

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor S E Baldwin

Ward: Morfa

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 Morfa 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 62 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

I am very lucky that Morfa has two Labour councillors and we have worked exceptionally hard in our first year to support our community and any issues you have.

Wildmill has been a real issue with refuse and recycling but we are still working to push for improvements and to tackle the small number of people that show no regard for their own community. We have lobbied hard for the inclusion of Zone 4 to be fully consulted on the matter of resident permit parking. Together we have held surgeries in Wildmill and in Adi's Dessert Bar in the town centre.

Back last summer we organised a very successful community event in Penybont School with fun and games for the kids and engaging the wider community in a litter pick of the interfiled. We also organised a clean-up of the play park in Wildmill working with V2C, South Wales Police, Bridgend Town Council and of course the community.

We have also set up the Morfa ward hub on Facebook where we post information on our activity and also so that you can communicate with us.

If there is anything that you need then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I have a background in local government and the third sector and spent the majority of this time working in the housing and regeneration field. I take a real interest in tackling empty properties and the blight they have on our communities. As a manifesto pledge of the Labour party in Bridgend I have used my skills and expertise to help progress this agenda. Thanks to the support of the Leader and the Cabinet I am the only non-portfolio member on the Empty Property Working Group. I will continue to champion empty properties so that we can increase the supply of housing in our communities and reap the economic, social and environment benefits of bringing these properties back into use.

I have supported my constituency through the use of my Community Action Fund on an environmental project in Wildmill to improve the precinct area. I also supported The Zone in Bridgend Town Centre with the purchase of a café standard coffee machine and furniture to allow our community to learn new skills and hopefully progress into employment. The Zone is also now selling more coffees and earning an income that they can reinvest in the community on worthwhile projects and activities.

Other Activities/Issues

As a councillor and in everyday life I take a real interest in the equalities agenda and fairness and social justice are very important to me. I believe that everyone should have the same opportunities in life.

I am a trustee of the The Zone in Bridgend Town Centre.

I am a board member of Valleys to Coast Housing Association.

I am also a councillor for the Morfa ward on Bridgend Town Council.

Councillor : Stuart Baldwin

Date: 20th May 2018