

Supporting Statement

I am 66 years old married with 3 children and 6 grandchildren. I have been involved in community work in Thorne & Moorends for 47 years helping and supporting a wide range of community groups / organisations.

I was a South Yorkshire County Councillor for five years representing the Thorne and Moorends Ward and a Thorne Town councillor for eight years. This experience provided great insight and knowledge about community working and links with the strategic partnerships and organisations, giving insight into local government working practises.

Before I retired I worked for ICI Fibres and then as a Regional Manager for a Finance company in charge of 100 full and part time staff. A business environment orientated to meet targets and deadlines involving interviewing and selection of suitable employees, training and inductions, staff progression and team building to produce a successful, efficient business

This lifetime of experience enabled me to use the skills and knowledge I had learnt to work with the community at grass root levels to contribute to the regeneration of Thorne and Moorends and become the founder member of ThorneMoor Working Group.

In June 2002 I was nominated to take the lead role and be the co-ordinator/contact person for the new build and refurbishment of Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Development Centre. The Centre is a community building and was paid for out of the wages of local miners who worked at Thorne Colliery in 1956. The centre has been successfully extended, refurbished, developed and brought into the 21st century providing the users and the local community and excellent facility for them to use and is now a focal point within the community delivering a wide range of activities and projects for the elderly, children and young people and wider members of our community

I have been part of the Doncaster Community Empowerment Network since its inception and have always dedicated my time and efforts to ensure the success of the CEN within the borough and to make a positive contribution to assist with its growth and development over the years. I have been a Representative on various boards for the Community Empowerment Network and strongly believe in its aims and objectives.

Having been a Representative for the Community Empowerment Network on the Doncaster Funding Co-ordination Group gave me an insight on the way the Strategic Boards work.

This has strengthened my belief in the vital role that the third sector and voluntary organisations have to play, the importance that our voice is heard and that we truly represent the views of the third sector and voluntary groups at strategic level.

It would be an honour and a privilege if elected to represent the Third Sector Organisations.