

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor D Patel

Ward: Ogmore Vale

Party: Labour

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 Ogmore Vale on 13th November 2015. 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 200 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 hold quarterly general advice surgeries for all residents to attend, as well as joint surgeries with the AM and MP.
- In addition to this I make myself contactable via all forms of communication including house visits, on a mobile phone and social media.
- I attend, promote and support as many activities taking place in my community as possible, these include presentation evenings, fundraisers, fundays, start up initiatives, the annual Easter egg hunt with St. David's Church and awareness drives at the Ogmore Valley Life Centre.
- I've worked on key issues such as street lighting, street cleansing, waste and recycling, fly-tipping, pot-holes, anti-social behaviour on the land north of the industrial estate.
- I regularly attend the Ogmore Valley Community Council meetings, PACT meetings and I am a local authority appointed governor on both Ogmore Vale Primary School and Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen
- I meet regularly with the local community co-ordinator and the PCSOs to cross refer issues.

Initiatives and Special Activities

Through the councillor's Community Action Fund, the Community Chest and Y Dderwen Community Enterprise, I have aided financial assistance for the following groups:

- Nantymoel Amateur Boxing Club (both for equipment and a room extension);
- Wyndham Boys and Girls Club (for club activities, juniors football, pups football and speed deterrent measures);
- Ogmore Valley Mens Shed (as a start-up grant);
- Ogmore Valley Priide (for training volunteers, supporting specific landscaping initiatives and delivering a community skip scheme);
- Ogmore Valley Womens Choir (for a portable piano);
- Valley Ravens (for Coach training).

Other Activities/Issues

In the coming year I would like to work more closely with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust who are keen to be active in my ward, work further with Ogmore Valley Priide volunteers, as well as, continue to work with the 3G pitch steering committee to help secure a pitch for the residents in my ward.

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