BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Ward: Aberkenfig

Councillor J Radcliffe

Party: Plaid Cymru

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 Aberkenfig on 4th May 2018. 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 34 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 <u>roles, responsibilities and activities</u> can be found by using this link.

Constituency Activity

I have been raising several issues with the authority since becoming elected. The main issues have been; litter and uncollected refuse, the chronic problems with illegal parking, particularly near schools, and blocked drains. I have met with officers to discuss long term solutions to the parking and will continue to be working on this.

I have been working with the post office and a number of local businesses to reestablish a post office in the village, and this work is ongoing.

I have also been working with the residents of Pentre Felin and the community council to oppose the proposed new housing development and to help establish a residents association to ensure the community has a stronger voice in future developments.

I am also in the process of contacting the proposed new health board for the area (Cwm Taf) to have larger and more appropriate GP/healthcare services for the ward, and hope to secure wider support for this.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am currently discussing with several local groups how I can best use the community action fund to help the local community. I am hoping to be able to use this fund shortly to support local groups.

I am also developing a plan for improving traffic flow and parking in the area, which I will be working with officials on.

Other Activities/Issues

I am also on the corporate parenting committee and have a keen interest in improving the well-being of looked after children, and have made several suggestions that the authority is considering as a result. Throughout my time in the council and on committees I have always endeavoured to be constructive and offer solutions, and have been willing to work with councillors of other parties to achieve this.

Councillor J Radcliffe Date: 30/5/18