







Kieran Murphy

Ruth Molyneux

Cllr Jo Bird

20MPH ZONES ARE GO!

Green win as 20mph roll out begins



Ruth, Kieran and Jo at the proposed 20mph part of New Chester Road. This section from **Boundary Road to Earl Street has had 13** casualties in the last five years.

Following years of campaigning by Green Party councillors, 20 mph zones are finally being rolled out across Wirral. The council is consulting on these. The first zones in our area include all of Port Sunlight village, Bromborough (except New Chester Road and Spital Road) and parts of New Ferry. View the details and have your say at:

www.haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk/20mph-speedlimit-scheme

20mph zones are safer. Research shows you are six times more likely to be killed if you are hit by a vehicle travelling at 30mph than 20mph. Sadly, the Merseyside Police area has the worst casualty stats in the whole country. Doing nothing is not an option.

Also, lowering speed limits cuts pollution. Less braking and accelerating reduces fuel consumption and cuts brake pad emissions.

The council plan is to gradually roll out 20mph in all appropriate residential areas over the coming four years.

INTRODUCING KIERAN MURPHY

Experienced campaigner joins Green team

Ruth and Jo are delighted to introduce Kieran Murphy to the Green team campaigning for Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry. Kieran is a long-standing advocate for disability rights. He is a director of local carers organisation Wired and self-advocacy group Together All Are Able. Kieran has a proud and successful track record campaigning for some of the most marginalised members of our community.

Kieran says, "I have been hugely impressed by Ruth and Jo. Their tireless work to stand up for our community and improve our area shows what year-round hard work can achieve. I'll be doing my best to follow their example".

Cllr Jo Bird adds, "I'm so pleased to welcome Kieran to our team. It's massively encouraging to see that our hands on approach to local politics is motivating someone of Kieran's calibre to get stuck in and make sure that everyone in our community has the



FAIRER, GREENER SOLUTIONS ON COST OF LIVING

At the most recent meeting of Wirral Council, Cllr Jo Bird spelled out fairer, greener solutions to the cost of living crisis that the council has the power to act on:

- Warm hubs in every community including Bromborough Civic Centre
- A retrofit revolution to make every home in Wirral energy efficient
- More investment in renewable energy to create green, well-paid jobs
- At least the Real Living Wage for everybody who works for Wirral Council and its contractors

Jo said, "We need long term policies to reduce not worsen inequalities that affect life expectancy and well-being. Policies that provide sustainable incomes, good housing, solid education and proper health care."



Cllr Jo Bird promotes the Real Living Wage, now £10.90 per hour, at a recent council meeting



Ruth Molyneux at the Bromborough Wharf site.

CONCERNS OVER 1,186 HOMES FOR WHARF SITE

Two developers have applied for outline planning permission for a total of 1,186 dwellings in Bromborough Pool. The proposed Bromborough Wharf site would be off **Dock Road South** and **Riverbank Road** and face the Mersey. Cllr Jo Bird said, "I welcome more homes in Bromborough. But problems with these applications include:

- No affordable housing leaving more people in unsuitable accommodation on the waiting list
- No developer money offered to local Primary Schools
- No additional facilities such as convenience store or healthcare:
- Not enough support for bus services, walking and cycling
- Noise from nearby heavy industry
- Potential habitat impacts on a Site of Special Scientific Interest for seals, herons, egrets and oyster catchers."

Jo has already met with planning officers to discuss these applications. She will continue to carefully monitor their progress going forward.

GREEN ACTION STREET BY STREET

Attended recent meetings of Friends of Bromborough Library, New Ferry residents association and Port Sunlight village residents association * Uneven pavements fixed on Palatine Road and Starworth Drive * Fly-tipping removed from entry between Beverley Road and Easton Road * Vegetation cleared in entry between Elmbank Road and Willowbank Road * Road markings re-painted on Port Causeway * Tree branches pruned on Palatine Road * Vegetation trimmed around bus stop on Spital Road * Road gullies cleansed on Croft Avenue * Pocket garden waste cleared for New Ferry Our Patch near New Ferry Road * Bin collections assisted on Portbury Way * Quote provided to residents to repair railings on The Esplanade.



Sandringham Close is now on the map after Cllr Jo Bird asked the council to provide a street sign

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