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Thank you!

Amanda Wintcher and the Lib Dem Focus Team are saying a huge 'thank you' for the support they received in the recent local election.

Amanda was elected as a Councillor for Pelaw and Heworth with over half of the vote after gaining Labour's final seat in Pelaw and Heworth.

Amanda said "I am very thankful to have won the trust of the residents of Pelaw and Heworth ward. In my first months in office I have set out to meet your expectations by continuing to clean up the ward through litter picking, reporting fly-tipping and graffiti, and getting other issues resolved. I have met with several community groups and I am looking forward to working on improving the local area. Regardless of how or if you voted, please don't hesitate to contact me, Ian, or Paul if you have any problems or ideas for our ward that you would like to discuss".

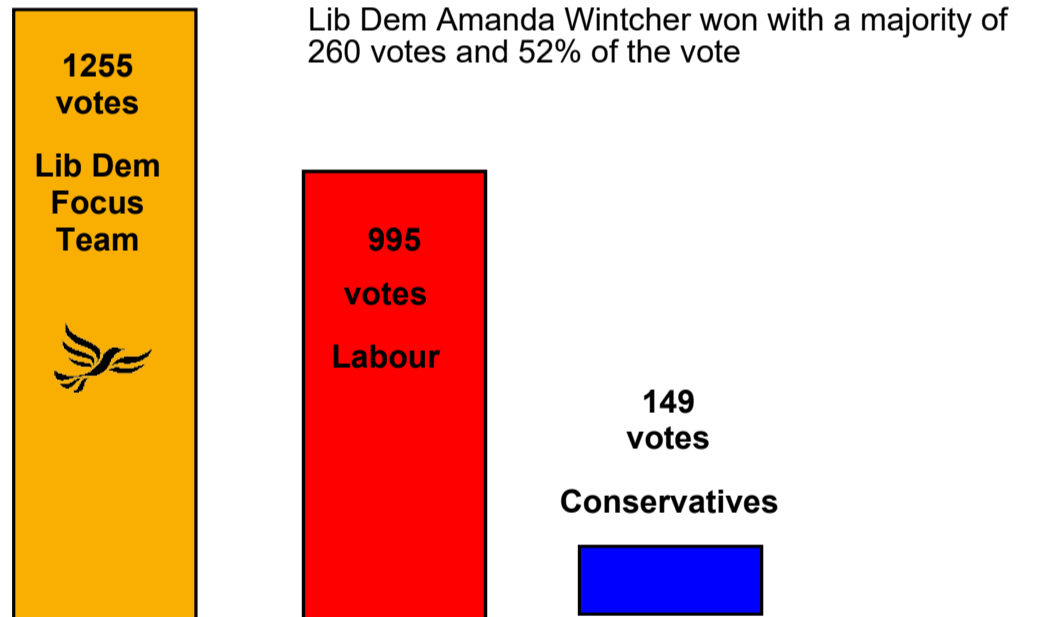
The Liberal Democrats increased their number of Councillors in Gateshead and remain the only opposition to Labour on Gateshead Council. There are now 15 Lib Dem and 51 Labour Councillors on the Council. No other parties are on the Council.

Following the election, Councillor Paul Diston said "We will continue to provide a constructive opposition, and offer an alternative, to the Labour Council. We will support it when it takes good decisions, such as investing in the training of care workers, but we will oppose wasteful projects such as the traffic management scheme. We will promote new policies, such as a significantly improved network of Electric Vehicle charging points across the borough, and investment in street cleaning, where the Council is simply not doing enough."



Ian, Amanda and Paul: Pelaw and Heworth now has three Lib Dem Councillors

How Pelaw and Heworth voted in May's Council election



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Local news and action

Graffiti removal

Offensive graffiti has been removed at multiple locations around Pelaw and Heworth. Amanda said, "I reported several instances of offensive graffiti that I noticed when walking around the neighbourhood. Some of them were on children's play equipment in King George's Field, which is not nice for kids to see! My thanks to the council staff who promptly dealt with the issue."

If you see any similar problems please report it using the council website, or contact a member of the Lib Dem Focus team.



Lib Dem oppose bus changes

Go North East are proposing sweeping changes to bus services. Many of the services that use the Heworth Metro terminus will see significant changes. Elsewhere it is proposed that the 69 service from Wardley to Winlaton is scrapped and the 57 to Newcastle is reduced in the evenings.

As these changes significantly impact communities across Gateshead, the Lib Dems have submitted a response to Go North East's consultation. The withdrawal of the 69 will have a negative impact on those residents attempting to get to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and would sever the West from East Gateshead bus link wise.

We will keep you posted on the outcome.

Litter and fly-tipping removed

A resident contacted Ian about fly-tipping and littering in the alley behind Salisbury Street in Pelaw. We raised the issue with the council and the alley was cleaned up. Ian said, "I'm pleased that this mess was dealt with, and the resident who raised it with us was very pleased too".



New fence for McErlane Square

Recently the Focus team was made aware of plans to erect new fencing at the McErlane Square Sheltered Housing. The fence is intended to help to curb illicit activity in the area and help residents feel better able to enjoy the courtyard. The plan has been approved by all the affected parties, including residents and the Pelaw Library.

Paul said, "This area has been a problem for a long time. I am hopeful that the new fence will help cut down on littering and other anti-social behaviour."



Have your say:

Please use this space to tell us what you think needs doing in Pelaw and Heworth, or to let us know of any local problem needing attention

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