

Gill Heath
County Councillor for Leek Rural

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Leek Rural electoral division in May 1997.

My division lies in the north east of Staffordshire Moorlands district and includes the wards of Leek North, Horton, Dane, Manifold, Ipstones and Hamp Valley and covers approximately 32784 with a population of 14,041.



Special Responsibilities

I am the Cabinet Member for Communities.

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent	In attendance
All Party Member Group - Innovation	-	-	-	-	1
Cabinet	11	11	0	0	-
Corporate Parenting Panel	10	6	2	2	-
Corporate Review Committee (Invitee/Observer)	-	-	-	-	2
County Council	8	7	1	0	-
Local Member Priority Meeting – Staffordshire Moorlands	4	2	2	0	-
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills MTF Challenge Session	2	2	0	0	-
Political Cabinet	10	9	1	0	-
Property Informal Briefing	-	-	-	-	2
Property Sub-Committee (Invitee/Observer)	-	-	-	-	2

Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee (Invitee/Observer)	-	-	-	-	3
Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee	-	-	-	-	2
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Archives Committee	2	1	1	0	-
Staffordshire and Wolverhampton Joint Local Access Forum	3	0	2	1	-
Staffordshire Local Government Association – Joint Waste Management Board	5	5	0	0	-
Strategic Property Board	1	1	0	0	-
Total	56	44	9	3	12
Percentage		79%	16%	5%	

I was also appointed to represent the county council on the following outside bodies:

- River Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee
- Joint Waste Board
- Moorlands Together Partnership
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Archives Committee
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- County Council Picture Fund Trustees
- Cauldon Cement Works Liaison Committee
- Meece Landfill Site Liaison Committee
- Three Nooks Farm Liaison Committee
- Rudyard Lake Trust
- Moorlands Rural Children's Centre
- Cannock Chase AONB Joint Committee

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Haregate Cake Craft Group	Sugar paste, dusting powder, icing colours, modelling tools and cutters to enable the group to increase the number of people attending	£460.00

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Tudor Farming Interpretation Group (Peeling Back the Layers)	The design, printing and binding of 300 x 64 page booklets relating to the survey of the graveyard at St Luke's Church undertaken by a group of volunteers	£425.00
The Rudyard Lake Trust	4 banquet chairs as part of the new conservatory/orangery covering the current outdoor seating area with access to the café area	£750.00
Be You Crew	Monthly room hire and admission fees for 6 events for theatre groups, magicians, discos and animal parties for children with disabilities and their families	£500.00
Ipstones Agricultural Society	Hire of hall, grounds, marquees, main ring entertainment, judging prizes as part of the Ipstones Agricultural Show 2017	£500.00
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Safer Communities CIC	Batteries, pads and battery operated heated boxes for the fitting of defibrillators a vital piece of equipment for local community fire stations	£385.00
Grow Moorlands	Hhi-vis jackets, gloves and hats providing opportunities to young people with learning disabilities and adults with mental health issues with the offer of work experience, training and employment opportunities	£175.00
Quamford Memorial Hall	Leaking roof repairs at the south end of the hall	£1,000.00
Waterhouses and District Y and A Cent	Funding towards safety equipment and NPLQ lifeguard training and qualification for the suitable candidate to develop physical and personal communications and leadership skills in attending 6 day course for the Waterhouses Community Swim sessions	£500.00
Rushton Speed Watch	Funding towards 6 static road signs advising people they are entering a speed watch area	£900.00
Horton Village Hall	Funding towards a defibrillator and secure box to be situated at	£319.00

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	the village hall	
5 th Leek (St Mary's) Scout Group	Funding towards signage, creosote, water sealant and brushes for the maintenance of the exterior of the HQ building	£150.00
Grow it Eat it Haregate	Room hire, winter hanging baskets, plants and seeds to promote the benefits of gardening	£355.00
Haregate Community Centre Leek Food Co-op	Funding a family cooking and activity workshops, promotional workshops and produce a community food project helping people in Haregate & surrounds	£780.80
Grindon SRBS Action Group	Automatic AED, electrical installation & connection, heated external AED cabinet	£300.00
Total spend		£7,499.80

Councillor Development

- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 21/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 19/03/2018 - Powerpoint Training
- 13/11/2017 - Connecting with your Communities - Social media training for members
- 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Event
- 22/06/2017 - Level 1 Child Protection
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People
- 16/05/2017 - Getting to Know your Computer

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£9,462.24
Special Responsibility Allowance	£18,063.84
Mileage	£2,491.20
Other	£12.00
Total allowances cost	£30,029.28

Mileage and Subsistence

Mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 60 miles return.