

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor D.B.F. White**

**Ward: Newcastle**

## **Party: Labour**

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending 30th 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 re-elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Newcastle 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 a number of constituent queries with the council and other organisations. These range from concerns over potholes, overgrown trees and street lighting. Furthermore, personal concerns in relation to care facilities and local schools.

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. I also use my experiences working in social services to support local residents.

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

### **Constituency Activity**

In the last year, I continued my engagement with a number of resources in the local community and within the town centre. I consider myself to be very active with the Westward Community Centre, where the Board of Trustees considers me as an adviser. I worked with a housing association and builder, who have put in a free kitchen at the Westward Community Centre.

I have worked tirelessly with the community on the campaign to improve the green on St Illytds, which resulted in V2C making repairs to the green.

I have supported local residents in the successful campaign to prevent a number of houses being built on green spaces in two different areas of the ward and access being granted access via a cul de sac.

I have supported the armed forces and the poppy appeal and every year I place poppies in the town centre. Along with others I sell poppies and I am putting together a children services day before the remembrance service.

Last year I physically supported Simon Green in his successful 24 hour non-stop challenge to push his wheel chair from Stradey Park to Rodney Parade.

I have facilitated public meetings in respect of recent bus consultation and I hold regular surgeries.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

Outside of the constituency I have been supportive of the town centre and continue to work with the Glamorgan Classic Car Show in putting on a show in Bridgend. I provide active hands on support at the Roots Festival and I am currently working on other events.

In my role on the ICA and as the Welsh chair of the ICA, I actively campaigned on a number of issues that impact on our communities.

<http://www.industrialcommunitiesalliance.org/>

### **Other Activities/Issues**

In my role on the Local Community Health Board, I have spoken with a number of people in relation to the plans to build a new health hub in Sunnyside and will continue to ensure that local residents have an input into the design and model of the health hub.

I am a member of the local Fire Authority and I was honoured to represent the ward, borough and Fire Authority when I placed a wreath at the Fire Memorial in London. This was to honour those from the fire service who lost their lives as a serving member of Fire Service. I regularly attend events on the behalf of the Fire Service.

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**Date: 31.05.2018**