

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Alex Williams

Ward: Penprysg

Party: Independent Alliance

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 the Penprysg ward on May 4th 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 128 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

In addition to assisting residents with a range of council related issues, during 2017/18, I have:

- Supported residents with issues surrounding the new recycling and refuse collection;
- Made representations on issues relating to the construction of the new Pencoed Primary School and the 40 new homes on the site of the old Primary School including parking and transportation issues.
- Campaigned to ensure that South Wales Wood Recycling takes its responsibility towards our community seriously after complaints from residents regarding SWWR's operating hours.
- Supported Heol-y-Cyw Rugby Club with their efforts to secure the transfer of the Pavilion into their possession as part of a community asset transfer.

- Supported the committee which is taking forward the Heol-y-Cyw to Pencoed cycle track.
- Campaigned for the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on Pant Hirwaun in Heol-y-Cyw and have supported the introduction of dropped kerbs throughout Penprysg ward.
- Become a “Dementia Champion” and will be looking to work with the Alzheimer’s Society so that Pencoed and Heol-y-Cyw become dementia friendly communities.
- Been successful in bringing together stakeholders to begin improvements to the Miners’ Path which runs down Cefn Hirgoed from Pencoed to Brynteg in Heol-y-Cyw.
- Introduced new waste bins and trialled the successful Tikspac scheme to combat dog fouling.

Initiatives and Special Activities

Between May and September 2017, I chaired BCBC scrutiny committee 1 and chaired a session on the Welsh Government’s proposed additional learning needs legislation.

The committee made a series of recommendations which were submitted to the BCBC cabinet and the Welsh government in an effort to improve the offering for those young people with additional learning needs in the Bridgend county borough.

Among other recommendations, the committee recommended that:

- funding be ring-fenced to meet the needs of young people with ALN;
- apprenticeships should be considered as a method for young people with ALN to progress into employment;
- the local authority considers how home to school transport arrangements will be affected as part of the new provisions contained in the bill; and
- the authority learns from best practice from local authorities from Wales and beyond in an effort to improve the academic performance of those young people with ALN.

Other Activities/Issues

I sponsored three motions during 2017/18 which were agreed by the council which sought to:-

- realign the local authority’s budget to protect spending on education while ensuring a balanced budget. (May 2017)
- recognise the overwhelming public concern regarding the new waste management and recycling scheme and refer the operation of the waste contract to scrutiny. (May 2017)

- urge BCBC to consider a Public Spaces Protection Order which would ban dog walking from all schools, children's play areas and marked sports pitches maintained by the council in order to tackle dog fouling and the associated health implications. (November 2017)

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Date: 17th May 2018