

No.11 Bus – Extra Stop

Stagecoach is formalising the current 'hail and ride' scheme by installing posts/signs near informal stops and adding an extra stop between the 'black gates' and the mini-roundabout. Supported by Lancaster Bus Users' Group, this will make it easier for passengers to know where to stop and better for drivers stopping safely.

Progress on Quay Bus?

Greens are campaigning for a bus service to the end of the Quay. Cllr Mandy Bannon took a special bus ride with a Stagecoach manager to see if Cotton Square was a suitable turning circle. It seemed to be!

Parking Permits

Fairfield Zone J: County cabinet will consider all consultation responses and make a decision in late summer.

Salisbury Road area: there is some demand for a residents' parking scheme here, but County Highways say they do not have the resources for any new parking permit areas.

Persuasive Pupils

Class 5 at Willow Lane Primary School contacted County Cllr Gina Dowding as part of their practice in writing persuasive letters. They certainly persuaded Gina that improvements were needed for cyclists: potholes need filling, wider cycle lanes, and less litter. Gina is pushing for these plus resurfacing of Willow Lane and improving the school crossing to prevent puddles.



Gina with Willow Lane pupils

Quay Crossing

County Highways plan to place a raised crossing point next to the student accommodation on St. George's Quay, and further uncontrolled crossing points near to the Redrow/Barratts development along New Quay Road.

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Freeman's Wood Inquiry set for August

The long-awaited public inquiry into whether Freeman's Wood can be designated as the Marsh Town Green is to take place between 27-30 August at Lancaster Town Hall. If accepted as a Town Green, the land will be protected from development.

The Judicial Review on the handling of the Friends of Freeman's Wood (FFW) Town Green application was halted before it was due to take place in mid-June. This was at the instigation of Satnam (agents for the land owner), and may be partly because FFW submitted a strong rebuttal of Satnam's case.

The cancellation has saved a lot of time and expense, but FFW still needs to raise a further £1,000 (in addition to £16,000 already raised) to pay for legal representation at all four days of the Inquiry. So **please donate to the campaign if you can!** You can do it online - www.freemanswood.com - or contact Cllr Mandy Bannon for details of how to donate by cheque.

Local Plan update: Disappointingly the Local Plan Inquiry Inspector has recommended the removal of Freeman's Wood's designation as 'Local Green Space'. Mandy is looking into all options for challenging this.

Planning Application update: Satnam's application to build 250 houses on Freeman's Wood may be considered by the Council's Planning Committee in late summer.

Pony Wood path opens

Fairfield Nature Reserve has created a new footpath around Pony Wood, extending local walking opportunities and giving great views of the reserve, the castle and on good days, the Lake District. Dog walkers are kindly requested to keep dogs on leads.



Path from Aldcliffe Road

Marsh stays Green!

Marsh ward voted overwhelmingly Green in May's local elections. Gina and Mandy together won 72% of votes cast. The turnout was 40%.



Newly elected City Councillors:
Gina Dowding & Mandy Bannon

Lancaster City Council 2019

election result for Marsh Ward

Gina Dowding (Green)	1,174	37%
Mandy Bannon (Green)	1,109	35%
Peter Cakebread (Labour)	381	12%
Nicky Snell (Labour)	348	11%
Conservative	90	3%
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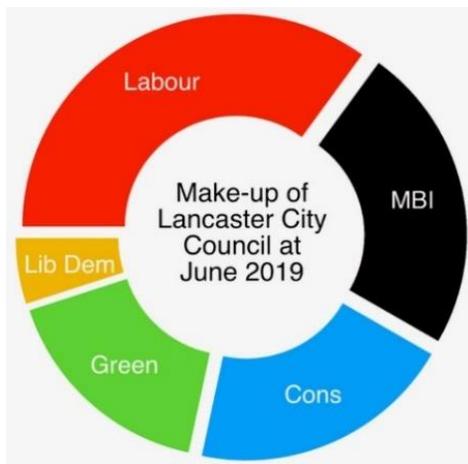
Mandy said: *"It's an honour and a privilege to be elected by my local community. Thank you to everyone who voted Green. Retired councillor Jon Barry has set the bar very high, but Gina and I are determined to continue the hard work that Green Councillors in Lancaster are well known for."*

There are now 10 Green City Councillors in Lancaster, making it the third "greenest" council in England in terms of councillor numbers.

No single political party has an overall majority, so the Greens are working with Labour and Lib Dems in a 'cooperative alliance'. Greens have 3 (out of 10) places on the Council's Cabinet, and Labour have 7.

Lancaster District results 2019 European Election

Brexit Party	30.8%
Green Party	20.5%
Liberal Democrats	19.8 %
Labour Party	13.1%
Conservatives	7.7%



Gina's Euro election win

County and City Councillor Gina Dowding has been elected as the North West's first Green MEP, with 12.5% of the vote overall across Lancashire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside. Within the Lancaster District she won 20.5% of the vote.



Gina – our Eurostar!

Gina began her work as an MEP on 1 July alongside six other Green MEPs from the UK and 66 Green/Alliance MEPs from other European countries. Gina says: *"Thank you to everyone who voted for me in local and European elections. My top priority is to get urgent action by governments and industry to tackle climate change, restore our natural world, and end extreme poverty."*

Gina was selected as the Green Party's lead MEP candidate back in early 2016, before the referendum on leaving the EU. She stood as a City Cllr when it looked like the UK would not be electing any MEPs in 2019.

Gina says: *"I will continue my councillor roles until the UK's future relationship with the EU is clear. As an MEP, I have staff to help me both in Brussels and here in the NW region. Locally, the Green Party and I will continue to work hard for Marsh Ward and the Lancaster District."*

You can follow Gina's blog at www.facebook.com/CllrGinaDowding/

Round-up of Gina & Mandy's recent ward work

- **Memorial Village** - repainted 'No Waiting' lines on Storey Avenue
- **Coolidge Avenue** - tree replanted near postbox
- **Coronation Field** - hedge and weeds cut back
- **Kennedy Close** - dangerous branches removed from green space
- **Roosevelt Avenue** - 'leaning tree' assessed as safe – and pruned
- **Fife Street** – tidying up underway at time of printing
- **Marsh History Group** - Gina gave a talk about her first week as MEP

The Marsh History Group meets every Thursday at St Thomas More Centre, Willow Lane, 1.30 - 3.30. For more info: David 07886 889 387.