

Borough Councillor Report - June 2019

Although, as Borough Councillors, we have only been in office for a short period of time we thought this meeting gave us the opportunity to introduce ourselves. There are five new members for Churchdown who are:

St.John's

Clare Softley.... Group Leader, Executive Council, Community Portfolio holder.

Scott Thomson

Mary Jordan

Brookfield

Paul Smith

Richard Smith

Gill Blackwell (re-elected) Mayor Elect

Since Election Day we have been very busy with induction training at TBC. There has been a lot of information to absorb and new skills to learn. Though the schedule is keeping us very busy, we have still managed to get out into the community working with multiple agencies with ongoing projects. Firstly, Cllr Softley and Jordan have been working with The Community Development Team along with Bromford Housing and other agencies on the Coriander project. The projects aim is to find ways to engage with the Coriander Estate community and work with them to improve the area in which they live. Bromford are exploring the possibility of locating a 'void property' that they will turn into an estate hub. The hub will allow Bromford and other agencies to be on site for residents to talk with, giving advice and support where needed. CMAS, at The GL3 Hub, are also working with the young people in the area. So far the impact of this has been positive and we are hoping it continues to grow over time. CMAS, The Community Development Team, Bromford and Borough Cllrs will also be doing regular walks-arounds to engage with the residents to find out what they would like to see happen to help improve the area and how we can help them with that.

Cllr Jordan has also been in talks with The Community Development Team to investigate S106/CIL monies, trying to find out if there are any available funds we can apply for for local projects. This is something that will require community involvement. We would work closely with residents and the Parish Council at every stage should we be able to secure any extra funding.

We will also like to set up monthly Cllr 'Surgeries'. As yet we haven't confirmed a location but they will start in July and information will be set out in due course about this. The aim is to enable us to engage with residents, to discuss any concerns they have and assist with any problems.

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