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More cash for 24a, 109a and 114 buses



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ANDREW LEADS CHARGE ON BANNING 'INHUMANE' ANIMAL SLAUGHTER PRACTICES

On Thursday 26th October the now Conservative-run Administration put forward a sensible way forward to remove the provision of meat in School meals and other Council operated facilities from animals being slaughtered without being stunned first.

Currently, Lancashire County Council supplies 27 schools with halal meat, catering for up to 12,000 children and this meat currently does not have to come from animals that were stunned before being slaughtered.

The proposal that it is cruel to slaughter animals without stunning them first, as is the case with a minority of halal meat suppliers, was debated in a 7-hour meeting of Full Council.

Cllr Andrew Snowden led the charge with an impassioned speech that was later quoted in national papers such as the Guardian. Following the debate, he said "Today is a proud day to be a Conservative in Lancashire. Today was about us, as representatives of the people of Lancashire, setting out what we believe is the minimum standard of humane treatment that animals should receive in our County".

In a heated debate Andrew challenged any Councillor who thought it was acceptable to vote keep slaughtering animals whilst they are conscious to say they would allow their pet dog or cat, if it was sick and needed putting



Lancashire council votes to ban schools from serving non-stunned halal meat

down, that they would be willing to let the vet slit its throat whilst it was conscious. There was silence from all, many Councillors looking down.

Andrew said in response to that silence; "Of course you would never let that happen to your pet, because it is inhumane. But if it is too horrid for those animals then why is it fine for any other animal to die this cruel way?"

The ban was passed with support from most Conservatives and some other

Councillors. The majority of the Labour group voted against the proposal and as such to continue killing animals in this inhumane way.

The plan caters for and respects the needs of the Muslim and Jewish communities in Lancashire who might be affected. The County Council will still provide halal meat that is slaughtered the same way as 84 per cent of all halal meat in the UK – being that the animal is slaughtered whilst stunned.

THE VIEW FROM SNOWDEN: PRESSURE ON SCHOOL PLACES

This is the first in a series of 'The View from Snowden', as Caroline Snowden sets out the views and issues she wants to represent residents on at Chorley Town Hall, as your candidate for the 2018 local town council elections.

"Recently Andrew attended a meeting with residents about School places and the particular challenge for villagers. From being active out and about in the villages I have had a number of conversations with people concerned about the cost of getting children to Chorley Schools and there actually being places in the first place. I was really pleased when he came home all fired-up to do something about it. We had helped with a petition about Chorley School places back in 2015 and it felt good to be back on the case. We hope to be able to form a strong team to make a stand – with Andrew at County Hall and me at Chorley Town Hall.

There are two issues that need looking at – one is the process by which the nearest School is allocated to determine free bus passes for our rural areas that border multiple towns (we are already on with getting meetings in about this) as it takes no cultural or community links into account.

The second issue is the increasing pressure rural areas face in getting places in Chorley Schools without having to challenge. Given the increasing development in Chorley this situation is only going to get more difficult. This needs to be addressed seriously, maybe some of the money being sunk into town centre developments that don't stack up and tearing up car parks, could be diverted into helping provide more School places.

I will keep you updated on our progress with highlighting this important issue, it is something I hope to be a strong voice on at Chorley Town Council if elected next year."



Caroline's View: Call For Action on School Places

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2018

Christmas won't get in the way of Andrew and Caroline getting roads fixed in our area! We hope this Christmas edition of the 'pothole selfies' from Facebook and Twitter will fill you full of festive cheer!

As we approach the festive season and another year has flown by – Andrew, Caroline and all of us at your local Conservative team, send our warmest wishes for you and your family and all the best for the New Year!



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ANDREW PUTS COMMUNITY AT HEART IN HIS LOCAL GRANTS

■ Cllr Andrew Snowden and his wife, Caroline, have long stood by their pledge of putting the ethos of 'caring and campaigning for the community' at the heart of everything they do.

Andrew said, "I want to make sure that the people I was elected to serve and support, decide where my local member grants are spent. So I published an article in my newsletter and on my social media asking people where they thought the funds should go."

So far Andrew has awarded £400 to the **Flux Dance Academy** who are a community dance group in the local



Andrew visits one of the Groups that form Flux Dance Academy

area bringing all ages together in exercise and competition. They were founded as an after school club a few years ago and have gone on to win the national cheerleading competition last year. The grant will fund transport to enable parents and children to get to competitions.

He has also awarded £250 to the **Brindle Over Fifty Fives (BOFFS)** who are a great community group, and £200 to both **Chorley Scouts** and **Brindle Village Show**.

MORE CASH FOR 24A, 109A AND 114 BUSES

■ In the last edition of Intouch we updated you on the great work Cllr Andrew Snowden is doing in his new role as Lead Member for Public Transport, as the Conservatives keep their election promise and invest £1million in bus services across Lancashire. Locally this meant the subsidy to Chorley Council for the **24a** and **109a** would

continue and the **114**, run by County, would be extended and improved around Clayton Brook.

Andrew said, "Following discussions with Chorley Council, who are struggling to continue to fund their share of the **24a** and **109a** services, I am pleased to be able to let residents, we have now

been able to give an **increase from the less than £20,000 per annum they received from the last Labour Administration at County to over £50k per annum now under the Conservatives** – to save this service from

the risk of being withdrawn if Chorley Council reduced its contribution."

We are sure that residents who rely on this service will welcome this decision. Please feel free to lobby Chorley Council to ensure they keep their part of the deal, following this huge increase from the County Council.

Please note the **24** and **109** daytime services are commercially operated services, which might not sound like an important distinction but it is – they are protected by the 1984 Deregulation of Bus Services Act – which means the County Council has no control over the route or frequency.



Andrew Snowden, delighted to be able to increase financial support for buses in our area

LEST WE FORGET

■ On Remembrance Sunday this year Andrew had the distinct honour of being asked by the County to lay a wreath at the Clayton and Whittle service. The words he wrote on the wreath are below:

"Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light – Micah Ch7 Vs8.

From the sacrifice of the fallen, a better world rose. Lest We Forget. Cllr Andrew Snowden."



Andrew and Caroline Snowden at the Service

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Let us know if you have any issues of concern:

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

Name
Address
Home/Mobile no
Email

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Help with stuffing envelopes
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party
- Vote by post
- Stand for Council

Please return to: **Cllr Andrew Snowden, C/o 1 West Bank, Chorley, PR7 1JF**

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YOU SAID, ANDREW DID!

■ We have a shorter section this edition due to the other extra articles, but for many more 'You Said, Andrew Did' see fb.com/asnowdenconservatives

Brindle and Houghton Ward

YOU SAID: There is an issue with surface water flooding near St Joseph's Parish Centre causing a risk to the building.

ANDREW DID: Got the Cabinet Member, Cllr Keith Iddon, to agree to a site visit to look at the issues and see what can be done. He has also had the

site added to the more regular drain clearing schedule following the new Conservative Administration investing £300,000 more in drain clearing.

Clayton North Ward

YOU SAID: Three houses on Preston Road have had their garages/gardens flooded and the surface water keeps getting closer to the houses.

ANDREW DID: Worked with Council Officers for months to assess the problem and to agree funding to build an extra gully to take surface water off

into the main drains.

Wheelton and Withnell Ward

YOU SAID: There are speeding problems on Bury Lane, Railway Road and A674 Higher Wheelton and signage is dirty and damaged.

ANDREW DID: Got Highways Traffic Officers out to do an initial assessment on both Railway Road and Bury Lane and Andrew is following these up. He has also just got approval to have the signage repaired and cleaned on A674.

