Road deterrent systems in Cliffe Street/Ivy Street Keighley to deter drug dealers.

- Work with Highways to ensure Roads and Streets are safe ensuring to put in place some measures for deterrents in some part of Central Ward.
- Support community Organisations in their work for the community at large whenever merit.
- Work with the Police, Wardens, Keighley Area Office and Ward Councillors, to tackle anti-social behaviour, hate, and other form of crime in Central Ward to ensure the residents enjoy a peaceful environment.
- Work with the MP. To appraise him with the needs and issues concerning the constituents.
- To support campaigns which benefit the community without being tagged as political, such as retention of Keighley Library, Devonshire Park etc.
- Continue to fight against Fly-tipping.
- To work with residents, both individually and collectively on issues that matters to them.
- To work with Keighley Area Office and with Ward Councillors to clean-up the area (Gullies, Litter picking etc.)
- Attend relevant training courses to enhance the knowledge.
- Continue to deal with case work presented by residents, professionally and to the best of my ability.

Continue Referrals to MP. Keighley.

- Occasionally some of the cases are referred to the MP for his support /assistance and most importantly to make him aware of the issues/concerns expressed to us by constituents, and I am pleased that some of them are dealt positively and acknowledged to constituents.
- We also receive referrals from the MP's. Office, particular issues/concerns such as Highways, Traffic, Road Safety, Education, gullies, fly- tipping, ant- social behaviour, street lighting which are the responsibility of the Local Authority.
- I will continue this exercise as part of my work for the constituency and build up good working relations with the MPs Office.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2019 to May 2020)

(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)

- Represented the residents of Keighley Central Ward, professionally and to the best of my ability.
- Held Councillor's surgeries in Utley, Lawkholme, Highfield, Keighley town Centre and Knowles Park area.
- To Highlight concerns of the residents of Central Ward and dealt with the appropriate agencies.
- I supported the Friends of Devonshire Park, Keighley and other similar organisations (Cliff Castle, Lund Park).
- Appraised the need of CCTV Cameras in Showfield, Lawkholme, Highfield, and Knowles Park as a deterrent to minimise the crime for the safe guarding of residents.
- Worked in Conjunction with Ward Councillors and the Area Office, to arrange clean days (sweeping streets, gully cleaning) of action in Central Ward. And invited wardens/and Police Officers to visit the area to speak to residents to find out what the problems are in their area.

- Closely worked with the Police and appraise them of the need of the community to build a good relationship. and work with likeminded organisations to promote cohesion, and safeguarding and better understanding amongst all communities.
- Dealt with case work (Traffic, Highways, Fly-Tipping, Street Light, Gully cleaning, Road Sweeping, Tree leaves, Footpaths and numerous others issues.
- Worked in conjunction with Ward Councillors, Highways (Traffic) Albert Street is reverted to a 2 way system to end the traffic chaos.
- Appraised the need for “resident permits” in Marlborough Street, and to curb high speeding in some parts of the Central Ward.
- Provided support/assistance for people who would like to bring or create new business to Keighley to enhance employment opportunities.
- Had meetings with Highways, Ward Councillors, Cllr. Alex Ross-Shaw (Portfolio holder) and with Hackney Carriage Drivers for a new 2 taxi base in Bow Street Keighley this is still going on.
- Attended meetings Campaigns, Seminars such as retention of Keighley Cringe Library. Building of new Police Station, Cavendish Street (old College Site, Cavendish Street) retention site North Street, (Old College North Street Site) for public use.

What training sessions, seminars, briefings and conferences have you attended to develop your skills and gain knowledge that has helped you to serve the people of the district? (Please list them).

TRAINING SESSIONS

- Dementia Workshop,
- Safer Stronger. Community
- Mental Health Training,
- Domestic Abuse and family Court Conference workshop.
- Installation of APPS,
- Members Planning Surgeries.,
- Web-Site Exhibition Bradford,
- Safer internet on line gambling,
- Hate Crime and Extremism
- Speaking in Chamber,
- Anti-Rumour and Critical Thinking Strategy,
- B.S.Internet Day & Fake News ,
- Introduction to Local Govt. Finance
- Introduction to Migration/Working with Migrants

Conferences, Meetings, Seminars, Briefings

- Ward Surgeries, (Keighley Central)
- School Governor
- KCLL Development
- Friends of Devonshire Park
- Social Cohesive Bradford
- No Cold Calling Zone Launch, Keighley
- Community Round Table
- Dedication Ceremony Day
- Cliffe Castle Explorer Day

- Build a better World Conference
- Srebrenica Memorial Bradford
- Community Governance Review
- Family Resource Conference
- Keighley Library Campaign
- Devonshire Park Improvement Scheme. New play area and equipment
- Community Bonfire Night
- Public Consultation
- Lion Den Cliffe Castle
- Eastwood School
- Dr. Christian Tuna. (newly appointed B.H.C) Bradford
- KTCSDG,
- Dementia Friendly AGM, SEND
- Launch of New Project. Cliffe Castle
- Clean Air. Project
- Build a better World Conference

Dealt with 1400+Cases. E.G. Road Safety, Speeding Rat Race, Parking, Street Lighting, Drains/Gullies, Pavements, Potholes. Fly- Tipping, Rubbish, Trees/Tree leaves, Planning, Homelessness, Rate rebate, Policing, Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug /Alcoholism, Hate Crime, Planning, Complaints on various Issues.