

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor T.J. Thomas**

**Ward: Ynysawdre**

## **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 **Ynysawdre** on the 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 529 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**

Owing to my regular waking patrols and door knocking, I have a high number of referrals.

I spoke against the planning application for the proposed 450 homes on the land west of Maesteg Road at the Development Control Committee. I have also spoken at a public meeting in favour of setting up a community association to give the public a greater voice.

I have set up a local PACT meeting, which is well attended by the public, and on the subject of crime and community cohesion, I have walked around the ward with a senior director at V2C and the local PCSO. I have also put my name forward for the Patrol along Scheme to walk the beat with the local PCSO in the community.

I organised a meeting between local Hafod residents and their senior management to address a number of issues which were successfully adhered to.

I have also worked in partnership with Halo to address the problem of anti-social

behaviour and poor driving late at night in the pool car park.

I have organised litter picking sessions with Keep Wales Tidy to tackle the issue of litter and fly tipping in the area.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I am in the process of awarding Ynysawdre Community Council a grant to seed a grass bank on Maesteg Road with wild flowers. My Community Action Fund, to date has been spent on a new defibrillator to be stored at Brynmenyn Primary School and a further grant was supplied for bikes and scooters for pupils.

I identified a funding opportunity with a grant provider for kit for Tondu United and as part of my Community Action Fund, I awarded them further money to develop their under thirteens girls side and under eights mixed side.

I have implemented an events committee at Ynysawdre Community Council, which has already held an Easter egg hunt and is proposing a summer fete. I successfully passed a motion within the community council to make Ynysawdre 'plastic free' which will involve working with partners to reduce non-reasonable plastic use. I launched the same motion within the Borough Council with the conclusion that it should be discussed at scrutiny.

I proposed that Ynysawdre also become a dementia friendly committee, where we invited members of BAVO to demonstrate how we could achieve this. I proposed a motion that we take this project forward with a number of recommendations.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

Other than regular door knocking, constituents are welcome to contact me via telephone, email, and social media or in person.

I also hold a surgery on the second Saturday of the month, 10 am in the Parish Rooms.

I am proud to be a parent governor of Ysgol Bro Ogwr, where I was part of the interview panel to employ a head teacher and Coleg Cymundol y Dderwen.

I have been a regular at community groups and have attended events for Tondu United, Aberkenfig Boys and Girls Club and an exhibition for Tondu and District Arts Society.

**Councillor T.J. Thomas:**

**Date: 20/05/2019**