

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Phil White

Ward: Careau

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 Careau 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 68 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

Again this year I have been in regular contact with my constituents and I continue to be contactable via telephone, email and house calls. I have been busy working throughout the ward and meeting constituents. Regular newsletters of my activity and how to contact me have been distributed on a regular basis throughout the ward. I, along with my Labour representatives our MP and AM have held surgeries in the ward

I have been supportive and involved with all ongoing regeneration work in the ward, I have maintained regular referrals for constituents on matters of highway improvements, street lighting, road and pavement repairs and improvements, housing, social services. I have continued to work closely with community organisations, such as Noddfa Community, Caerau Development Trust, Nantyffyllon Miners Institute, Nantyffyllon RFC, Caerau Football Club, Friends of Maesteg welfare park etc, Caerau market growers, Caerau development trust and many others.

I have maintained regular dialogue with PCSO's on other ward related matters. Supported many planning applications within the ward, mainly in relation to home improvements etc. As a Llynfi Valley Forum member, I have attended regular meetings

on regeneration and development for the Llynfi Valley.

Initiatives and Special Activities

Regular meetings with Quatro Public Relations to negotiate community benefits from the Llynfi and Afan Wind Farm development.

I was instrumental with others in getting Caerau market garden project off the ground as both a council member and director of the Groundwork Trust and they have just had a 23 year lease agreement approved by V2C for the land at the market garden in previous years.

I am the Older Persons Champion at BCBC and I have been proud to have been part of our dementia friendly successes especially my home town becoming a dementia friendly community.

I had been working closely with officers on re-establishing Community First initiatives within the County Borough with the aspiration to have a larger impact on what can be achieved and delivered for some of the most deprived areas of the authority.

Along with my cabinet colleagues, I was proud to have delivered two new extra care facilities at Maesteg and Ynysadwre to serve those communities. I have been proactive in all aspects of adult social care across the authority as a whole.

Other Activities/Issues

I am working alongside my colleagues here at the council to get the best of what we can for our constituents in the city deal region in terms of employment, training and skills plus housing initiatives.

Affordable housing shortage is for me one of the main goals in my work as an elected member to get as many people and families off our housing register and into decent homes fit for the 21st century.

I am committed to working tirelessly to improve the living, health and wealth of our constituents throughout the county borough and I will work to ensure that all options for regeneration and development have been explored and more importantly delivered for all.

I have been instrumental in delivering home energy efficiency improvements which commenced in the county borough.

Welfare reform and its implications for our constituents remains a priority in monitoring the affect it is having on the authority.

I am also a representative on the following groups and bodies

- Delegated member WLGA social services policy group
- Delegated member WLGA labour policy group
- Governor at Nantyllyllon Primary School (Chairperson)
- Governor of Maesteg Comprehensive School

- Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park Member
- Member of LV 20 group

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