

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT – November 2018

Cllr Kevin Cuffley

Cllr Roger Hickford

I would like to let you know Cllr Hickford is feeling better and making a slow recovery.

There is not much to report as all committees are heavily involved in discussions as to the Budget setting for the ensuing year.

COMMUNITY and PARTNERSHIPS

The Parish council conference held on Friday 23rd November, was a huge success. With over 80 Parish Councils attending. There were presentations By the Mayor James Palmer and Denis Payne Board member of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC).

There were a good variety of workshops held and great opportunities for Networking, as well as having many side stalls offering a variety of help and services, from health care, volunteering to help and advice for Parish Councils.

THE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The White Ribbon campaign at the county was launched on Monday 19th November. Cambridgeshire County Council is supporting the White Ribbon campaign and its commitment to end male violence against women, once and for all. The launch was supported by the Ambassadors.

Cllr Kevin Cuffley, Community and Partnership Champion for community safety.

Detective Superintendent Martin Brunning- Police lead for domestic violence.

Gil Karpas – Musician who has good links with Music venues in Cambridge including the junction and involved with the Cambridge Jazz festival, as well as being involved with other music and arts events.

Gary Peile- Chief executive of Active Learning Trust.

On the 22nd November Cambridge City Council held a domestic abuse conference at the Guild Hall, with Guest Speaker Luke Hart, who with his brother have brought a book out called Operation Lighthouse. The book tells their story.

I attended a meeting with officers from Peterborough and Cambridgeshire concerning tackling hate crime. A strategic project was suggested of having Third Party reporting centres in each district. Full training will be given to staff of these centres. Hate Rape and Sexual attacks were also discussed and acknowledged.

INNOVATE and CULTIVATE FUND

Cultivate fund

Grants of 2k to 10k. These are for small projects to encourage local networks where people help themselves and each other.

Innovate fund

Larger grant up to 50k for projects that demonstrate an innovative approach.

At the last Community and Partnership committee it was agreed to increase the cultivate grant to 19k. The committee also agreed that the projects would be given 3 years to demonstrate a return on investment.

Application for the round of funding need to be submitted by March 2018.

From the 25th November there is a 16 day campaign to tackle domestic abuse.

Finally,

Both Cllr Hickford and myself would like to wish all Parish Councillors and Clerks a Happy Christmas. To thank all for their hard work and commitment to your Parishes.