

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor Paul Davies**

**Ward: Caerau**

## **Party: Labour**

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending 4-May-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 Caerau on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 many 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 made many referrals to BCBC on behalf of my constituents (too many to mention on this document) most of which were successfully resolved, including the replacement of a streetlamp between Coegnant Road and Margam Street as the removal of the old one was causing a great deal of concern to residents of that area, and the replacement of 200m of river fence from footbridge to footbridge adjacent Caerau Development Trust which was in a dangerous condition.

Further success was getting the roads gritted during the snow events last winter around the Blaencaerau and Caerau Park areas of Caerau and the installation of grit bins on Blaencaerau Road and Estate.

I have also used my Community Action Fund to assist Caerau Community Growers to purchase a compost toilet for their project to allow them to provide facilities to attendees of their events, including school children of Caerau who regularly attend the gardens for educational reason.

I also assisted Caerau Bowl's club to carry out repairs to the benches around the green

at Caerau Park, allowing spectators to watch the games in comfort.

**Initiatives and Special Activities:**

As one of the elected members for the Caerau ward I have been involved in the Caerau Minewater Project which will hopefully supply carbon free energy to homes in the Blaencaerau area. This is achieved by drilling down into abandoned mine workings of the abandoned Caerau Colliery and using the geo-thermally heated water located in the mine workings to heat homes locally. This was a manifesto pledge made by the Labour party during the 2017 elections and is we are waiting for results from the successful borehole to ascertain the viability of the project. At the moment they have located the mine workings and water has been extracted to measure heat and quantity levels. Further public meetings will be held once the results are finalised.

As councillor I have had to attend meetings relating to this project where concerns and objections have been raised, culminating in a trip being organised to Crynant in Neath where we could observe a minewater project actually operating. This was a successful trip and allayed the fears of the members of the public who attended.

**Other Activities/Issues**

I attend many outside meetings apart from those at BCBC, I am currently a director at Caerau Development Trust (CDT) and help where I can in the business of the Trust.

I also attend Invest Local Caerau meetings (ILC) on behalf of CDT where we have recently secured over £30,000 to carry out refurbishments to the kitchen and canteen area. CDT can now provide meals to the most disadvantaged members of the community.

I am also on the committee of Llynfi Afan Windfarm which has to allot £14,000 to the community of Caerau annually for the next 24 years.

**Councillor Paul Davies:**

**Date: 28-May-2018**