

# Weston-super-Mare Central Ward

# FOCUS

*It's so close around here!*



From **Mike Bell, Clare Kingsbury-Bell** and the Lib Dem team • [www.mikebell.org.uk](http://www.mikebell.org.uk)

# TORY COUNCIL WASTEFUL £9.7M OFFICE REFURB

Conservative-run North Somerset Council wants to spend £9.7 million refurbishing the Town Hall to improve office accommodation.

The proposal follows hot on the heels of the council's decision to spend £17 million buying a new office building in Clevedon.

"The decision to waste even more of our money on Town Hall improvements is

amazing," said Lib Dem campaigner **Mike Bell**.

"We are already reeling from the millions spent buying new offices in Clevedon - now they want to improve the Town Hall too.

"This is an outrage at a time when jobs are being lost and services are being cut. Local Conservative councillors are clearly totally out of touch with reality."

## Central Library to go?

As part of the Conservative plans to spend millions refurbishing the Town Hall, they want to close the Central Library and sell-off the current building.

Lib Dem campaigner **Clare Kingsbury-Bell** said: "Our Central Library is a key part of the fabric of the town centre used by young and old,

parents, pensioners - all parts of the community. It would be a tragedy to see it closed and dumped in the Town Hall, with library users competing for space with Town Hall bureaucrats and councillors.

"Not so long ago, Conservative councillors wanted to close the museum. Now its the library. Is nothing safe?"

## Parking fees up!

Conservative-run North Somerset Council has again increased off-street **parking charges** above inflation.

Charges will rise by 10% on average and by as much as 25% in some places like the seafront.

Town centre campaigner **Mike Bell** said: "Residents in the town centre have enough to put up with parking chaos everywhere.

"The council is making matters worse by charging more and more for off-street spaces. Our choked streets will get even more clogged."



## Mike and Clare - campaigning for you

Town centre parents and campaigners **Mike Bell** and **Clare Kingsbury-Bell** have been chosen as the Lib Dem candidates to become your new local councillors when elections are held in May.

Mike and Clare live in George Street in the heart of the town centre and have a one-year-old son, Jake.

Mike is well-known in the town as a former councillor

and the Lib Dem candidate at the last General Election.

Clare is the editor of a local community mum's magazine and used to work for the Weston & Somerset Mercury.

**Remember  
the Tory  
record here in  
Weston ...**

**Tropicana CLOSED in 2000**  
**Council Tax UP and UP every year**  
**£9.7 million WASTED on Town Hall offices**  
**Library and museum services CUT**  
**£17 million WASTED on Clevedon offices**  
**Councillors get PAY RISES of up to 50%**

**It's time for a fresh start.**



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# A fresh start for Weston ...

## Good ideas to help make our town a better place

**Mike Bell** and **Clare Kingsbury-Bell** are local people who want to stand up for Weston.

There will be council elections in May to choose new councillors for our area. Mike and Clare want to represent our town.

Mike and Clare live in the heart of Weston with their one-year-old son.

The current Conservative councillors here don't listen to the people who elected them and are out of touch with the real issues.

Mike and Clare say: "We think that Weston deserves better, which is why we want to represent our community on North Somerset Council to make a real difference.

"We will work hard for Weston and fight to get things done. The old politics and the old politicians have let Weston down. It is time for a fresh start."

### What we are campaigning for:

- ✓ **Action** to get the Tropicana open
- ✓ **Action** in the fight against drugs
- ✓ **Action** to create real local jobs
- ✓ **Action** to clean up our streets
- ✓ **Action** to deliver value for money

## Parking chaos - action call after survey

Lib Dem campaigners **Clare Kingsbury-Bell** and **Mike Bell** have thanked residents who completed their recent parking survey.

"It is clear that residents are fed up of parking chaos in and around the town centre," said Clare.

"We'll be taking up the issues raised with the council and the police and pressing for urgent action."



## It matters what you think...

Use the space below to tell us about a local concern ...

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I will support Mike & Clare in the elections ☐
- I support fair votes ☐
- I can display a poster for Mike & Clare ☐
- I can deliver leaflets in my street ☐
- I'd like to join the Lib Dems as a member ☐

Return to: Lib Dems FREEPOST RRBL-BXUY-CGYB, 54 George Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3AS

## A RECORD OF ACTION



### Tropicana - give Nightingale a chance

Lib Dem campaigners **Mike Bell** and **Clare Kingsbury-Bell** are backing Richard Nightingale's bid to save the Tropicana.

**Mike Bell** says: "The council has made one bad decision after another on the Tropicana. It is time that they gave local man

Richard Nightingale a chance to show what he can do.

"I want to see a covered all year round swimming pool on the Tropicana site - and a development that is leisure-led, not about building hotels and flats. Only Richard offers that."

### Fighting for a fair deal for our children

Campaigners fighting to improve children's services in Weston's central ward have stepped up their bid for improvements.

New figures show that every child aged four or below in South Weston is getting nearly twice as much money to help pay for support services compared to children in the centre of town.

Children in the Ashcombe area of town get 60 per cent more and even those in villages like Banwell and Winscombe are getting more cash.

Lib Dem campaigner **Clare Kingsbury-Bell** said: "Our children should get the same start in life as anywhere else in North Somerset. It's scandalous that this isn't happening."

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