

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor T.H.Beedle**

**Ward: Maesteg East**

## **Party: INDEPENDENT**

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 Maesteg East on 5th 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 numerous constituent queries with the council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing a number of other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended a number of 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**

I have been very active in my first year as a county borough councillor, as a serving member on many of the council's committees, sub committees and training sessions, and various visits including being part of a rota visit team. I have managed to maintain a high level of attendance.

My activities include the obvious, attending full Council and all my listed committees and sub committees, responding to telephone calls, emails, text messages and social media messages, and door callers on matters that my constituents have raised with me. I subsequently meet with my constituents to fully identify the issues, and where I personally cannot resolve the matter directly, then I use both the council referral system, and direct officer contact.

I also contact other agencies directly on matters raised that are not council related issues, and advocate on behalf of those constituents.

I hold ad hoc street surgeries, and liaise with my ward's town councillors, and the local police team.

I also work in partnership with my fellow ward councillor, and together we have addressed many issues, and shared difficult casework.

I have also put a motion to the Council relating to Looked after Children.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I have attended several site meetings with council officers and fellow councillors to discuss problems/issues raised by residents including road safety issues, anti-social and dangerous parking around schools, junctions, and bus stops, youth annoyance issues, flooding, and overhanging and tall trees, street lighting, potholes etc.

I liaise with the neighbourhood policing team, and utilities providers, registered social landlords, and other agencies on issues affecting my constituents.

I also travel around the ward where there are known hot spots for fly tipping, and make the relevant referrals to clean up the affected area, this year in particular has been really busy with issues relating to refuse and recycling, fly tipping and street cleaning in general.

Both my ward colleague and I have met with a RSL, which included site meetings on issues of flood prevention to a nearby housing estate, and have successfully negotiated the installation of an early flood warning GPS System, and the fencing off of a culvert.

I have managed to undertake all my members' development training sessions.

I have also used my Community Action Fund to provide player and spectator safety at a local sports ground.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I have a keen interest in children's education, and I am a long serving governor of 25 years in Maesteg Comprehensive School. I am also the chair of governors in Cwmfelin Primary School, the elected chair of Bridgend's Governors Association, board member of Wales Governors, and serve on several work streams relating to education in our authority.

I am also the secretary of the local allotments.

I am the chair of Unison Bridgend's County retired member section.

I am a member of Unison's Regional Retired Members Committee.

I am a committee member of my local male voice choir

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