

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor E Venables**

**Ward: Coychurch Lower**

## **Party: Independent**

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 Coychurch Lower on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the council this year including being appointed to several committees.

I sat on the following committees:

- Council
- Democratic Services Committee
- Communities Scrutiny Committee
- Appeals Panel
- Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee
- Equalities Committee
- ICT Forum (Chair)

I represented BCBC on the following external organisations:

Coychurch Primary School Governing Body

- Curriculum Sub-Committee
- Staffing Sub-Committee
- Grievance Sub-Committee
- Teacher & Support Staff Sub-Committee
- Performance Management Head Teacher Appeals Sub-Committee
- Pupil Disciplinary Sub-Committee
- Staff Disciplinary/Dismissal Sub-Committee

Pencoed Comprehensive School Governing Body

- Staffing & Curriculum Sub-Committee
- Complaints Committee
- Building, Health & Safety, & Security Sub-Committee
- Marketing & Community Sub-Committee
- Staff Dismissal Sub-committee
- Shortlisting & Appointment Of Teaching & Support Staff, including English

Science teacher

- Standards Reviews- English & Science
- Appointment of Assistant Headteacher
- Appointment of Headteacher

I attended the following learning & development initiatives during the past year:

- Code Of Conduct Training
- Overview Of The Authority

- Appeals Training
- Corporate Parenting Training
- Communities Scrutiny Training
- Scrutiny Questioning Skills
- Safeguarding Training
- Dementia Awareness Training
- Community Action Fund Training
- Scrutiny Of Performance Reports
- Webcasting
- Wellbeing & Future Generations Act Workshop
- Budget
- Local Development Plan Meeting
- Medium Term Financial Strategy Meeting

#### Pre Council briefing

- Policing the County Borough
- Corporate Service Briefing
- Effective Navigation of Electronic Meeting documents
- Halo
- Digital Transformation
- Implementation of Universal Credit
- Local Development Plan
- Valleys to Coast
- Central South Consortium

#### Extra development

- School Governor Conference
- WLGA Induction

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

### **Constituency Activity**

As your county councillor, my time is split between dealing with constituent queries & official duties in the council.

Constituent queries can range from very simple requests e.g. having the grass cut, to quite complex issues e.g. planning problems which can last up to a year.

In particular, this year I reported a number of issues in Coychurch village. Primarily issues to do with the new waste provision & lack of containers, fly tipping, pavement damage, fixing the ramp to the playground, potholes, grass cutting, blue badge appeals, weeds, access to properties on A473, drones, school parking problems, tree trimming, hedge trimming, noise disturbances, replacement of street lights, replacement footpath sign, & dog fouling issues. There are now “No HGV” signs at both ends of Tyn Y Caeau Lane and a litter bin opposite Brodingallt Farm.

In Waterton the new waste provision caused significant problems last year, which are now resolved and there was a specific planning issue involving an appeal.

In Brocastle there have been fewer issues, in particular, the new waste provision and how it would operate within the shared bin system.

I have provided constituents information on various topics e.g. privacy matters, sickness policies, library issues and allotments,

I have written a newsletter each month for the Coychurch Chronicle. This was also distributed through an email mailing list and my Facebook account. I have held monthly surgeries in the Williams Memorial Hall, Coychurch, both in the evenings and at lunchtimes. Any urgent information I have emailed to constituents and posted on both Twitter and Facebook. I have also posted a yearly newsletter of my annual report to every house in the constituency. By doing this I have contacted all constituents and ensured that they have access to the information that I disseminate.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

The Community Action Fund has currently been spent on repairs to the football fence in the playground in Coychurch and funding for a trip for the Coychurch Community Café.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

#### Community activities

- Spring fayre
- Arranged for the Chief Executive, Darren Mephram to speak at Coychurch Community Café
- Church Christmas fayre
- Christmas carol service
- Lent lunches

#### Coychurch School activities

- Sold PTA programmes for school carnival
- TAG rugby
- Eco assessment with Matthew Bunt
- Muslim talk
- St Fagan's trip
- Theatre trip

#### Pencoed School activities

- Chicago musical
- Annual speech night

#### Borough Councillor Activities

- Attended Bridgend Carers event at Brocastle Care Home
- Attended the Women In Local Government event at Cardiff City Hall
- Mayor's Civic Service
- Regional Independent meeting
- Wales Audit Office meeting
- Sunnyside development meeting

**Councillor E Venables:**

**Date: 14/06/2018**