

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Jon-Paul Blundell

Ward: Cefn Glas

Party: Labour

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 Cefn Glas on the 4th 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 52 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

Since my election in May last year, I have helped many constituents with a variety of problems, from waste collection, pot holes, grass cutting and help with social services.

I have held a monthly surgery at the Westward Community Centre where I meet constituents and try to help them in the best way I can.

Working with Laleston Community Council we have renovated the parks that the children of Cefn Glas play on so that they are safe and up to date.

Working with local people and PCSOs we have helped tackle anti-social behaviour in the ward by installing an anti-social behaviour camera so that we can help prevent incidents in this area.

Many residents have contacted me about the state of the roads in our areas. This has been one of my main priorities since being elected and it has been a difficult task with budget cuts but despite this a number of roads and pavements have been repaved. The progress is maybe slow but it is steady and moving in the right direction.

Grass cutting has been an issue recently with V2C significantly behind schedule and so

working alongside councillors representing neighbouring communities we have made strong representations to V2C and seemingly we are on the right track.

Initiatives and Special Activities

Since being elected, I have been involved in several initiatives. One very important one was helping local people have their voices heard on the consultation on the subsidies for some bus services including routes through Cefn Glas. It was key to make sure the people of Cefn Glas had their voices heard and we did that. We held open meetings where people could come along, have their say and also fill out a consultation pack. We received one of the highest responses and I am going to make sure their voices will continue to be heard on this most important of topics.

One of the main issues I have noticed and many residents have contacted me about is the issue with cars parking sometimes illegally around schools and the traffic it causes, the main problem does seem to be around the comprehensive school. Therefore I was pleased to vote for and to see being used around Cefn Glas a new camera car that can go around and ticket anyone who is parking illegally and is putting our children at risk.

Another collaboration between myself, BCBC and Laleston Community Council has been that in the near future we will have a lollipop person outside the entrance to the Llangewydd junior school as a number of residents have raised the issue of speeding on Llangewydd Road.

Other Activities/Issues

Since May 2017, I have become a governor on both the schools in my ward; Cefn Glas Infants and Bryntirion Comprehensive School. This has enabled me to develop better relations between myself and these excellent schools. I have been able to see the relationship between school and the local authority from both sides and see what the schools need from the local authority and how they can work better together.

I have also had the pleasure of helping the 'Young at Heart Over 50s Group' at the Westward Community Centre which is an organisation who help the older generation of our community get out and meet other people and create friendships and help tackle the problem of loneliness.

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