

Ian Lawson
County Councillor for Biddulph North

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Biddulph North electoral division in June 2009.

My division lies in the north west of Staffordshire Moorlands and includes the wards of Biddulph Moor, Biddulph North and Biddulph West and covers approximately 2022 with a population of 11,652.



Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
Audit and Standards Committee	5	5	0	0
Charities and Trust Committee	3	3	0	0
County Council	8	8	0	0
Local Member Priority Meeting – Staffordshire Moorlands	4	4	0	0
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	3	3	0	0
Total	23	23	0	0
Percentage		100%	0%	0%

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

- Hurst Quarry Liaison Committee
- Moorlands Partnership
- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Authority
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Safer Neighbourhood Forums

My attendance at Fire Authority meetings is listed below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire Authority	8	6	2	0
Human Resources and Ethics Committee	3	3	0	0
Staff Consultation & Negotiating Forum	3	1	2	0
Member Development	5	5	0	0
Staffordshire & West Midlands Fire Control Governance Board	2	2	0	0
Total	21	17	4	0

Divisional activities

Over the last 10.5 years I have held a surgery at the Biddulph Conservative Association club, every second Saturday of the month.

Special activities

For the last 10.5 years I have written a weekly newsletter in our local paper, the 'Biddulph Chronicle'. This has amounted to well over 500 letters. This publication reaches all of my Staffordshire County Council electoral division.

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Biddulph Bowling and Recreational Club	Funding towards 2 sports shelters, concrete bases and seating to provide outdoor cover for visitors and players	£1000
Biddulph Retired Persons Association	Funding of the hire of a mini bus for a day trip to Blackpool during September	£500
Biddulph & District Youth Orchestra	Funding towards coach hire and lunch for 29 people for a day trip to Lytham St Anne's	£500
Knypersley Bowling Club	Funding towards rehearsal Room fees promotes the wellbeing of young people in the orchestra teaching them musical and team skills, diligence and	£500

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	self-discipline for Performances in the community to a wide range of audiences	
Support Staffordshire	Funding towards replacement paving around the bowling green as it is currently in poor repair and may present a danger to the public and the players	£500
Biddulph Moor Evergreen Club	Funding towards office rent, service charges, utilities and maintenance for the Biddulph office for the voluntary transport scheme with 7 booking office volunteers and 12 drivers located at the base reducing travel in assisting local residents who require their services to appointments	£500
Biddulph Lifeline	Funding towards harvest festival meal, pantomime tickets, coach travel Christmas meal, entertainment, village hall rental	£500
Biddulph Youth and Community Zone	Funding towards replacement battery and pads for defibrillator to install within Biddulph	£1,000
	Funding towards 200 cotton bags, promotional leaflets, fruit, for family cooking workshops to expand the successful community food project in Biddulph to provide access to low cost nutritious food and family cooking workshops	£500
Biddulph Moor Evergreen Club	Funding towards Christmas party entertainment and pantomime visit providing companionship to the club members	£500
Brown Lees and District Residents' Association	Funding towards a quality bench, containers, plants and paving for the edge of the green area in the village for villagers and visitors	£500
2151 Biddulph Squadron	Funding towards computer, monitors, software, control kit	£1,000

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	and joy stick to build a flight simulator to enable the cadets to consolidate their class room theory to practice in the procedures of flight prior to flight in the current training aircraft	
Total Spend		£7,500.00

Councillor Development

- 27 March 2018 - Members' Spring Event
- 26 March 2018 - How to deal with aggressive people
- 22 February 2018 - Public Speaking
- 13 February 2018 - Outlook for Members
- 24 January 2018 - Chairing Skills
- 16 January 2018 - Questioning Skills for Members
- 11 January 2018 - Dementia Awareness
- 30 November 2017 - How ICT works in Staffordshire
- 7 November 2017 - Members Autumn Event
- 5 October 2017 - Staffordshire Observatory Training
- 14 September 2017 - Level 1 Child Protection
- 11 September 2017 - Finance Training
- 30 August 2017 - Members Claims Training
- 4 July 2017 - Medium Term Financial Strategy Briefing
- 30 June 2017 - Infrastructure+
- 14 June 2017 - People helping People
- 15 May 2017 - Getting to know your computer
- 11 May 2017 - Welcome Day

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£9,462.24
Mileage	£885.60
Total allowances cost	£10,347.84

My return mileage from my home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 56 miles return.