

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Dr Altaf Hussain

Ward: Pen Y Fai

Party: Conservative Party

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 Pen-Y-Fai on 8 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

Residents of Pen-Y-Fai place a huge amount of trust in me and my ability to get things done for them when they elected me as their councillor and I fell back on the principles that had always served me well throughout my working life as a surgeon and as a AM - to conduct myself with honesty and integrity underpinned by an ethos of service.

Within my first few weeks of office, my priority was to get out there and speak to as many different people and organisations as possible, each with a story to tell, especially following the dreadful state of Kier waste collections with hundreds of complaints which I took up with the BCBC through our member referral route. Other referrals made included parking, fly tipping, potholes, hedge and grass cutting, gritting roads, school transport, bus services and street lights etc.

My first few weeks in the council, I was able to access a real great help from the democratic department as I gained my bearing and from many members from all other parties and in particular of the Leader and Cabinet members.

As I started to grow into the role, I became more and more excited by the opportunity of

asking both written and supplementary oral Council questions to highlight the policy issues - particularly in health and social services, education, waste collection, public health and a motion on period poverty and so on.

Democracy gains its substance through accountability. It is a privilege to serve on the Scrutiny Committee 3.

I am thankful to the Leader and the Cabinet for appointing me as the authority's representative on the Bridgend Community Health Council and ABM CHC board, which I enjoy and so far never missed any meeting or hospital visits.

Soon after joining as a councillor I made it a point to take managers especially from highways for site visits to look at potholes, drains, fly tipping, gritting etc. and I also had a meeting the planning department. I had few meetings with officer regarding the safe walking routes and pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures in the village.

I am sad that it took more than 6 weeks for Kier to remove a dead horse from the field and it was during that time we found a skeleton of another horse entangled in bushes over the water stream which might have been there for many more months.

I am happy that I could organise a home for a homeless person which was done speedily by the BCBC, for which I am grateful.

I have been holding Surgery at All Saints Church, Pen-Y-Fai on the following dates 21/7/2017, 28/10/2017, 25/11/2017, 20/01/2018, 24/03/2018, and 19/05/2018. The dates are published in Postcard from Pen-Y-Fai, prepared by the friends of All Saints Church.

I have been involved with the president of the Pen-Y-Fai WI in planting poppies and wildflowers in Pen-Y-Fai in consultation and help from V2C.

As a councillor of Newcastle Higher Community Council I do attend the monthly meetings and report to the council about my activities within the village.

I served as a governor of Aberkenfig Catholic Primary School for the last 4 years until March 2018, where I was able to put my experience of public life and solving problems on behalf of my constituents to good effect for the benefit of the community.

My name was later approved for the appointment of LA governor for C & W Primary School Pen-Y-Fai this month in May 2018.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am helping the village by using the Community Action Fund - to match the funding from NHCC on speed calming measures on Pen-Y-Fai Road which will involve the installation of 2 speed signs in consultation with BCBC Highways, and, in addition it will be used for the installation of a notice board in the village.

My call to provide a pedestrian crossing facility and a safe walking route on a busy dual carriage way at the traffic light, Tondu road, fell on deaf ears in BCBC and this is our next petition.

My second petition to the BCBC (which I am working on at present) is regarding the

withdrawn bus services - where Pen-Y-Fai once had 8 buses an hour to Bridgend and these continue to operate but via the Pines leaving our elderly and school going children in despair.

I have been involved with the residents in a petition asking BCBC not to destroy our village by allowing permission for 20 houses in All Saints Way in our village. More than 600 people signed this petition which was later submitted to the planning department.

Also, I did my own survey, asking residents:

Question 1. "Cllr Hussain is firmly against the proposed development of 20 houses on green field space in Pen-Y-Fai and do they agree with Cllr Hussain on this and think the council should find more suitable land", which revealed that all the residents in Pen-Y-Fai are against this development and in total agreement with me.

Question 2. "How satisfied are you with Bridgend Council where 0 was very dissatisfied and 10 very satisfied", and all my residents marked 0 which is alarming.

In the council we have a great regard and respect for each other irrespective of our political background which is evident when I choose Cllr. Phillip White as my member mentor.

Other Activities/Issues

1. Chairman, Brynawel Rehab, Brynawel House, Wales, UK, Jan 2018
2. LA Governor, C & W Primary School, Pen-Y-Fai, Bridgend May 2018
3. Member of the World Orthopaedic Concern, UK 1985
4. Governor, St Robert's Catholic School, Aberkenfig, April 2014 - April 2018.
5. Trustee Age Cymru Swansea Bay June 2106 - October 2017.

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