

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018- MARCH 2019

Councillor:	Caroline Firth
Ward:	Keighley East
Party:	Labour
Date Elected:	May 2018
Basic:	£12,087.89
Special Responsibility:	N/A
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2018 – 2019:

Education Appeals Panel
Keighley Area Committee (Alt)
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)

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

- Kelford Special School (Governor)
- Airedale General Hospital (Governor)
- Friend of Big Local Keighley
- Long Lee Village Hall Committee (Member)
- Plastic Free Keighley (Steering Group Member)
- Plastic Free East Morton (Steering Group Member)
- Plastic Free Riddlesden (Steering Group Member)

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

- Help people to solve problems.
- Be an advocate and voice for the people in Keighley East.
- Link peoples in the community to one another so they are able to work together.
- Alert the necessary department to reports of Council services not running smoothly.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2019 to April 2020) are:

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

- Continue to support anyone who calls me for advice or help.
- Continue to support schools to tackle speeding, problem parking, idling, children not wearing seatbelts etc. during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Support Community Centre Committees and Custodians of other key spaces.
- Help the Community to keep the area as tidy as possible.
- Alert Community groups to relevant funding and grants, which they have been pinpointed as a key priority.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2018 to May 2019)

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

- Helped to improve the lives of individuals who contacted me with issues that were causing them distress, concerns or harm in some way.
- Good communication with the community by having an online presence and attending many events. Generally made myself approachable and available.
- Had a role in supporting Hainworth Wood Community Centre to get a paid development worker.
- Helped to improve The Twines by being a go-to person of the clean-up organiser.
- Key support to St Mary's Primary School to set up learning around road safety.
- Held Airedale General Hospital Non-Executive Directors to account on a range of issues that affect families from Keighley East and surrounding areas.
- Been an active and vocal member of Keighley East Ward Partnership Team, sharing information and ideas with the Ward Officer, Police, Youth Service, Housing Associations, Fire Service and Council Wardens etc.
- Supported several community clean-ups.
- Held regular surgeries.
- Ran the inaugural Park Run at Cliffe Castle!

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).

- CSE Training
- Universal Credit briefing
- Dementia Friendly
- Airedale Community Partnership Forum
- Keighley College- The Next Chapter briefing
- Aire Valley against incineration – Public meetings and briefings
- Flood Prevention briefings from the Environment Agency
- When Hate Came to Town workshop
- Community Energy England briefing
- Education Appeals
- Credit Union briefing

I attended the following conferences:

- An Integrated Keighley
- Carers Rights Day
- Climate Emergency