BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Ward: Oldcastle

Councillor Lyn Walters

Party: Welsh 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 Oldcastle on 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 <u>roles, responsibilities and activities</u> can be found by using this link.

Constituency Activity

As a newly elected councillor, my aim is to be approachable and supportive to constituents, helping to address concerns that are raised with me.

During the first 6 months, most concerns raised related to serious shortcomings with the new waste contract and unfortunately these issues continue albeit reducing. I will continue to focus on residents' concerns in this area.

In line with my manifesto promises, I have taken a cut in my councillor allowance and continue to work with officers and other councillors to reduce the speed limit on the A48 and improve road safety.

Since being elected, I have attended every Oldcastle PACT meeting and have held a joint surgery with our local AM, Suzy Davies and my colleague, Councillor Matthew Voisey.

Recently, an informal consultation for residents parking has taken place which is proving controversial. I have knocked on many residents doors to ensure they all understand

the importance of responding and having their concerns recorded.

Initiatives and Special Activities

From day one, I have been raising the lack of appropriate disabled changing / toileting facilities within Bridgend for the severely disabled and their carers. By working collaboratively with the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations and my colleague, Councillor Carolyn Webster, we have identified an appropriate site within the Halo building. I will continue to work towards this facility being opened as soon as possible to assist residents accessing the town centre and leisure facilities.

Other Activities/Issues

I also represent Oldcastle ward on Bridgend Town Council so I am able to take a holistic approach across all matters concerning local residents.

Councillor Lyn Walters: Date: 28 May 2018