



Moreton and Saughall Massie Community Newsline

From local councillors Colin Baldwin, Gary Bennett and Vida Wilson

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Bid for new banking hub submitted

Following a vote in the Council Chamber in October, Colin, Gary and Vida are now working to bring a new banking hub to Moreton

In October 2022, all councillors voted to back 'banking hubs'.

Since then, Colin, Gary and Vida have heard from more residents and local businesses on how a banking 'hub' would help them.

Basically, a number of banks and building societies have agreed that, in places where branches have closed, there MAY be a case to open a hub.

Each hub would offer access to

the banks taking part and include services that would traditionally take place 'in branch'.

Banking hubs are being co-ordinated by the 'Link' network - they run many of the cash machines around the UK. So far, six hubs have been opened around the country.

At the last council meeting in July, Vida updated the rest of Wirral's councillors on the work

to bring a hub to Moreton - highlighting the most recent retail study that identified more than 140 retail units in the town.

Following our initial bid for a hub, Link has now moved to the next stage with a request for a full assessment. Colin, Gary and Vida are working on that but, in the meantime, residents can also submit their views to Link - go to our website for details: www.wallaseyconservatives.com



Saughall Massie Green Belt fight continues

Colin, Gary and Vida oppose the counter proposals by developers to build more than 1,000 houses around Saughall Massie. The 'hearing' on the Local Plan to protect our Green Belt continues in September.



Fender Lane cycle lane 'review' to be published

At a recent council meeting, Councillor Gary Bennett questioned the Chair of the Environment Committee on the Fender Lane cycle route. We have been promised a copy of the assessment of its use!



Increased fines on way for Carr Lane fly tipping

While the Council has agreed to our request for more action on fly tipping at Carr Lane, we are pleased to report that maximum fines are also to be increased from 31 July from £400 to £1,000.

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Clean up Moreton Embankment!

The lack of regular cleansing of Moreton Embankment has resulted in a build up of sand, waste and dog mess. This has led to widespread weed growth. We have asked for a clean up of the section between Meols and Moreton.



Arrowe Brook overgrown

We have raised concerns with the Chief Executive of the Council, and the Environment Agency, over the state of the Arrowe Brook. The banks and the brook are overgrown making it hard to see the bank.



At last! New litter bins on the way

After months of asking, we can now advise that 22 of the eyesore litter bins around Moreton and Saughall Massie are finally being replaced. Many are rusted, damaged and look a mess.



Saughall Massie fire station

As predicted at the time it was proposed, access for fire engines at rush hour is difficult. As a result, the Fire Authority is now paying for additional measures, such as road markings and 'wig wag' traffic lights.

Thank you to everyone who voted for Colin, Gary and Vida in the recent council elections

The council elections in May saw local councillor Vida Wilson re-elected with an increased vote, while Colin Baldwin and Gary Bennett were elected for the first time.

This means Colin, Gary and Vida will be your local councillors for the next four years. Council elections will be held again in 2027.

Labour remains the largest party in the Town Hall but failed to win the 34 seats needed for outright control.

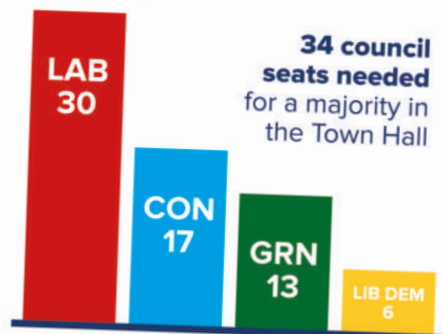
Within days of the election, Labour

councillors removed their leader, Councillor Janette Williamson, replacing her with Paul Stuart, a councillor from Seacombe.

Colin, Gary and Vida are working together for the benefit of Moreton and Saughall Massie.

Thank you to everyone who replied to our letter after the elections - we are working our way through the issues raised by residents.

The current state of play in Wirral is:



Labour gained seats from the Conservatives in Wirral West but lost seats to the Greens in Birkenhead

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