

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor: Matthew Voisey

Ward: Oldcastle

Party: Welsh Conservative Party

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **30 April 2018** It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Role & Responsibilities

I was elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Oldcastle on 4th May 2017. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the council this year including being appointed to several committees.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 19 constituent queries with the council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing several other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended member development activities which have assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the council and my ward is maintained.

Further information of my [roles, responsibilities and activities](#) can be found by using this link.

Constituency Activity

My aim is to be a good local councillor, helping and supporting residents where required. Much of the first half of the year was taken up with learning the role and dealing with the serious issues of the new waste contract and its failings.

I take my election manifesto seriously and continue to deliver my promises. I took a cut in my councillor allowance, as promised, and continue to press for A48 speed restrictions, and safety improvements.

I have dealt with several complex cases, with the help of officers to resident's satisfaction.

Residents parking has also been a big part of the workload and is on ongoing project. Thank you to all residents that participated in the consultation.

I like to walk the area, meet residents and will be knocking doors, to meet you soon.

Initiatives and Special Activities

From day one, I have been active in tackling the blight of empty homes and properties, to some success as a new empty homes officer is being appointed. I will continue try and bring abandoned homes back into use.

I have interests in planning and sit on the planning committee and consider myself an active participant in planning meetings.

As an opposition member, it is my duty to challenge and hold the administration to account, and not allow the administration to push through matters without scrutiny and debate, as happened in the past, take the waste contract for an example.

I was the only member to stand up and fight for retention of public toilets in the budget meeting, supported by other independent members.

I work not for my own interest but for those I serve, who elected me.

Other Activities/Issues

I also represent the ward on Bridgend Town Council, and therefore offer a larger co-ordinated remit. I am working with the allotment on Jubilee road to start a gardening club for residents, and take a keen interest in local matters, such as attending PACT meetings.

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Date: 19th May 2018