

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor M Clarke**

**Ward: Rest Bay**

## **Party: Independent (Independent Alliance Group)**

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 Rest Bay on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 41 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**

During the election campaign I visited every household in Rest Bay, from the discussions I then produced a manifesto of commitments which I am now working through.

I have worked with officers and others to secure a start in pavement improvements, had missing road name signs replaced, attended PACT regularly and taken up concerns. I am working with the member for the adjacent ward, Nottage to secure school road safety improvements.

The chaotic introduction to the new Keir recycling system produced a huge workload where in many cases I delivered equipment to residents.

Much of a councillor's work is on an individual basis with residents and not appropriate for detailing in this report. My referral for council action rate is above the councillor average.

A significant success has been my working with Cllr Norah Clarke to mobilise objections

to the removal of local bus subsidies which if removed would mean large areas of Porthcawl not having access to public transport.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I have been at the forefront of seeking a solution to the Salt Lake regeneration debacle. Articulating resident's views in terms of resisting a carpet of housing in favour of a mixed development. I have also articulated strongly with the other local BCBC members that any development must represent a fair deal for the tax payer and the authority and not be biased towards the landowners.

I initiated the Porthcawl Town Council major bin project and steered it through to investment approval.

I advised local sports groups on how to put together a partnership to make a community asset transfer bid for Rest Bay playing fields

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I have also led Porthcawl Town Council community asset transfer negotiation for Griffin Park toilets.

Within the community I am chair of trustees for Porthcawl Sea Cadets and chair of Porthcawl Harbourside CIC currently regenerating Cosy Corner.

**Councillor Cllr M Clarke:**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**