

Eastfield Division Councillors Bi-Monthly December & January Report to Eastfield Town Council Members 29 January 2024.

Unfortunately, I will have to give my apologies for this meeting as I will be out of the Country on a family holiday.

As per usual I have kept on top of all my case work issues brought to me by Eastfield Residents.

I attended the Veterans Social Meetings at 120 Westway.

I also held my Monthly Councillors Surgery 4 December & 8 January and as usual had a trickle of customers to see me with various complaints and concerns. Most related to housing repair issues, potholes and litter across the estate.

I took part in the LGR Transition O & S Committee 4 December.

I have undertaken a few walkabouts on the Estate, and it is always pleasing to have chats with the good people of Eastfield.

Attended an ACC Briefing on Homelessness 28 November.

I attended the Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee 1 December. The Water Quality was the subject of a presentation by Yorkshire Water. I also raised concerns again during the presentation by the NHS regarding the fears once again by Eastfield Residents regarding Dental Appointments being regularly cancelled due to a shortage of dental surgeons at Smile Dentist on Falsgrave which is the practice that picked up the old Dunslow Road patients. Another locum has just taken up with this practice but who knows for how long.

A members seminar took place 6 December via Microsoft Teams. This included a presentation by Boundary Commission Officers regarding the consultation process during 2024/25.

There was also a briefing for the Area Constituency Committee on the NHS Trust 7 December.

There was a further Charter Trustees Meeting at the Town Hall Scarborough.

The Big Eastfield Christmas Event took place 16 December. I was delighted to play the part of Santa again this year.

I attended a Members Seminar 20 December. A budget outlook for the next 3 years. It didn't inspire much hope with more savings required.

I also took part in the Waste Harmonisation Task and Finish Group 20 December and again on 10 January

I held my first Councillors Surgery of 2024 8 January and as usual had a few visitors seeking help and assistance.

A further Members seminar took place 10 January about the Councils Budget outlook for the next three years despite all the assurances made when moving to this massive new Unitary Authority massive savings are required (CUTS) with a 4.9% increase to the Council Tax being recommended by the NY Financial Director. I also attended another Task and Finish Group on Waste Harmonisation later that afternoon.

I was delighted to attend a meeting called for by the Eastfield Residents Association with officer representation from North Yorkshire Council regarding the Phoenix Town Park proposals on the site

of the old Overdale School. 17 January. This proposal in my view will be the best thing to have happened for Eastfield Residents since the birth of Eastfield in the early 1950s. I sincerely hope it receives the full support of Eastfield Town Council.

I have been attempting to have work undertaken on the grassed "waste land" behind the old Beyond Housing Garages which were demolished some years ago off Beech Walk. My idea was for Beyond to level this land up and restore the hard standing footpath which surrounds this land and hopefully "gift" to Eastfield Town Council- for children's play facilities in this locality. However, unless an ETC Member proposes this and it is an agenda item on one of your monthly meetings for debate, this will not be pursued. Beyond Housing require an official request from ETC along with their plans for this land before they could decide on whether to "gift" this land to ETC. I have had "off the record" discussions with Tracey your Chairperson and Chris your clerk who advised me of this route which would need to be taken. Could I say that irrespective of any decision taken by ETC on this matter I am still pursuing Beyond Housing to at the very least tidy up and level this land along with restoring the hard standing footpath for years completely covered with mud and grass that surrounds the perimeter of this land. This would provide an ideal kick about area for children to play in safety.

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