

Michael James Jarvis

Conservative Member for Margate & Cliftonville Division



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Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Michael has been serving the community of Margate & Cliftonville as a Member since 2009.

He was last elected in 2009 and, like all KCC Members, serves for a four year term of office. The next KCC elections take place on 2 May 2013.

About Michael

Michael was elected to the County Council in June 2009 as the Member for Margate & Cliftonville and, being a two seat division, shares that role with Chris Wells. Michael is also a Birchington Parish Councillor and between 2007 and 2011, Michael served as a District Councillor for Thanet District Council representing the ward of Dane Valley.

Prior to being involved in local politics and community work, Michael worked in the City of London for 25 years, mainly in the financial sector and has extensive business knowledge. Michael worked for Citibank as a Trade Representative and his last position at ABN AMRO Bank was Business Manager. While at ABN AMRO Bank, Michael graduated from London South Bank University with an Honours degree in Business Studies. Michael developed close working relationships with global companies such as Shell, BP,

Diageo, Trafalgar House and ICI. Michael was made redundant in April 2005 and since leaving the financial sector, he first undertook some voluntary community work with the Trinity Resource Centre in Margate as a relief minibus driver and helping with the office administration, and then was an Office Manager for The North Thanet Conservative Association in Birchington, before getting involved in politics at a local level.

Michael is always keen to utilise his business knowledge and skills to help those in the community who need support and advice and so stepping into politics was a positive move. Michael feels that it is important Members connect with residents and organisations and be willing to commit resources either through the Member's Grant or Highway Funds or supporting petitions at Council.

Communication is also the key to being a good Member and one of the initiatives Michael has undertaken is to send congratulation cards to those constituents who have gained their British citizenship.

Michael and his wife Annemarie have been residents of Birchington for 12 years.

Work at County Hall

Attending meetings isn't all councillors do, in fact most of their

time is spent out and about meeting people in their community, doing their best to help solve problems and finding out what matters most to them. However, when decisions are taken by the council, their job is to be there and put across the views of their constituents.

Michael has attended 7 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Michael has attended.

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council.aspx

Contacting Your Councillor

Elected Members are here to help residents, organisations and businesses with enquiries about KCC services. They are probably a good starting point for other enquiries too.

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Member's Community Grant

KCC has found a great way to help fund local community groups and organisations without fuss or too much bureaucracy. Every year, each KCC Member may allocate £10,000 to worthwhile causes within their community.

Here's how Michael spent his last year:

Rikki and Julie: Examining Conflict – Platform Films - £600

Sunday Film Club – Project Fair Isle - £425

East Kent Mencap's Big Lunch –East Kent Mencap - £500

International Filmmaker Festival – Vivo International - £250

Conference – The Kent Federation of Amenity Societies - £513

Walk to School Scheme Palm Bay Primary School – Kent and Medway Charity Team -£250

BSL Interpreted Theatre – Theatre Royal Margate - £150

Events in Thanet – Kent Coastal Week - £300

Oval Bandstand Summer Concerts – Cliftonville Residents Association - £1,000

Surveying the Margate Cave – Friends of Margate Caves - £450

Feasibility study for development of the Tivoli Road site – East Kent Mencap - £250

Cliftonville Theatre Project – Sarah Thorne Theatre Club - £200

Cliftonville Winter Community Event – The Cliftonville Partnership - £125

Winter Festival – Millmead Children's Centre - £700

Up the Line Remembrance 2011 – Platform -7 Events - £500

Support to Girl Guides (1st Cliftonville) – 1st Cliftonville (Holy Trinity) Guide Company - £250

Tom Thumb Theatre Restoration Project – Tom Thumb Theatre - £238

Renewal of Banks to No 1 Bowling Green – Walpole Bay Bowling Club - £1,250

IT Equipment – Grotto Hill Street Scheme - £424

International Filmmaker Festival – Vivo International - £375

MOS replacement windows to The Mews – Margate Operatic Society - £500

Forming Hilderstone Arts Trust – Sarah Thorne Theatre Club - £750

If you want to suggest a local group which could benefit from the Member's Community Grant then you'll find your local Councillor's contact details on the front page.

Member's Highway Fund

KCC recognises that local Members are well placed to decide which small transport and highways schemes would be most useful to their communities. That's why each Member is allocated £25,000 to spend on local schemes. It's called the Members Highway Fund and here's how it was spent last year...

Dane Valley Road, Margate – request for Sunday/Bank Holiday bus service (also supported by MHF from KCC Member Robert Burgess)

St Peters footpath, Margate – contribution to keep clear marking

Nash Road, Margate – request for timber bollards

Union Row, Margate – request for kerb build-outs

Trinity Square, Margate – request for road markings to improve safety at the junction, in particular 'Give Way' markings

High Street, Margate – request to extend the existing 20mph speed limit from the lower part to the upper

Bath Road, Margate – request for speed surveys to be conducted

St Mary's Avenue, Margate – request for bollards to prevent parking on the grass verges

Connaught Gardens, Margate – request for double yellow lines to stop obstructive parking

Thanet – request to make a contribution to the Thanet Community Transport Association

Magnolia Avenue, Margate – request for the concrete roads to be micro-surfaced

Addiscombe Road, Margate – request for a parking survey to ascertain if there is a parking issue present

Elizabeth Avenue, Margate – request for a speed survey

Allowances

Each Member of KCC receives a basic allowance (salary) to compensate them for the time spent on their duties and to meet many of the day-to-day expenses of being a Councillor.

Some Members also receive a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) when they take on extra duties such as serving as a member of the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition or Chairman of a committee.

County Councillors can only claim the usual expenses that most businesses would pay for.

These are for actual costs for example reimbursement for fuel and travel which they have incurred whilst carrying out their duties as County Councillor.

[View Members allowances and expenses](#)

Community Grant Success Story – The Children’s Society:

The Children’s Society officially opened its ‘Secret Jungle’ inclusive children’s garden in Northdown Park on 7 July 2010. The garden offers an outdoor play space designed around the needs and wishes of disabled children. Thanet Local Board funded a Project Co-ordinator which ensured that the local community were involved in the project development, liaising with architects and others to ensure the garden’s success.



Attending the Official Opening



Launch of the new Sunday bus service – with Paul Clark from Stagecoach and local residents

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Michael has been actively involved in representing his constituents in school placements and transport appeals and ensuring highway projects are completed on time. Michael has also supported many local groups and even managed to arrange a film presentation at County Hall for East Kent Mencap to raise its profile of people with learning difficulties.

Michael strives to be a hard working and committed Member for his constituency and to support those committees he represents and to develop that role through various training courses. Michael is very passionate about the role he undertakes as a Member on the Adoption Panel for Mid East Kent and works closely with the Sports, Olympic & Paralympic team at KCC, in helping to promote the Kent School Games.

The aim for 2012 and beyond is to seek re-election and continue working for the community and making a positive contribution.



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