

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor Julia E. Williams**

**Ward: Hendre**

**Party: Independent**

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 Hendre 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 16 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**

Constituency activity has been busy, far busier than I ever envisaged.

Highlights have included:

Supporting residents with issues surrounding the new recycling and refuse collection provided by Kier;

Dog fouling – new waste bins have been provided and the new Tikspac scheme to combat dog fouling has been successfully trialled at Woodlands.

Other issues include complaints about parking on Hendre Road and throughout the Hendre ward; grass cutting issues; site meetings regarding the widening of Hendre Road; and media interviews regarding my opposition to the closure of the NatWest branch in Pencoed and many more queries from finding a place for Pencoed Silver Band to practice to the more important issue of lobbying Welsh Government to reduce the speed of traffic on the A48, a success story which came after a tragedy.

There were many more referrals, telephone calls and conversations to mention here.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

During my first year, I have sat on various committees including the Scrutiny and Overview Committee for Communities; Licensing Committee; Appeals Committee, and the Coychurch Crematorium Committee.

I am also a member of the rota visiting team which visits care homes and special needs establishments within the county borough.

I am also part of the mentoring team within Bridgend county borough to provide a confidential and friendly ear to fellow councillors should any member find it necessary to speak with someone.

I have supported the borough Mayor as much as possible, attending many functions in support of her chosen charities.

On a more local level, as a town councillor for Hendre, I sit on the Pencoed Town Council Finance Committee.

I have attended as many member development training activities as possible which has helped increase my understanding of national and local political issues and thus helped me represent the people who have elected me.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I have also liaised with local Police & Community Support Officers and attended regular PACT meetings. I am accessible 24/7 by telephone, email or text message and organised three constituency advice surgeries during 2017/18.

I am also a member and trustee of Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall and I am an active member of Heol-y-Cyw Workingmen's Sports & Social Club where many charity functions are held throughout the year.

**Councillor J.E. Williams**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**